

General Service in Malang, July 07, 2024 (Sunday Morning)

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

Revelation 21:24-26

21:24 And the nations of those who are saved shall walk in its light, and the kings of the earth bring their glory and honor into it.

21:25 Its gates shall not be shut at all by day (there shall be no night there).

21:26 And they shall bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it.

The riches of nations in the world are brought to the New Jerusalem. It refers to the riches that are sacrificed to God before the time when the Antichrist reigns over the world for three and a half years. Afterward, all things are sealed to be the possession of the Antichrist.

Revelation 7:1-3

7:1 After these things I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, on the sea, or on any tree.

7:2 Then I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God. And he cried with a loud voice to the four angels to whom it was granted to harm the earth and the sea,

7:3 saying, "Do not harm the earth, the sea, or the trees till we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads."

All things (riches and our life) which are God's possession are sealed by the seal of God.

Malachi 3:10-12

3:10 Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, That there may be food in My house, And try Me now in this," Says the LORD of hosts, "If I will not open for you the windows of heaven And pour out for you such blessing That there will not be room enough to receive it.

3:11 "And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, So that he will not destroy the fruit of your ground, Nor shall the vine fail to bear fruit for you in the field," Says the LORD of hosts;

3:12 "And all nations will call you blessed, For you will be a delightful land," Says the LORD of hosts.

Returning the tithes and offerings which belong to God is a confession that we are His possession that returns to Him and gets His seal.

Revelation 13:16-18

13:16 He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads,

13:17 and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

13:18 Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man: His number is 666.

After the sealing of God's possession, the Antichrist reigns over the world for three and a half years and all things which are not given to God or the things which have no seal of God will be sealed by the Antichrist to be His.

Genesis 14:17-20

14:17 And the king of Sodom went out to meet him at the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley), after his return from the defeat of Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him.

14:18 Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was the priest of God Most High.

14:19 And he blessed him and said: "Blessed be Abram of God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth;

14:20 And blessed be God Most High, Who has delivered your enemies into your hand." And he gave him a tithe of all.

Abram offered to God the tithes of all he had received through Melchizedek, the high priest as the sign of God's possession or receiving the seal of God. Thus, there had been the tithes before there was the Law.

There are three parties who have right over every blessings we receive as follows:

1. God as the Giver of the blessings. We return the tithes and offerings that belong to Him.
2. The people who are in need. When we see or hear about the other people who are in need, God is giving us opportunity to be able to give.

3. Our possession which we can enjoy. Do not misuse the blessings! Do not be egoistic! Do not dissipate!

Who must return the tithes?

1. The Israelites or the physical descendants of Abraham.

Malachi3:6-9

3:6 "For I am the LORD, I do not change; Therefore you are not consumed, O sons of Jacob.

3:7 Yet from the days of your fathers You have gone away from My ordinances And have not kept them. Return to Me, and I will return to you," Says the LORD of hosts. "But you said, 'In what way shall we return?'

3:8 "Will a man rob God? Yet you have robbed Me! But you say, 'In what way have we robbed You?' In tithes and offerings.

3:9 You are cursed with a curse, For you have robbed Me, Even this whole nation.

The Israelites stole the possession of God. They did not return the tithes and offerings, so they did not have the seal of God. They were separated from God. They lived in the atmosphere of curse, namely weariness, heavy burden, sufferings, tears, and distress.

2. The Gentiles or the spiritual descendants of Abraham.

Galatians3:7

3:7 Therefore know that only those who are of faith are sons of Abraham.

Hebrews7:1-4

7:1 For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him,

7:2 to whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all, first being translated "king of righteousness," and then also king of Salem, meaning "king of peace,"

7:3 without father, without mother, without genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but made like the Son of God, remains a priest continually.

7:4 Now consider how great this man was, to whom even the patriarch Abraham gave a tenth of the spoils.

Genesis 14 is repeated in Hebrews for the Gentiles.

