

General Service in Malang, July 16, 2017 (Sunday Morning)

Peace and grace in the love of our Lord Jesus Christ

Revelation 6:3-4

6:3 When He opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature saying, "Come and see."

6:4 Another horse, fiery red, went out. And it was granted to the one who sat on it to take peace from the earth, and that people should kill one another; and there was given to him a great sword.

The book of revelation tells about the things that have not happened yet, but they will happen for sure. One of them is about the condemnation of the Holy Spirit God.

The opening of the second seal is the same as the second condemnation of the Holy Spirit God or the revival of a fiery red horse to take peace from the earth. In consequence, all men including the servant and the minister of God who are not serious will hate each other, slander, kill, until experience the great sword of condemnation, or entering the great feast of slaughtering until perishing forever. So, we must keep the peace, confess and forgive each other.

In Revelation 19 there are two great feasts as follows:

1. The marriage supper of the Lamb

Revelation 19:9

19:9 Then he said to me, "Write: 'Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!'" And he said to me, "These are the true sayings of God."

The marriage supper of the Lamb is:

- The meeting between Jesus who will come back for the second time in glory as the Head, the King of all kings, the Bridegroom of heaven with the church or the perfect body of Christ, the bride of heaven, on the glorious clouds.
- The spiritual marriage between Jesus as the Bridegroom of heaven with His congregation as the heavenly bride.

Then, we enter One Thousand Year kingdom of Peace or the Future Paradise (Revelation 20) and the New Jerusalem or the eternal kingdom of heaven (Revelation 21-22). We sit together with Jesus on the throne of heaven forever.

Who are worthy to enter the marriage supper of the Lamb?

- Ones who believe in Jesus, repent and enter the water baptism or live in righteousness.
- Ones who keep the physical marriage in righteousness.
- The priests or the servant or the ministers of God who hear and obey the true teaching word.

2. The great feast of slaughtering, until one perishes forever in the hell.

Revelation 19:17-18,21

19:17 Then I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the birds that fly in the midst of heaven, "Come and gather together for the supper of the great God,

19:18 "that you may eat the flesh of kings, the flesh of captains, the flesh of mighty men, the flesh of horses and of those who sit on them, and the flesh of all people, free and slave, both small and great."

19:21 And the rest were killed with the sword which proceeded from the mouth of Him who sat on the horse. And all the birds were filled with their flesh.

Who will enter the feast of slaughtering?

- The people who are outside Jesus.
- The people who keep the broken marriage or the wrong one.
- The people, including the servant and the minister of God who reject the work of teaching word that is sharper than any two-edged sword. It is the same as the people who do not want to be sanctified. They are still the fleshly sinful man.

There are four appearances of a sinful man in flesh and blood as follows:

1. **They are like a horse.**

Isaiah 31:1

31:1 Woe to those who go down to Egypt for help, And rely on horses, Who trust in chariots because they are many, And in horsemen because they are very strong, But who do not look to the Holy One of Israel, Nor seek the LORD.

The horse refers to men in flesh and blood who only rely on the power of the world, such as intelligence, riches, position, et cetera. So, they do not rely on God. They do not want to serve and minister to God.

Jeremiah 17:5

17:5 Thus says the LORD: "Cursed is the man who trusts in man And makes flesh his strength, Whose heart departs from the LORD.

They who do not want to rely on God are the same with worshipping the idol.

2. **They are like a goat.**

Matthew 25:32-33

25:32 "All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats.

25:33 "And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left.

The goat refers to man in flesh and blood who is egoistic. They care to themselves only. The facts found in it are as follows:

- The Goats are on the left. They are not shepherded but wild.

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.

Consequently, their life is weary and scattered. **Being weary** means laboring and being heavy laden. **Being scattered** means that there is no one who is responsible to the salvation of their soul.

- The Goats foul the residue or the true teaching Word by its feet or unrighteous deed and word.

Ezekiel 34:17-19

34:17 'And as for you, O My flock, thus says the Lord GOD: "Behold, I shall judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and goats.

