

General Service in Malang, March 03, 2019 (Sunday Morning)

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

Revelation 9:1-12 The fifth trumpet is sounded.

9:1 *Then the fifth angel sounded: And I saw a star fallen from heaven to the earth. To him was given the key to the bottomless pit.*
9:2 *And he opened the bottomless pit, and smoke arose out of the pit like the smoke of a great furnace. So the sun and the air were darkened because of the smoke of the pit.*
9:3 *Then out of the smoke locusts came upon the earth. And to them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power.*
9:4 *They were commanded not to harm the grass of the earth, or any green thing, or any tree, but only those men who do not have the seal of God on their foreheads.*
9:5 *And they were not given authority to kill them, but to torment them for five months. Their torment was like the torment of a scorpion when it strikes a man.*
9:6 *In those days men will seek death and will not find it; they will desire to die, and death will flee from them.*
9:7 *The shape of the locusts was like horses prepared for battle. On their heads were crowns of something like gold, and their faces were like the faces of men.*
9:8 *They had hair like women's hair, and their teeth were like lions' teeth.*
9:9 *And they had breastplates like breastplates of iron, and the sound of their wings was like the sound of chariots with many horses running into battle.*
9:10 *They had tails like scorpions, and there were stings in their tails. Their power was to hurt men five months.*
9:11 *And they had as king over them the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in Hebrew is Abaddon, but in Greek he has the name Apollyon.*
9:12 *One woe is past. Behold, still two more woes are coming after these things.*

The blowing of the fifth trumpets refers to the fifth condemnation of the Son of God to the men in the world.

[Revelation 9:1] The sign is the star falling to the earth. It refers to Lucifer who fell and became Satan.

[Revelation 9:2-5] Lucifer who fell to the earth was followed by the wicked and unclean spirits or the locust and the scorpion which torment men for five months.

Why could Lucifer fall and become Satan?

1. Being arrogant.

Isaiah 14:12-14

14:12 *"How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, You who weakened the nations!*

14:13 *For you have said in your heart: 'I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation On the farthest sides of the north;*

14:14 *I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.'*

Lucifer said "I will" five times; even "I will be like God the Most High." It means that he fought against the five wounds of Jesus on the cross.

2. Being disobedient or resisting against God.

Philippians 2:8

2:8 *And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.*

So, the arrogance and disobedience are the characteristics of Lucifer. But, they have already attacked the church at the early rain and the one at the later rain as well as the servant and the minister of God like Peter.

John 13:37-38

13:37 *Peter said to Him, "Lord, why can I not follow You now? I will lay down my life for Your sake."*

13:38 *Jesus answered him, "Will you lay down your life for My sake? Most assuredly, I say to you, the rooster shall not crow till you have denied Me three times.*

Peter was arrogant. He wanted to lay down his life before Jesus did it on the cross. It means that he set aside, underestimated, and rejected the sacrifice of Christ.

In consequence, he denied Jesus three times. It means that his body, soul, and spirit denied the Trinity of God, so he was stamped by 666 and became the same as the Antichrist. His life did not change or he was still in the sinful fleshly man to perish forever.

John 21:15-19

21:15 So when they had eaten breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me more than these?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." He said to him, "Feed My lambs."

21:16 He said to him again a second time, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." He said to him, "Tend My sheep."

21:17 He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?" Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, "Do you love Me?" And he said to Him, "Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You." Jesus said to him, "Feed My sheep."

21:18 "Most assuredly, I say to you, when you were younger, you girded yourself and walked where you wished; but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will gird you and carry you where you do not wish."

21:19 This He spoke, signifying by what death he would glorify God. And when He had spoken this, He said to him, "Follow Me."

Peter should have perished, but through the shepherding or the true teaching word which was repeated through the three main services to God in the shepherding pen, he got an opportunity to be renewed. So, he could honor and exalt the sacrifice of Christ. He was grieved. It means that he realized, regretted, and confessed his sins to God and other people. He stretched his hands to God, became obedient, submitted his life to Him, until he willingly died for Him, So, he belonged to God forever.

