

General Service in Malang, January 21, 2024 (Sunday Morning)

Peace and grace in the love of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Revelation 21:1-8 can be divided into three parts as follows:

1. [verse 1] The new heaven and earth.
2. [verse 2-3] The new man.
3. [verse 4-8] The new atmosphere.
 - a. [verse 4] The atmosphere without death.
 - b. [verse 5-6] The atmosphere of heavenly satisfaction.
 - c. [verse 7] The atmosphere of victory.
 - d. [verse 8] The atmosphere of the truth, holiness, and perfection.

As a result, we can enter the New Jerusalem.

We learn about the new atmosphere, namely the fourth.

ad.d. The atmosphere of the truth, holiness, and perfection.

Revelation 21:8

21:8 "But the cowardly(1), unbelieving(2), abominable(3), murderers(4), sexually immoral(5), sorcerers(6), idolaters(7), and all liars(8) shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."

The eight sins which drown men to the hell are as follows:

- (1) *the cowardly*, (2) *unbelieving*--> are resisting against the truth.
(3) *abominable*, (4) *murderers*, (5) *sexually immoral*, (6) *sorcerers*, (7) *idolaters*--> are resisting against the holiness.
(8) *liars*--> is resisting against the perfection.

We are learning the third, namely the abominable.

It refers to the very unclean and despicable deed.

Genesis 46:34

46:34 "that you shall say, 'Your servants' occupation has been with livestock from our youth even till now, both we and also our fathers,' that you may dwell in the land of Goshen; for every shepherd is an abomination to the Egyptians."

It means **not being willing to be shepherded. The facts found in it are as follows:**

1. **Not entering the shepherding pen, the Holy Place, or the perseverance in committing the three main services to God.**

John 10:1,9

10:1 "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door, but climbs up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber."

10:9 "I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture."

The cause is not being willing to pass through the narrow door or the flesh tearing. It means rejecting the cross or the sword of the Word.

2. **Not hearing and obeying the voice of the shepherd or shepherding Word.**

The shepherding Word refers to the true teaching Word which is trusted by God to a shepherd to be preached to the congregation faithfully, in order, continually, repetitively to become the food for growing the spirituality up to the perfection.

The shepherding Word also becomes the command for guiding us to enter the shepherding pen through the narrow door although it is painful for our flesh. We bear the cross. As a result, we will feel the protection and preservation of God until we can say 'I shall not want'.

The shepherding Word also becomes the command for guiding the sheep to go out of the sheepfold to visit the other pen. It means entering the revival of the edification of the body of Christ towards the New Jerusalem or the last shepherding pen.

The consequences of not being shepherded are as follows:

1. **Being weary and scattered.**

Matthew 9:36

9:36 But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd.

Being weary means being in labor, heavy burden, sorrow, tears, and curses.

Being scattered means that none is responsible especially for the salvation of soul. There is no intercession prayer from a shepherd that gives the assurance of the name's being written in the book of life like the prayer of Moses.

2. **Not experiencing the life renewal although committing the service to God already because of rejecting the power of godliness, namely the sword of the Word and the cross.**

2 Timothy 3:1-5

3:1 But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come:

3:2 For men will be lovers of themselves⁽¹⁾, lovers of money⁽²⁾, boasters⁽³⁾, proud⁽⁴⁾, blasphemers⁽⁵⁾, disobedient to parents⁽⁶⁾, unthankful⁽⁷⁾, unholy⁽⁸⁾,

3:3 unloving⁽⁹⁾, unforgiving⁽¹⁰⁾, slanderers⁽¹¹⁾, without self-control⁽¹²⁾, brutal⁽¹³⁾, despisers of good⁽¹⁴⁾,

3:4 traitors⁽¹⁵⁾, headstrong⁽¹⁶⁾, haughty⁽¹⁷⁾, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God⁽¹⁸⁾,

3:5 having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!

One keeps the man of flesh and blood with the eighteen characteristics of the flesh until being stamped with triple six and being the same as the Antichrist, the abomination of desolation.

Matthew 24:15

24:15 "Therefore when you see the 'abomination of desolation,' spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place" (whoever reads, let him understand),

Daniel has prophesied about the Antichrist.