[Revelation 21:25] The gate of the New Jerusalem is always open. It means as follows:

- Giving the big opportunity to the Israelites and Gentiles for repenting and returning to God through returning the possession of God, so they can get the seal of God. They are not sealed by the Antichrist.
- So that we are used in the edification of the spiritual Tabernacle or the perfect body of Christ.

Exodus 25:1-2,8

25:1 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying:

25:2 "Speak to the children of Israel, that they bring Me an offering. From everyone who gives it willingly with his heart you shall take My offering.

25:8 "And let them make Me a sanctuary, that I may dwell among them.

The base of the tithes is the truth, namely one over ten of the blessings we have received. The base of the offerings is the willingness of heart as the thanksgiving.

Revelation 21:9-10

21:9 Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls filled with the seven last plagues came to me and talked with me, saying, "Come, I will show you the bride, the Lamb's wife."

21:10 And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God,

The body of Christ or the bride is the same as the city of the New Jerusalem.

Haggai 2:7

2:7"and I will shake all nations, and they shall come to the Desire of All Nations, and I will fill this temple with glory," says the LORD of hosts.

When the temple was being built in the days of Haggai the prophet, the riches of nations entered the temple.

Haggai 1:2-4,6,10-11

1:2 *"Thus speaks the LORD of hosts, saying: 'This people says, "The time has not come, the time that the LORD'S house should be built."'"*

1:3 *Then the word of the LORD came by Haggai the prophet, saying,*

1:4 *"Is it time for you yourselves to dwell in your paneled houses, and this temple to lie in ruins?"*

1:6 *"You have sown much, and bring in little; You eat, but do not have enough; You drink, but you are not filled with drink; You clothe yourselves, but no one is warm; And he who earns wages, Earns wages to put into a bag with holes."*

1:10 *"Therefore the heavens above you withhold the dew, and the earth withholds its fruit."*

1:11 *"For I called for a drought on the land and the mountains, on the grain and the new wine and the oil, on whatever the ground brings forth, on men and livestock, and on all the labor of your hands."*

Misusing the blessings of God only for self-will until not paying attention to the edification of the body of Christ and it becomes the ruin, there will be the consequences as follows:

- [verse 6] Experiencing the difficulties in daily life. Sowing much, one brings in little. All efforts are in vain without any result like saving in a bag with holes.
- [verse 10-11] Experiencing the physical and spiritual drought. The job becomes dry or does not grow, until it dies. There is no grain or the Word, oil or Holy Spirit, and wine or love. There is no satisfaction or joy, so one looks for the satisfaction in the world until falling in sins up to the peak, namely the sins concerning eating-drinking and marrying-being given in marriage. Such life is used in the edification of Babylon, false church, or the bride of Satan that is perfect in evil and uncleanness.

Haggai 2:5-6, 20-21

2:5 *'According to the word that I covenanted with you when you came out of Egypt, so My Spirit remains among you; do not fear!'*

2:6 *"For thus says the LORD of hosts: 'Once more (it is a little while) I will shake heaven and earth, the sea and dry land;*

2:20 *And again the word of the LORD came to Haggai on the twenty-fourth day of the month, saying,*

2:21 *"Speak to Zerubbabel, governor of Judah, saying: 'I will shake heaven and earth."*

The atmosphere of the edification of the body of Christ is in shaking or crisis in the world.

There are three kinds of shaking as follows:

- The shaking in the air that is done by Satan or the dragon that works with the unclean spirit or the sins concerning eating-drinking and marrying-being given in marriage, so there is crisis in marriage and children.
- The shaking on earth that is done by the false prophets with the false teachings and amenities or entertainment of the flesh that cause the crisis in the service and ministry to God. It aims at the false service and worship to the gold calf. It means the hardness of heart or keeping sins.
- The shaking in the sea that is done by the Antichrist with the power of mammon that causes economy crisis.