34:18 "Is it too little for you to have eaten up the good pasture, that you must tread down with your feet the residue of your pasture--and to have drunk of the clear waters, that you must foul the residue with your feet?

34:19 "And as for My flock, they eat what you have trampled with your feet, and they drink what you have fouled with your feet."

- The Goats do not want to give and visit the other people who are in need.

Matthew 25:35,40-42

25:35 'for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in;

25:40 "And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.'

25:41 "Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels:

25:42 for I was hungry and you gave Me no food; I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink

3. **They are like a swine.**

2 Peter 2:22

2:22 But it has happened to them according to the true proverb: "A dog returns to his own vomit," and, "a sow, having washed, to her wallowing in the mire

The swine refers to the fleshly men who are bound by sin, fall and rise in sin, and do the sin up to the peak namely the sin concerning eating-drinking and marrying-being given in marriage.

4. **They are like a dog.**

The dog refers to the men in flesh and blood who have the wild tongue, namely lying, gossiping, and slandering until

blaspheming the righteous people even God. Consequently, they enter the eddying of Babylon that will be destroyed forever.

Matthew 17:14-15

17:14 And when they had come to the multitude, a man came to Him, kneeling down to Him and saying,

17:15 "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and suffers severely; for he often falls into the fire and often into the water."

Mark 9:17-19

9:17 Then one of the crowd answered and said, "Teacher, I brought You my son, who has a mute spirit."

9:18 "And wherever it seizes him, it throws him down; he foams at the mouth, gnashes his teeth, and becomes rigid. So I spoke to Your disciples, that they should cast it out, but they could not."

9:19 He answered him and said, "O faithless generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him to Me."

The appearance of sinful man in flesh and blood is also like an epileptic son, being played by evil spirit.

The epilepsy refers to the things as follows:

1. Moral destruction, it causes the gnashing of teeth namely the suffering inner and outer man. He foams at the mouth refers to idle words. He becomes rigid refers to the hard heart and self-truth. One does not want to confess the sin, but blames other people.
2. Being dragged into the fire of fleshly lusts which encourage man to do sin, until they cannot do the righteous things anymore. He is also dragged by the freshness of the world. So, He will not be faithful in service and ministry as well as in the marriage.
3. The problem that has no solution or the impossible one.

God does not want if the man becomes the same as the animal or epileptic son, so He gives the solutions as follows:

1. An epileptic son must be brought to Jesus.

Mark 9:19,24-25

9:19 He answered him and said, "O faithless generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him to Me."

9:24 Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, "Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!"

9:25 When Jesus saw that the people came running together, He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "Deaf and dumb spirit, I command you, come out of him and enter him no more!"

An epileptic son must be brought to Jesus refers to the perseverance in doing General Service or the fellowship with the spirit God in the gifts of Holy Spirit. We are like the sheep which is given drink.

Jesus rebukes the unclean spirit refers to the perseverance in doing Bible Study Service and Holy Communion or the fellowship with the Son of God in the true teaching word and the sacrifice of Christ. We are like the sheep which is fed.

Crying out with tears refers to the perseverance in doing the Prayer Service or the fellowship with the Father God in His love. We are like sheep which breathes in the love of God. Outside the love of God, all things are useless.

John 10:11

10:11 "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep."

In the shepherding pen, we meet Jesus the good Shepherd who stretches out His hand of mercy and goodness for us. The hands of God embrace our life. We are preserved physically and spiritually in the midst of difficulties in the world. Our body, soul, and spirit attach to the trinity of God, so Satan cannot touch us. We are righteous and holy. Jesus the good Shepherd will stretch His hand to make all things good in its time.

2. Praying and fasting.

Matthew 17:21

17:21 "However, this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting."

Mark 9:24

9:24 immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, "Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!"

Through fasting prayer, we tear our flesh from doubting and disbelieving to trusting and entrusting ourselves fully to God.

Mark 9:23,27

9:23us said to him, "If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes."

9:27 But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose.

If we believe in God, we get His power to erase all the impossibilities in our life until the last impossibility is erased. We are changed to become as perfect as Jesus until the time of His second coming.

God blesses you.