

General Service in Malang, May 06, 2018 (Sunday Morning)

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

Revelation 7:4-8

7:4 And I heard the number of those who were sealed. One hundred and forty-four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel were sealed:

7:5 of the tribe of Judah twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Reuben twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Gad twelve thousand were sealed;

7:6 of the tribe of Asher twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Naphtali twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Manasseh twelve thousand were sealed;

7:7 of the tribe of Simeon twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Levi twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Issachar twelve thousand were sealed;

7:8 of the tribe of Zebulun twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Joseph twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Benjamin twelve thousand were sealed.

One hundred and forty-four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel were sealed with the seal of God on their foreheads. It means that they belonged to Him forever or being the core of the perfect body of Christ.

In Revelation 7:6, the tribe of Dan did not receive the seal of God on their foreheads but was replaced with Manasseh. Why?

1. Because Dan changed into the descendants of the viper.

Genesis 49:17

49:17 Dan shall be a serpent by the way, A viper by the path, That bites the horse's heels So that its rider shall fall backward.

2. Manasseh was raised from the grandchild to the son of Jacob, the descendant of Abraham. It foretells about the raising and the acknowledgement from God to the Gentiles to be the children of Abraham spiritually.

Genesis 48:5

48:5 And now your two sons, Ephraim and Manasseh, who were born to you in the land of Egypt before I came to you in Egypt, are mine; as Reuben and Simeon, they shall be mine.

Romans 11:25-26

11:25 For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in.

11:26 And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written: "The Deliverer will come out of Zion, And He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob;

A part of Israel rejected Jesus, so there are the opportunity and mercy of God to the Gentiles who are the descendants of the viper to believe in Jesus, be saved, and raised as the descendants of Abraham spiritually. So, all the spiritual Israel, meaning Israel and Gentiles as a whole, will be saved.

Ephesians 2:13-16

2:13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

2:14 For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation,

2:15 having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace,

2:16 and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity.

The death of Jesus on the cross has broken down the wall of separation. It is the same as making peace or the reconciliation of Israel and Gentiles to be one perfect body of Christ or the heavenly bride. They are worthy to welcome Jesus second coming in the glorious cloud, entering the marriage supper of the Lamb or the paradise, then to the Heavenly Kingdom forever. It is the same as building the wall of the New Jerusalem.

The process or the steps of building the wall of New Jerusalem are as follows:

1. Building the foundations.

Revelation 21:14

21:14 Now the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

The foundations of the New Jerusalem are twelve apostles of the Lamb. It spiritually means as follows:

- The true teaching Word.

Acts 2:42

2:42 And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.

The apostles' doctrine is the teaching in the New Testament that is the fulfillment of the things which have been prophesied by the apostles in the Old Testament. It is the true teaching Word. No matter how wrecked our lives are, there is opportunity to be restored and sanctified if we are still listening to the Word. On the other hand, how successful our lives are, letting the sword of the Word go or rejecting the true teaching Word will bring us to destruction.

- The position in ministry = the part in the body of Christ = the place in the New Jerusalem.

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,

Through living in righteousness, we are equipped with the position in ministry or a beautiful robe, to serve in the edification of the body of Christ.

Those five positions in ministry refer to the merciful hands of God to His congregation. We must hold the robe and never let it go by any cause.

The driving force in the service and ministry is the love of God. His love is eternal. If the driving force of our ministry is the love, it will also be eternal forever.

So, the foundations are built by living in righteousness and holiness (holding the sword of the Word), ministering to God according to the position (holding the robe), and being driven by the love of God. The result is that there are the merciful hands of God in the middle of the congregation to make everything successful and beautiful in His time, so all things become neat and beautiful.

2 Chronicles 26:16-19

26:16 But when he was strong his heart was lifted up, to his destruction, for he transgressed against the Lord his God by entering the temple of the Lord to burn incense on the altar of incense.

26:17 So Azariah the priest went in after him, and with him were eighty priests of the Lord --valiant men.

26:18 And they withstood King Uzziah, and said to him, " It is not for you, Uzziah, to burn incense to the Lord , but for the priests, the sons of Aaron, who are consecrated to burn incense. Get out of the sanctuary, for you have trespassed! You shall have no honor from the Lord God."

26:19 Then Uzziah became furious; and he had a censer in his hand to burn incense. And while he was angry with the priests, leprosy broke out on his forehead, before the priests in the house of the Lord , beside the incense altar.

On the opposite, there are the hands of Satan if we serve and minister without holiness, position, and love. The leprosy means as follows:

- The sin of wickedness or the desire of money like Gehazi.
- The sin of impurity or the sins concerning eating-drinking and marrying-being given in marriage.
- The self-truth, meaning not confessing the sin but blaming others even God. It is the truth outside the Word or covering sin by pretending to do good things.