Daniel 9:24-27

9:24 "Seventy weeks are determined For your people and for your holy city, To finish the transgression, To make an end of sins, To make reconciliation for iniquity, To bring in everlasting righteousness, To seal up vision and prophecy, And to anoint the Most Holy.

9:25 "Know therefore and understand, That from the going forth of the command To restore and build Jerusalem Until Messiah the Prince, There shall be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks; The street shall be built again, and the wall, Even in troublesome times.

9:26 "And after the sixty-two weeks Messiah shall be cut off, but not for Himself; And the people of the prince who is to come Shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end of it shall be with a flood, And till the end of the war desolations are determined.

9:27 Then he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week; But in the middle of the week He shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate, Even until the consummation, which is determined, Is poured out on the desolate."

He prophesied about the last age up to the last seven years before or towards the second coming of Jesus. The last seven years can be divided into two parts as follows:

- Three and a half years before persecution of the Antichrist.
- Three and a half years of the persecution of the Antichrist.

1 John 2:18

2:18 Little children, it is the last hour; and as you have heard that the Antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come, by which we know that it is the last hour.

Before the persecution of the Antichrist, many small antichrists appear, namely God's servants who like slandering, hating, committing evil deeds, and killing. It continues until the massacre by the Antichrist happens.

There are two things which happen when the Antichrist comes to the world as follows:

1. **The Antichrist comes with the wings of abomination.**

The wing refers to speed.

Revelation 12:13-14

12:13 Now when the dragon saw that he had been cast to the earth, he persecuted the woman who gave birth to the male Child.

12:14 But the woman was given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness to her place, where she

is nourished for a time and times and half a time, from the presence of the serpent.

The church that appreciates the power of Godliness or the shepherding Word and the cross of Christ until having the life renewal will get the two wings of a great eagle, which are faster than the ones of the abomination, for being evacuated to the wilderness, far away from the presence of the Antichrist. We only serve and minister to God like the Israelites in the wilderness. All of us become the full time servants of God. We are preserved by the Word and sacrifice of Christ. Now we are trying hard to reach it. The proof is prioritizing the service and ministry to God more than anything.

Revelation 12:17

12:17 And the dragon was enraged with the woman, and he went to make war with the rest of her offspring, who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

The church that is left when the Antichrist reigns over the world or not evacuated because of having the commandments of God (the Table of Showbread) and the testimony of Jesus Christ (the Golden Candlestick), but not having the Golden Altar of Incense or not being willing to worship God or the worship has not reached the measurement of the flesh's not speaking anymore will be the target of the Antichrist or get the persecution that is done by the Antichrist until being beheaded for fulfilling the measurement of worship, namely until the flesh does not speak anymore.

Therefore, from now on we must increase our worship to God and tear the flesh with all of its desires or lusts, so we can be obedient until the flesh does not speak anymore. As a result, we get the two wings of a great eagle to be evacuated to the wilderness, far away from the presence of the Antichrist until being lifted up on the glorious clouds when Jesus comes a second time.

2. **There is no sacrifice anymore.** It means that the sacrifice of Christ does not work anymore. There is no reconciliation or remission of sin, so the sins become permanent and one will be punished or destroyed. There is no offering anymore. It means that there is no preaching of the true teaching Word, so there is spiritual famine, unfaithfulness, lukewarmness, fainting, falling, and never rising anymore, but living in sins up to the peak.

Amos 8:11-14,5

8:11 "Behold, the days are coming," says the Lord GOD, "That I will send a famine on the land, Not a famine of bread, Nor a thirst for water, But of hearing the words of the LORD.

8:12 They shall wander from sea to sea, And from north to east; They shall run to and fro, seeking the word of the LORD, But shall not find it.

8:13 "In that day the fair virgins And strong young men Shall faint from thirst.

8:14 Those who swear by the sin of Samaria, Who say, 'As your god lives, O Dan!' And, 'As the way of Beersheba lives!' They shall fall and never rise again."

8:5 Saying: "When will the New Moon be past, That we may sell grain? And the Sabbath, That we may trade wheat? Making the ephah small and the shekel large, Falsifying the scales by deceit,

The spiritual famine happens because of the false balance, namely making the ephah (measurement for the wheat or Word) small and the shekel (measurement for money) large. It means prioritizing looking for money or physical things more than looking for the Word.