The Gentiles also reject the cross and think that it is a foolishness.

1 Corinthians 1:23

1:23 but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness.

Matthew 15:21-28

15:21 Then Jesus went out from there and departed to the region of Tyre and Sidon.

15:22 And behold, a woman of Canaan came from that region and cried out to Him, saying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David! My daughter is severely demon-possessed."

15:23 But He answered her not a word. And His disciples came and urged Him, saying, "Send her away, for she cries out after us."

15:24 But He answered and said, "I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."

15:25 Then she came and worshiped Him, saying, "Lord, help me!"

15:26 But He answered and said, "It is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the little dogs."

15:27 And she said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their masters' table."

15:28 Then Jesus answered and said to her, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be to you as you desire." And her daughter was healed from that very hour.

The Gentiles without the cross, sacrifice of Christ, or the shepherding pen are only like the dog and swine. They are possessed by Satan with the wicked and unclean spirits. So, they only do sins up to the peak, namely the sins of eating-drinking and the ones of marrying-being given in marriage or the adultery between man and woman who are not a legal spouse, homosexuality, lesbianism, and wrong marriage. Doing sin, one is sorrowful and tormented, until he perishes forever.

The Gentiles can be helped only through the shepherding system.

Actually, the sheep of God are only from the house of Israel, but because a half of them has rejected Jesus as the Shepherd and the Savior, there is opportunity for the Gentiles or the dog and swine to be His sheep.

The Gentiles become the sheep of God through the crumbs or the revelation of the word which a verse explains other verses in the Bible, or the true teaching word and the Holy Communion. Therefore, the Gentiles must use the opportunity which is like the eye of needle to eat the true teaching word and Holy Communion.

The process of the renewal of the Gentiles is as follows:

1. The Gentiles must receive the sign of the blood or the Altar of Burnt Offering.

John 19:32-34

19:32 Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who was crucified with Him.

19:33 But when they came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs.

19:34 But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out.

Actually, Jesus has died on the cross with four main wounds, namely two on the hands and two on the feet to save the house of Israel. But, the fifth wound or the biggest one on His side out of which the blood and water come is the mercy and the grace of God to save the Gentiles.

The sign of blood means believing Jesus, who has been crucified as the only savior, repenting, stopping sinning and

returning to God, or being dead to sins.

1 Peter 2:1

2:1 Therefore, laying aside all malice, all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and all evil speaking.

It is especially repenting from five main sins as follows:

- The sins of malice or the stinginess and greediness.
- The deceit.
- The hypocrisy.
- The envy.
- The evil speaking.

2. Receiving the sign of water.

1 Peter 2:2-3

2:2 as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby.

2:3 if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is gracious

It means that the Gentiles must be reborn through the true water baptism.

One who has died to sin must be buried in water with Jesus and he will arise from water with Him to get the new life or have the good conscience.

The proofs are as follows:

- He always wants and needs the shepherding word more than everything.
We get all of our needs in the shepherding, both the physical and the spiritual ones.
- He can taste the goodness of God. We always feel the anointing of Holy Spirit.

Hebrews 6:4

6:4 For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted the heavenly gift, and have become partakers of the Holy Spirit.

So, the good conscience is the place of the true teaching word or the shepherding word which is repeated and the anointing of Holy Spirit which sanctifies the Gentiles from the characteristics as follows:

- Worry.

Matthew 6:31-33

6:31 "Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?'

6:32 "For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things.

6:33 "But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

It means the worry about the daily life, the future, and the death which makes one unfaithful and unrighteous.

The worry must be sanctified, so we can submit our life fully to God and be faithful and righteous in the service and ministry to God and other people, starting from the marriage. It means that we honor and exalt the cross. As a result, all things shall be added to us and we live from the cross nowadays until the eternal life forever.

- The characteristics of the dog and swine.

The Gentiles are sanctified continually, so they grow to the spiritual maturity or the perfection.

Ephesians 4:11-12

4:11 And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers.