2. Building the wall.

There are two conditions of the wall as follows:

- A great and high wall which refers to greatness or being sturdy.

Revelation 21:12

21:12 Also she had a great and high wall with twelve gates, and twelve angels at the gates, and names written on them, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel:

Proverbs 24:30-31

24:30 I went by the field of the lazy man , And by the vineyard of the man devoid of understanding;

24:31 And there it was, all overgrown with thorns; Its surface was covered with nettles; Its stone wall was broken

down.

The broken wall means being unfaithful, lazy, and evil.

To build the great and high wall of the New Jerusalem, we must become priests of God who are faithful and wise, obedient, holy, and loving each other.

1 Peter 1:22

1:22 Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart,

- The wall which was constructed of jasper.

Revelation 21:18

21:18 The construction of its wall was of jasper; and the city was pure gold, like clear glass.

The jasper refers to a longing like a burning fire. It means that we become the priests or the servants of God who are faithful in the service and ministry. It is the same as the flame of fire.

Hebrews 1:7

1:7 And of the angels He says: "Who makes His angels spirits And His ministers a flame of fire."

Revelation 1:14

1:14 His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and His eyes like a flame of fire;

His eyes are like a flame of fire.

So, the priests or the servants of God who serve and minister to Him faithfully and fervently are like the apple of His eye.

Psalms 17:8

17:8 Keep me as the apple of Your eye; Hide me under the shadow of Your wings,

The result is that there are the great and merciful hands of God to protect and preserve us in the middle of difficulties in the world, up to the time when the antichrist rules over the world. We are moved to the wilderness and preserved directly by God with the true teaching Word and Holy Communion; far away from the eyes of the antichrist.

3. The measurement of the wall of the New Jerusalem.

Revelation 21:17

21:17 Then he measured its wall: one hundred and forty-four cubits, according to the measure of a man, that is, of an angel.

Genesis 15:13

15:13 Then He said to Abram: "Know certainly that your descendants will be strangers in a land that is not theirs, and will serve them, and they will afflict them four hundred years."

Four hundred years of the slavery era = 400 x 360 days = 144.000 days. And there were one hundred and forty-four thousand people who received the seal of God on their foreheads.

So, one person was freed every day. It means that we must be redeemed by the blood of Jesus every day. It is the same as experiencing the cross of Jesus.

144.000 consists of number 144 and 1000.

Number 144 refers to the suffering or the cross.

Number 1000 refers to the 1000 Years Kingdom of Peace.

It means we must experience the suffering in the flesh everyday if we want to be the heavenly bride who can enter the 1000 Years Kingdom of Peace. Why is it so?

1 Peter 4:12-14

4:12 Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you;

4:13 but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad

with exceeding joy.

4:14 If you are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. On their part He is blasphemed, but on your part He is glorified.

Because there is the Spirit of glory over the cross. We are changed to be strong and courageous, not being disappointed or hopeless in facing any problems. We keep on being faithful and fervent, glorifying God, hoping in Him, worshiping, crying out and surrendering to Him. So, the Holy Spirit will be poured upon us.

Acts 10:45

10:45 And those of the circumcision who believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles also.

The results are as follows:

- The Holy Spirit is able to give us way-out of any problem. Everything is easy and light. There are peace and successful and beautiful future. We are preserved until the eternal life forever. We are used in the Revival of the Holy Spirit at the later rain.

Exodus 14:18,21

14:18 Then the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord , when I have gained honor for Myself over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his horsemen."

14:21 Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the Lord caused the sea to go back by a strong east wind all that night, and made the sea into dry land, and the waters were divided.

- The Holy Spirit is able to change the atmosphere of curse into the one of heaven.

Exodus 15:22-23

15:22 So Moses brought Israel from the Red Sea; then they went out into the Wilderness of Shur. And they went three days in the wilderness and found no water.

15:23 Now when they came to Marah, they could not drink the waters of Marah, for they were bitter. Therefore the name of it was called Marah.

- The Holy Spirit is able to restore the destroyed or spoiled marriage and children.

John 11:39-40

11:39 Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of him who was dead, said to Him, "Lord, by this time there is a stench, for he has been dead four days."

11:40 Jesus said to her, "Did I not say to you that if you would believe you would see the glory of God?"

Lazarus who had been dead and produced stench was raised. The rottenness marriage and children will be restored by God. It continues until Jesus comes a second time that we are renewed up to perfection like Him to enter the New Jerusalem.

God blesses us.