Why does God let the edification of Christ's body happen at crisis? It is so that we do not hope on man, but only God who is able to create something that does not exist yet for the edification of Christ's body. We only believe or have faith in Him.

The attitudes in the edification of Christ's body must be as follows.

1. We must be fervent in spirit in the edification of Christ's body.

Haggai 1:14

1:14 *So the LORD stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and the spirit of Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and the spirit of all the remnant of the people; and they came and worked on the house of the LORD of hosts, their God,*

Isaiah 50:4

50:4 *"The Lord GOD has given Me The tongue of the learned, That I should know how to speak A word in season to him who is weary. He awakens Me morning by morning, He awakens My ear To hear as the learned."*

The spirit comes from the true teaching Word.

Luke 24:32

24:32 *And they said to one another, "Did not our heart burn within us while He talked with us on the road, and while He opened the Scriptures to us?"*

We become faithful and fervent in spirit in the ministry for the edification of Christ's body by the encouragement of the true teaching Word. It starts from the ministry in the marriage, shepherding, inter-shepherding, until the Israelites and Gentiles become one perfect body of Christ.

We can also strengthen others or testify the true teaching Word to them.

2. **Being strong and of good courage by the anointing of Holy Spirit.**

Haggai2:3-5

2:3'Who is left among you who saw this temple in its former glory? And how do you see it now? In comparison with it, is this not in your eyes as nothing?

2:4'Yet now be strong, Zerubbabel,' says the LORD; 'and be strong, Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest; and be strong, all you people of the land,' says the LORD, 'and work; for I am with you,' says the LORD of hosts.

2:5'According to the word that I covenanted with you when you came out of Egypt, so My Spirit remains among you; do not fear!'

We do not get disappointed and hopeless or leave God in facing all things. We are not proud of anything. We only believe and hope in or rely on God.

The results are as follows:

- The Word and Holy Spirit become the two wings of a great eagle for evacuating us to the wilderness, far away from the presence of the Antichrist who reigns over the world for three and a half years.

Revelation 12:14

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.

- We get the wage, namely the glory of God.

2 Chronicles15:7

15:7 "But you, be strong and do not let your hands be weak, for your work shall be rewarded!"

Haggai1:8

1:8 "Go up to the mountains and bring wood and build the temple, that I may take pleasure in it and be glorified," says the LORD.

1 Kings8:10-11

8:10 And it came to pass, when the priests came out of the holy place, that the cloud filled the house of the LORD, 8:11 so that the priests could not continue ministering because of the cloud; for the glory of the LORD filled the house of the LORD.

The glory of God refers to the life renewal from the fleshly man to the spiritual one like Jesus is.

'the priests could not continue ministering' means as follows:

- a. Until the flesh does not speak, but being obedient and surrendering fully to God.
- b. Being in order or regularity.
- c. Bowing down at the feet of the Lord. It means being like a newborn baby who only cries and hopes for the mercy of God.

As a result, God pays attention to and struggle for us.

1 Kings8:24,29

8:24 "You have kept what You promised Your servant David my father; You have both spoken with Your mouth and fulfilled it with Your hand, as it is this day.

8:29 "that Your eyes may be open toward this temple night and day, toward the place of which You said, 'My name shall be there,' that You may hear the prayer which Your servant makes toward this place.

God protects, preserves, helps, and finishes all impossible problems.

1 Kings 8:36,49-50

8:36 "then hear in heaven, and forgive the sin of Your servants, Your people Israel, that You may teach them the good way in which they should walk; and send rain on Your land which You have given to Your people as an inheritance.

8:49 "then hear in heaven Your dwelling place their prayer and their supplication, and maintain their cause,

8:50 "and forgive Your people who have sinned against You, and all their transgressions which they have transgressed against You; and grant them compassion before those who took them captive, that they may have compassion on them

There are restorations in economy, marriage, children, and so on up to the perfection.

God blesses you.