4:12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,

After being sanctified from the characteristics of the Gentiles, we will be equipped with the ministry and the gifts of Holy Spirit. We are appointed to be the priest and king who are used in edifying the perfect body of Christ.

1 Peter 2:5

2:5 you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

Being appointed as the priest and king or the living stone means that we live only by the mercy and the grace of God until the eternal life.

If one does not want to be the living stone, he will become the other stones as follows:

- The hard stone as the place where the sins are engraved and cannot be erased anymore.

Jeremiah 17:1

17:1 "The sin of Judah is written with a pen of iron; With the point of a diamond it is engraved On the tablet of their heart, And on the horns of your altars

If the Gentiles keep or do sins purposely, their sins will be engraved on the horns of the altar. It means that there is no more forgiveness until they perish forever.

- The brick which is used to build the Babylon.

Exodus 5:7

5:7 "You shall no longer give the people straw to make brickas before. Let them go and gather straw for themselves.

Genesis 11:3,9

11:3 Then they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks and bake them thoroughly." They had brick for stone, and they had asphalt for mortar.

11:9 Therefore its name is called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth; and from there the LORD scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.

- The stumbling-block.

1 Peter 2:7

2:7 Therefore, to you who believe, He is precious; but to those who are disobedient, "The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone,"

It means easily stumbling or being the stumbling-block which hinders other people to hear the true teaching word.

1 Peter 2:5,9

2:5 you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ

2:9 But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.

The duties of the living stone or the priest and king are as follows:

- To offer up the spiritual sacrifices in holiness and anointing.
- Testifying or radiating the light of the life renewal to others who are in the darkness.
- To be used in edifying the perfect body of Christ. It starts from the marriage, shepherding, inter-shepherding, until the Israelites and the Gentiles become one perfect body of Christ or the heavenly bride.

1 Peter 2:6,8

2:6 Therefore it is also contained in the Scripture, "Behold, I lay in Zion A chief cornerstone, elect, precious, And he who believes on Him will by no means be put to shame."

2:8 and "A stone of stumbling And a rock of offense." They stumble, being disobedient to the word, to which they also were appointed.

A priest must believe and obey God as well as cry out "Abba Father". So, the ministry is connected with the name of God, namely the Alfa and Omega, the first and the last, or *Alif* and *Ya*. As a result, we will experience the power of the name of Jesus to defeat all enemies, hindrances, and obstacles. We also receive the ability from God to finish the ministry until the end line, namely we pass away or Jesus comes. So, all of doors in the world the door of heaven are open for us.

1 Peter 2:10

2:10 who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained

mercy.

The priests only live by the mercy and the grace of God.

Therefore, we must worship Him more. Our eyes only look at Him, our mouth speaks to Him, and our hands are lifted up to appeal His mercy and move His heart, so He watches, cares, struggles, and stretches His merciful hand for us.

The results are as follows:

- Preserving our life.

Mark 6:34-35

6:34 And Jesus, when He came out, saw a great multitude and was moved with compassion for them, because they were like sheep not having a shepherd. So He began to teach them many things.

6:35 When the day was now far spent, His disciples came to Him and said, "This is a deserted place, and already the hour is late.

- Healing the physical and spiritual sickness.

Mark 1:40-42

1:40 Now a leper came to Him, imploring Him, kneeling down to Him and saying to Him, "If You are willing, You can make me clean."

1:41 Then Jesus, moved with compassion, stretched out His hand and touched him, and said to him, "I am willing; be cleansed."

1:42 As soon as He had spoken, immediately the leprosy left him, and he was cleansed.

- Wiping our tears.

Luke 7:13-15

7:13 When the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep."

7:14 Then He came and touched the open coffin, and those who carried him stood still. And He said, "Young man, I say to you, arise."

7:15 So he who was dead sat up and began to speak. And He presented him to his mother.

The impossible thing becomes possible and the destructions of the marriage and children are restored. There is beautiful and successful future life. We are sanctified and changed until we are perfect like Him, so we are worthy to welcome the second coming of Jesus on the glorious clouds. We enter the New Jerusalem where there are no more tears.

God blesses you.