

General Service in Malang, June 07, 2020 (Sunday Morning)

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

Revelation 11:7-12

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11:9 Then those from the peoples, tribes, tongues, and nations will see their dead bodies three-and-a-half days, and not allow their dead bodies to be put into graves.

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11:12 And they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, "Come up here." And they ascended to heaven in a cloud, and their enemies saw them.

Towards the second coming of Jesus, the church must become the witness like Jesus as well as the two witnesses or Moses and Elijah.

Not being the witness, one will deny God for sure, worship the Antichrist, and perish. Therefore, from now on do not lie or gossip because later there will be the denial to God.

Revelation 3:14

3:14. "And to the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write, 'These things says the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God:

Jesus is the Faithful and True Witness facing the church of the Laodiceans or the one on the last days that is lukewarm spiritually or unclean and disgusting like the vomit and thrown away by God up to the perdition.

Nevertheless, the church of the Laodiceans is great physically. It is dangerous.

Why does God appear as the Faithful and True Witness? He experiences the true death, resurrection, and glory. Many witnesses see Jesus' experiences.

Moses and Elijah, including the church, must become the faithful and true witness like Jesus for facing the condition of the church of the Laodiceans.

Not being the witness, one will be the same as the church of the Laodiceans or vomit.

The faithful and true witness is signified by the following three things (We learn them from Moses and Elijah):

1. The death experience with Jesus or the true one.

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The people are sorrowful because of the righteous and rejoice because of sins. Such thing truly challenges God.

Matthew 1:21

1:21. "And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins."

Matthew 2:1-2,11-12

2:1. Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem,

2:2 saying, "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him."

2:11 And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

2:12 Then, being divinely warned in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed for their own country another way.

The wise men refer to Enoch, Moses, and Elijah.

Thus, Moses and Elijah become the witnesses of the birth of Jesus as the Savior who must die on the cross for redeeming the sins of men, setting them free from sins, and saving them.

Now, the church must be the witness also, namely experiencing the death with Jesus or being set free from sins, especially Herod's.

The sins of Herod are as follows:

- Herod said that he would worship, but actually he wanted to kill.

Matthew 2:13,7-8

2:13. Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, "Arise, take the young Child and His mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I bring you word; for Herod will seek the young Child to destroy Him."

2:7. Then Herod, when he had secretly called the wise men, determined from them what time the star appeared.

2:8 And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the young Child, and when you have found Him, bring back word to me, that I may come and worship Him also."

It means as follows:

a. Lying.

b. Killing or hating.

Satan is the father of the liars and murderers.

We must be set free from the sin of lying and hatred, so we can repent and live righteously.

c. Hypocrisy. The things inside are not the same as the ones outside.

Ordinary man cannot resist against the hypocrites. Nevertheless, the revelation of the Word says that we must not be hypocritical, but sincere like the dove.

- Imprisoning and killing the righteous servants of God whom He uses.

Acts 12:1-3

12:1. Now about that time Herod the king stretched out his hand to harass some from the church.

12:2 Then he killed James the brother of John with the sword.

12:3 And because he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded further to seize Peter also. Now it was during the Days of Unleavened Bread.

It means as follows:

a. The sin of arrogance.

'stretched out his hand to harass' = hurting.

Do not ever hurt the righteous servants of God because there will be His pleading over them.

The true attitude is that we must love one another. Maybe now we are not able to do that, so we must keep silent and neither hurt nor break our promise.

b. Peter and James refer to the ministries. Nevertheless, they were imprisoned. It means that there is no faithfulness in the ministry.

When one confesses that he is a pastor, but he never commits the ministry, he is being imprisoned by Herod or Satan. The same thing also happens for the singers and musicians.

Let us become the faithful servants of God.

Thus, the servants of God that experience the death with Jesus are faithful, righteous, sincere, and loving one another.

It is the same as being set free from the hands of Herod or Satan and turning to the hands of God that are able to lead us to

the new way which is without Herod.

Matthew 2:12

2:12. Then, being divinely warned in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed for their own country another way.

The another way refers to the new one which is without the curses and judgments of sins. It is the same as the way of salvation or righteousness. We are blessed up to our descendants and we become God's witness.

2. The resurrection experience with Jesus or the true one.

Revelation 11:11

11:11. Now after the three-and-a-half days the breath of life from God entered them, and they stood on their feet, and great fear fell on those who saw them.

Luke 9:28-31

9:28. Now it came to pass, about eight days after these sayings, that He took Peter, John, and James and went up on the mountain to pray.

9:29 As He prayed, the appearance of His face was altered, and His robe became white and glistening.

9:30 And behold, two men talked with Him, who were Moses and Elijah,

9:31 who appeared in glory and spoke of His decease which He was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.

