

General Service in Malang, July 18, 2021 (Sunday Morning)

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

Revelation 13:11-12

13:11. Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth, and he had two horns like a lamb and spoke like a dragon.

13:12. And he exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence, and causes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.

The false prophet appears like a lamb and speaks like a dragon.

The source of falsity in the world is the voice of the snake at garden Eden up to the one of the dragon in the book of Revelation. There is surely hypocrisy behind falsity, lie, and false teaching.

Verse 12 is about the false prophet that exercises the authority of the Antichrist in his presence. It means that it is displayed to flatter even force people including the sons of God, so they worship the Antichrist whose deadly wound is healed.

If men worship the Antichrist, they will be at the hand of the false prophet and Antichrist. They become the same as them to be destroyed forever.

We must be careful because there are true and false teachings.

The false teaching will encourage the worship to the Antichrist. The true teaching will encourage the worship to God.

We must minister in the true teaching Word earnestly until we worship God in the true worship delightfully.

We are always in the hand of God. We can become the same as Him to receive eternal life.

The Antichrist is a beast whose deadly wound is healed. It means being neither dead nor raised. There are no death and resurrection, so there is no the true glory.

That is why Jesus must die on the cross and rise on the third day, so He experiences eternal glory in heaven.

Jesus allowed Lazarus to die and rise even his sisters had said to Him. It means being sick and praying already.

Why? God wants to give the power of resurrection that is higher than the one of healing. It results in eternal glory, and it cannot be imitated by the Antichrist.

The power of resurrection means that fleshly men are changed into spiritual ones who obey the true teaching Word. We can live in righteousness and holiness.

That is why we do not need to go to a shaman when we are sick because he uses the power of the Antichrist. Going to shaman, one has worshipped the Antichrist although he is healed and rich. He becomes the same as the Antichrist to be destroyed forever.

God has the power to heal and bless the church of God who ministers to Him earnestly.

Our predecessors who have died in God will surely be risen and all of us will glorify the name of God.

1 Corinthians 15:51-52

15:51. Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed--

15:52. in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

Some are sick and healed, some are sick and dead. Some die and some live up to the time when God comes a second time.

It is God's business and authority. The important thing is that we keep our health, food, and company especially in pandemic period. Moreover, we must experience the renewal of life while we live.

Two great things will happen when Jesus comes a second time as follows:

- The people who have died in the Lord will be resurrected in the body of glory.
- The people who live in the Lord and experience the renewal of life will be perfected in the twinkling of an eye.

Both will be one perfect body of Christ. The true glory makes us glorify the name of God until we are also glorified on the glorious clouds.

2 Thessalonians 2:3-4

2:3. Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is

revealed, the son of perdition,

2:4. who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.

The Antichrist is the faithless man. He exalts himself above all and God, so he always wants to be worshipped.

If a pastor uses his power to push the congregation, he will become the same as the Antichrist who wants to be worshipped.

Pastors, officials, and husbands may not become authoritarian individual that is not in line with the true teaching Word.

Moreover, wife and children may not have authority and control in household.

On the contrary, Jesus is great but He humbles Himself, so He becomes the pattern for all of us.

If the church of God just sees the power of healing, *et cetera* without the renewal of life (the true glory), it is just the power of the Antichrist. He will be deceived easily by the false prophet, lie, and gossip, so he is directed to the false worship to the Antichrist.

How to deal with it?

Luke 2:8-12,20

2:8. Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night.

2:9. And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid.

2:10. Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people.

2:11. "For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

2:12. "And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger."

2:20. Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told them.

We must be shepherded well and correctly, namely being shepherded in the true teaching Word (the voice of shepherd). We are always in the sheepfold, so our ear and eyes just see and hear the shepherding Word or the true teaching one.

Persevering in the sheepfold is the same as dwelling in the house of God, not only physically, but also always ministering to Him.

The temptation and deception increase, so we must increase our ministry. Ear and eyes just hear and see the shepherding Word.

What is it for?

- We are firm in the true teaching Word, so we are not deceived easily by anything such as threat, flattery, gift, money, mate, and so on.

Do not trade the true teaching Word with anything else! Someday we will surely be disappointed.

- We are purified and changed continuously until we become the same as a baby who just cries or worships God in the true worship.

Psalm 95:6-8

95:6. Oh come, let us worship and bow down; Let us kneel before the LORD our Maker.

95:7. For He is our God, And we are the people of His pasture, And the sheep of His hand. Today, if you will hear His voice:

95:8. "Do not harden your hearts, as in the rebellion, As in the day of trial in the wilderness,

Only those who are shepherded can worship God.

Only the Gentiles who are shepherded well and correctly can worship God correctly.

Actually, the Gentiles are like barking dog. We must be shepherded to be purified and changed, so we become the spiritual babes. We can worship God well and correctly.

The true worship is a reflection of the one in Heaven, namely the one with saying: "*Alleluia*" that is just for Jesus.

John 4:23-24

4:23. "But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him.

4:24. "God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

The true worship means worshipping God in spirit and truth.