Daniel 9:24

9:24 "Seventy weeks are determined For your people and for your holy city, To finish the transgression, To make an end of sins, To make reconciliation for iniquity, To bring in everlasting righteousness, To seal up vision and prophecy, And to anoint the Most Holy.

If we are shepherded well and correctly, we will get the sanctification and life renewal by the two following things:

1. **Reconciliation by the blood of Jesus.**

Matthew 5:23-25

5:23 "Therefore if you bring your gift to the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you,

5:24 "leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.

5:25 "Agree with your adversary quickly, while you are on the way with him, lest your adversary deliver you to the judge, the judge hand you over to the officer, and you be thrown into prison.

We must quickly make peace or have the wings. We must experience the suffering in the flesh for reconciling with God and other people by confessing and forgiving sins one another. As a result, the blood of Jesus washes away all things. We are peaceful. We get the anointing of Holy Spirit.

2. The teaching Word.

Hebrews 5:11-14

5:11 of whom we have much to say, and hard to explain, since you have become dull of hearing.

5:12 For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food.

5:13 For everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe.

5:14 But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

Quickly hearing means that we quickly turn from the gospel to the teaching Word. We get the sanctification to the five senses, face, or heart. The holy heart is able to distinguish between the true things and the false ones. Our words and life up to our whole life are holy.

In the shepherding, we get the intensive sanctification until someday we can be as perfect as Jesus is.

The results of the sanctification are as follows [Daniel 9:24]:

1. *To finish the transgression, To make an end of sins, To make reconciliation for iniquity, up to the perfection.*

[Revelation 12:1,14] We are given the two wings of a great eagle to be evacuated to the wilderness.

2. We will experience the following things in the wilderness:

- a. *To bring in everlasting righteousness,*

- b. *To seal up vision and prophecy,*

Deuteronomy 29:29

29:29 "The secret things belong to the LORD our God, but those things which are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law.

All of the Word or prophecies will be revealed completely by God.

- c. *And to anoint the Most Holy.*

Isaiah 11:2

11:2 The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him, The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, The Spirit of counsel and might, The Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD.

We get the anointing of Holy Spirit with the seven manifestations until having the fear of the Lord.

Revelation 14:7

14:7 saying with a loud voice, "Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water."

We worship God as the Creator. We confess that we are the clay which is not worthy, unable, and not precious, but we only rely on the mercy of God like John who leaned on Jesus' bosom.

John 21:20,23

21:20 Then Peter, turning around, saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following, who also had leaned on His breast at the supper, and said, "Lord, who is the one who betrays You?"

21:23 Then this saying went out among the brethren that this disciple would not die. Yet Jesus did not say to him that he would not die, but, "If I will that he remain till I come, what is that to you?"

As a result, our death and life are in the hands of God. He is able to protect and preserve our life in the midst of the difficulties in the world. Our efforts are limited like the work of the hands of a baby, but we surrender the rest to the work of God with His mercy. He determines all things for us.

2 Chronicles 14:8-11

14:8 And Asa had an army of three hundred thousand from Judah who carried shields and spears, and from Benjamin two hundred and eighty thousand men who carried shields and drew bows; all these were mighty men of valor.

14:9 Then Zerah the Ethiopian came out against them with an army of a million men and three hundred chariots, and he came to Mareshah.

14:10 So Asa went out against him, and they set the troops in battle array in the Valley of Zephathah at Mareshah.

14:11 And Asa cried out to the LORD his God, and said, "LORD, it is nothing for You to help, whether with many or with those who have no power; help us, O LORD our God, for we rest on You, and in Your name we go against this multitude. O LORD, You are our God; do not let man prevail against You!"

Facing the impossible problems, we must only think about leaning on Jesus' bosom. We are weak, but can defeat the strong enemy because the hands of God make war instead of us for finishing all impossible problems. We get the peace. All things become easy and light.

Proverbs 3:26

3:26 For the LORD will be your confidence, And will keep your foot from being caught.

We do not stumble in sins, but live in righteousness and holiness. We do not stumble in the ministry, but keep faithful and fervent in spirit in the service and ministry to God until the end line. We are sanctified and renewed until being perfect.

God blesses you.