The proof of the resurrection experience of Moses and Elijah is worshiping God with Jesus on the mountain and talking about Jesus' experience to Jerusalem for being dead and resurrected on the third day in Jerusalem.

Now, the church experiences the death with Jesus until being as glorious as He is, namely getting the renewal of the face or five senses.

We learn about the ears and eyes as follows:

- The ears must be changed into the righteous and good ones, namely only hearing and obeying the voice of God. The obedience is the same as the spiritual adornment.

Not being obedient means that there is no adornment and one cannot be the bride.

The obedience is the beginning of success and glory. Do not resist against God, the true parents, and pastor!

- The eyes are changed into the righteous and good ones, namely prioritizing for seeing the field of God. Jesus dies so that we become the house of the Lord. Prioritize to see the field of God, namely prioritizing the service and ministry to God more than anything.

Proverbs 20:12

20:12. The hearing ear and the seeing eye, The LORD has made them both.

If the ears and eyes are good, God will make us His special servants. We are specialized for being used by Him.

Be careful! Many servants of God are blind and deaf. They are specialized for being destroyed.

Isaiah 42:18-19

42:18. "Hear, you deaf; And look, you blind, that you may see.

42:19 Who is blind but My servant, Or deaf as My messenger whom I send? Who is blind as he who is perfect, And blind as the LORD'S servant?

Being deaf is the same as being disobedient.

Beginning from the household, do not be playful, but be obedient and faithful, so we will not be destroyed.

Now, we talk about the servants of God who are specialized for being used by Him.

Exodus 12:21-23

12:21. Then Moses called for all the elders of Israel and said to them, "Pick out and take lambs for yourselves according to your families, and kill the Passover lamb.

12:22 "And you shall take a bunch of hyssop, dip it in the blood that is in the basin, and strike the lintel and the two doorposts with the blood that is in the basin. And none of you shall go out of the door of his house until morning.

12:23 "For the LORD will pass through to strike the Egyptians; and when He sees the blood on the lintel and on the two doorposts, the LORD will pass over the door and not allow the destroyer to come into your houses to strike you.

The servant of God who is obedient and faithful is the same as hyssop.

It is a small weak plant that means the small powerless life.

God chooses the small and powerless one so that he cannot be proud of anything in the world, but only relies on His mercy.

We, the Gentiles, actually cannot minister to God. Only by His grace we can serve to Him. Therefore, let us use the opportunity.

Despising the mercy of God, one will perish.

There is no greater gift than God's mercy. Nevertheless, there is no greater judgment than the one for rejecting God's mercy.

Having something in the world of which we may be proud, we can still be used by God, but we must struggle like Paul the apostle, namely supposing that all of those things as rubbish which is useless, so we only rely on God's mercy.

The task of hyssop or God's servants is bringing the blood of Jesus (it was the blood of the lamb in the past) for being struck on the doors of the houses of Israel, so they could be saved and go out of Egypt to Canaan, the promise land.

It is the same as the ministry of reconciliation.

The reconciliation starts from the marriage (the youth in the time of relationship), shepherding, inter-shepherding, until the Israelites and Gentiles become one perfect body of Christ.

The ministry of reconciliation is the same as the one of the edification of the perfect body of Christ until entering the spiritual Canaan or the New Jerusalem.

This is a special task. It needs the obedience and faithfulness.

The characteristics of hyssop are as follows:

- Having strong absorption when it is dipped in blood for keeping much blood.
It means that we ourselves first must experience the ministry of reconciliation, and then we can be used. We endure the suffering in the flesh with Jesus or the death experience. We do not grumble, but give thanks when we get the suffering in the flesh without any sin. We are also patient in waiting the time of God.

Do not take your own way which is not in line with the Word because it is dead end and perdition.

We must be patient in the death experience because there must be the resurrection after that for sure. Do not sacrifice God and others!

- Being gentle, the hyssops can be bound in a bunch.
It means the ability for receiving the hard teaching Word, so we can confess and forgive one another as well as be bound or united.

The results are as follows:

- The hyssop springs out of the wall although it is small and weak. It means that we can live anytime and anywhere because we live by God's mercy until we get the eternal life. It is the same as being the living stone.

1 Kings 4:33

4:33. Also he spoke of trees, from the cedar tree of Lebanon even to the hyssop that springs out of the wall; he spoke also of animals, of birds, of creeping things, and of fish.

- The hyssop can heal. It means being blessings and witness anywhere. We do not hurt others.

3. The experience of glory with Jesus or the true one, namely ascending to heaven like Jesus.

Revelation 11:12

11:12. And they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, "Come up here." And they ascended to heaven in a cloud, and their enemies saw them.