The truth refers to the true teaching Word that is sharper than any two-edged sword that purifies us [Hebrews 4:12]. In the past time, the High Priest had to bring the Urim and the Thummim. It refers to the Word and Holy Spirit.

The measurement of the true worship is holiness, patience, and perseverance like Daniel, because we worship God who is most

holy.

Psalm 24:3-6

24:3. Who may ascend into the hill of the LORD? Or who may stand in His holy place?

24:4. He who has clean hands and a pure heart, Who has not lifted up his soul to an idol, Nor sworn deceitfully.

24:5. He shall receive blessing from the LORD, And righteousness from the God of his salvation.

24:6. This is Jacob, the generation of those who seek Him, Who seek Your face. Selah

Worshipping is the same as ascending into the hill of the LORD.

We cannot directly ascend to the hill, but step by step. That is why we need the shepherding. The more we are purified, the higher we ascend to the hill up to the peak, namely the flesh does not speak anymore.

We must pass through the way of death and resurrection. If we want to be fast, we will be the same as the Antichrist.

The things that must be purified are as follows:

- The heart is purified from evil desire (the will of money), unclean desire (the sins of eating-drinking and marrying-giving in marriage), and bitterness (envy and hatred), so we are pure and holy up to our heart. A pure heart will result in holy deeds and words.
- The deeds are purified to become true, good, and holy.
- The words are purified from the voice of the dragon, namely lie, gossip, and slander, *et cetera*, so we become honest, namely saying yes if yes and no if no. We do not lie, and we can confess our sin.

The true worship can be done personally like Jacob. It can be done together too (in the same time although at the different places).

Worshipping together is described as the sound of a harp.

Revelation 14:1-3

14:1. Then I looked, and behold, a Lamb standing on Mount Zion, and with Him one hundred and forty-four thousand, having His Father's name written on their foreheads.

14:2. And I heard a voice from heaven, like the voice of many waters, and like the voice of loud thunder. And I heard the sound of harpists playing their harps.

14:3. They sang as it were a new song before the throne, before the four living creatures, and the elders; and no one could learn that song except the hundred and forty-four thousand who were redeemed from the earth.

A harp has many strings with different sizes, and so does our voice, namely the sad or joy tones. But, these must be in holiness.

As a result, our prayer becomes in oneness that strengthens one another. It results in sweet song like gold bells at the edge of the robe of the high priest that ring beautifully.

The sound of the gold bells is like our groaning or worship in holiness.

If the gold bells ring, the High Priest will present in the midst of us.

1 Samuel 16:16

16:16. "Let our master now command your servants, who are before you, to seek out a man who is a skillful player on the harp; and it shall be that he will play it with his hand when the distressing spirit from God is upon you, and you shall be well."

By the sound of the harp or the worship, we will feel easy and light. Jesus has died on the cross with four injuries for the Israelites, but He has mercy for the Gentiles through the fifth injury. God is able to give us salvation, so He is surely able also to help us.

The examples and results of the true worship are as follows:

1. Jacob, the image of man, father, or shepherd.

Hosea 12:2-6

12:2. "The LORD also brings a charge against Judah, And will punish Jacob according to his ways; According to his deeds He will recompense him.

12:3. He took his brother by the heel in the womb, And in his strength he struggled with God.

12:4. Yes, he struggled with the Angel and prevailed; He wept, and sought favor from Him. He found Him in Bethel, And there He spoke to us--

12:5. That is, the LORD God of hosts. The LORD is His memorable name.

12:6. So you, by the help of your God, return; Observe mercy and justice, And wait on your God continually.

Jacob struggled to face Esau, the image of the Antichrist, and wait Jesus' second coming.

We often pray just for the physical thing. Do we pray for the salvation of our family?

Do not marry just to become a husband and become rich! We must struggle for our salvation, living in God's mercy, being

shepherded, as well as living in righteousness and holiness. We worship God to ask for His mercy.

- God's merciful hand is able to take care of us in the midst of the difficulties in the world. We can live in righteousness and holiness up to perfection.
- We experience the renewal of life, namely being strong and of good courage. We struggle with all of our family. There is no more quarrel and infidelity. We do not get disappointed and leave God. We keep ministering faithfully and fervently until we receive a new name.

2. A woman who had a flow of blood for twelve years [**Mark 5:25**], the image of woman or mother. We must survive when we are sick or facing cleavage in marriage. Do not repay evil for evil! As a result, the marriage can be righteous, holy, and one.

3. Mary faced Lazarus who had died [**John 11:32**], the image of youth. Mary had the patience and perseverance in waiting the time of God, namely keeping worshipping God. The decay is started from disobedience. If it continues, we will be destroyed. The decay causes failure, sorrow, and impossibility.

Let us come to God! The power of the resurrection of God is able to defeat the death. He makes all things beautiful and successful in His time until we are perfected. We are worthy to greet God's second coming.

We stretch out our hand of faith and God stretches His merciful hand, so the miracle happens.

God blesses us.