Mark 10:35-38,40

10:35. Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Him, saying, "Teacher, we want You to do for us whatever we ask."

10:36 And He said to them, "What do you want Me to do for you?"

10:37 They said to Him, "Grant us that we may sit, one on Your right hand and the other on Your left, in Your glory."

10:38 But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you ask. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?"

10:40 "but to sit on My right hand and on My left is not Mine to give, but it is for those for whom it is prepared."

James and John asked that they could sit on Jesus' right hand and the left, but it was not answered.

Nevertheless, Moses and Elijah ascended to heaven and sat on Jesus' right hand and the left ('*it is for those for whom it is prepared*').

Why cannot John and James sit on Jesus' right hand and the left? They had the fleshly sight.

Luke 9:54

9:54. And when His disciples James and John saw this, they said, "Lord, do You want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them, just as Elijah did?"

Jesus would go to Jerusalem for being crucified through Samaria. The people of Samaria rejected Him. It means that the Gentiles always reject the cross.

The fleshly sight only sees the physical things, the fire from heavens, or the Antichrist' fire.

Revelation 13:13

13:13. He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men.

It causes one not to be able to sit next to Jesus, namely only seeing the physical miracles, but without the life renewal. It is the same as the church of the Laodiceans. The consequence is being lukewarm.

Revelation 3:15-17

3:15. "I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot.

3:16 "So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth.

3:17 "Because you say, 'I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing' --and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked--

'I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing' = only paying attention to the physical things.

Being lukewarm means not being faithful in the service and ministry to God and not being changed, but keeping on being the man of blood and flesh, so one commits the sins up to the peak, feels superior than others, and blames at others; even he prays for the disasters for others. His life is only like the vomit.

Consequently, he is stamped with 666 or the same as the the Antichrist who will be destroyed forever.

Therefore, we must have the spiritual sight, namely seeing the fire from God (the Word, love, and Holy Spirit) in the shepherding pen or the perseverance in doing the three main services to God as follows:

- The Golden Candlestick refers to the perseverance in doing the General Service or the fire of Holy Spirit.
- The Table of Showbread or the perseverance in doing the Bible Study Service with the Holy Communion or the fire of the teaching Word.
- The Golden Candlestick or the perseverance in doing the Prayer Service or the fire of God's love.

It is the same as the experience of Moses.

Exodus 3:1-3,5

3:1. Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian. And he led the flock to the back of the desert, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. 3:2 And the Angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire from the midst of a bush. So he looked, and behold, the bush was burning with fire, but the bush was not consumed. 3:3 Then Moses said, "I will now turn aside and see this great sight, why the bush does not burn." 3:5 Then He said, "Do not draw near this place. Take your sandals off your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground."

The bush refers to the fleshly men.

The fire refers to the one from heaven.

Men are only like the bush although they are great. Therefore, we must see the fire in the shepherding, so we experience the work of the fire of the Word, Holy Spirit, and God's love that sanctify and renew us until we can take our sandals off our feet. It means the sanctification to our inward and outward man, so we can be like a newborn baby.

There are only the true and honest words as well as the testimony, worship to God, and confession about the physical and spiritual weaknesses out of the mouth of a baby.

Why does God let it happen? He lets it happen so that we only hope His mercy through crying much. We must cry much more for being able to ascend and sit with Jesus.

God truly pays attention to the babies.

Mark 10:13-14,16

10:13. Then they brought little children to Him, that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked those who brought them.

10:14 But when Jesus saw it, He was greatly displeased and said to them, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God."

10:16 And He took them up in His arms, put His hands on them, and blessed them.

'for of such is the kingdom of God' = baby can be lifted up to heaven.

Being like a baby, God will stretch out His hands for embracing us.

It means as follows:

- Preserving and blessing us who are small and powerless in the midst of the difficulties in the world until the time when the Antichrist reigns over the world. We can be blessings for others.
- Protecting us from all disasters in the world, sins up to the peak, false teachings, the judgment of God, and the doomsday, so we keep on living in righteousness and holiness.
We keep on experiencing the peaceful heart and all things become easy and light.
- Touching us to perform the spiritual miracle or the continual life renewal until we are perfect. The physical miracles also happen, namely the impossible things become possible; the ruined things become good; the failed things become successful; and the dead things are made alive.

We are changed continually until we are perfect. We do not stumble in words until we can welcome Jesus' second coming and enter the New Jerusalem for sitting with God.

Revelation 3:21

3:21. "To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne."

John and James were not allowed to sit at the rightside and leftside of Jesus, but the Gentiles are allowed. Thus is the attention of God to the Gentiles.

God blesses you.