

General Service in Malang, May 12, 2019 (Sunday Morning)

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

Revelation 9:11

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.

A king over the locusts or sins is the angel of the bottomless pit, Abaddon, or Apollyon.

So, the sin has king or head, namely the angel of the bottomless pit, Abaddon, or Apollyon.

The angel of the bottomless pit, Abaddon, or Apollyon rules over men, including the servant and minister of God to do sins up to the peak. Being bound by the sins up to the peak, ones cannot be easily set free until they cannot be set free from sins.

In consequence, they experience the torment or the sting of the scorpions for five months until perishing forever.

To be set free from the angel of the bottomless pit, Abaddon, or Apollyon as the king of sins up to the peak, we must put Jesus as the head.

Matthew 8:18-20

8:18 And when Jesus saw great multitudes about Him, He gave a command to depart to the other side.

8:19 Then a certain scribe came and said to Him, "Teacher, I will follow You wherever You go."

8:20 And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head."

Jesus wants us to put Him as the Head, but the fact is that He groans because many people, including the servant and minister of God put the foxes and birds, Abaddon, or Apollyon as the Head, so they live in suffering until perishing forever.

How is the way to put Jesus as the head over our life?

We must increase our following God through the preaching of the word of God. It starts from the Gospel Word to bring us to trust Jesus and be saved. It continues to the teaching word to sanctify and perfect us.

The increasing of following God is as follows:

1. The following of the children to the father. But, there is still the lost one.
2. The following of the sheep to the shepherd. But, there is still the lost one.
3. The following of the of the student to the teacher. But, it can be separated.
4. The following to Jesus wherever He goes. It refers to the one of the body to the head or the bride.

The fact found in the following of the bride is that we must be active in edifying the perfect body of Christ. It starts from the marriage that the husband can love the wife, the wife can be submissive to the husband, and the children can obey the parents. It continues to the shepherding, inter-shepherding pen, until Israelites and Gentiles become one perfect body of Christ.

Who can be used in edifying the perfect body of Christ?

1. A woman who was a sinner could serve to God when she willingly heard the hard word which pointed out her sin, so she could realize, regret it, and repent. As a result, the rotten things turned into sweet smelling aroma and the bad ones became good.

Luke 7:37-39

7:37 And behold, a woman in the city who was a sinner, when she knew that Jesus sat at the table in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster flask of fragrant oil.

7:38 and stood at His feet behind Him weeping; and she began to wash His feet with her tears, and wiped them with the hair of her head; and she kissed His feet and anointed them with the fragrant oil.

7:39 Now when the Pharisee who had invited Him saw this, he spoke to himself, saying, "This man, if He were a prophet, would know who and what manner of woman this is who is touching Him, for she is a sinner."

2. Joseph of Arimathea or the rich man and Nicodemus or the smart man.

John 19:38-39

19:38 After this, Joseph of Arimathea, being a disciple of Jesus, but secretly, for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus; and Pilate gave him permission. So he came and took the body of Jesus.

19:39 And Nicodemus, who at first came to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about a hundred pounds.

The ministry of the edifying of the perfect body of Christ is the same as the fellowship or eating together to consume the true teaching word.

So, the true fellowship must be based on the true teaching word.

The ministry of edifying the perfect body of Christ is like crossing the worldly sea to the peaceful harbor or the New Jerusalem.

It means as follows:

1. It is the command of God which must be obeyed.

Matthew 8:18

8:18 And when Jesus saw great multitudes about Him, He gave a command to depart to the other side.

Not obeying the command means not doing the sin.

2. It is a sacrifice.

John 2:19-21

2:19 Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."

2:20 Then the Jews said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will You raise it up in three days?"

2:21 But He was speaking of the temple of His body.

Three days refer to the sacrifice of Christ on the cross.

Jesus as the head sacrifices His life first on the cross for the edifying of His perfect body. So, there is the destroying of the service in the law system which is signified by the number forty-six. It is only for Israelites. It is destroyed and rebuilt to become the system in the grace of God, so the Gentiles can serve and minister to Him.

The thing which we sacrifice for edifying the perfect body of Christ is not balance with His sacrifice on the cross.

Therefore, we must sacrifice all things for edifying the perfect body of Christ, except one thing, namely the true teaching word, because it is Jesus as the head. The marriage and the shepherding without the true teaching word will be broken and terrible.

Do not be doubtful to sacrifice all things for edifying the body of Christ when we are moved by the true teaching word to do it. Everything which we sacrifice will not be useless, even we meet God the Jehovah Jireh.

3. Facing the challenge and hindrance from Abaddon and Apollyon or the angel of the bottomless pit with the power of death.

There are three kinds of challenges and hindrances as follows:

- The foxes and birds or the wicked and unclean spirits which aim at the edifying of the Babylon or the woman of Satan who will be destroyed forever.

Matthew 8:20

8:20 And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head."

Revelation 18:2

18:2 And he cried mightily with a loud voice, saying, "Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and has become a dwelling place of demons, a prison for every foul spirit, and a cage for every unclean and hated bird!"

To face the foxes and birds, we must receive the true teaching word which is sharper than any two-edged sword and obey it, so we experience the sanctification which begins from the heart as the dwelling place of the wicked and unclean spirits.

Mark 7:21-23

7:21 "For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders,

7:22 "thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lewdness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness.

7:23 "All these evil things come from within and defile a man."

The heart of man consists of twelve wicked and unclean desires and the bitterness. If one is willingly sanctified by the true teaching word, the heart will be filled with twelve loaves or the word which will sanctify our life repetitively.

It continues to the sanctification from the deeds of sin up to the peak, so we only do the holy and good ones which please God and other people.

Then it continues to the sanctification to the marriage, so it becomes righteous, holy, and one.

Finally, the sanctification to the mouth happens, so we can say yes if yes and no if no and there is no lie anymore.

So, Jesus will dwell in our life. It means that He is responsible over our life.

- The dead body.

Matthew 8:21-22

8:21 Then another of His disciples said to Him, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father."

8:22 But Jesus said to him, "Follow Me, and let the dead bury their own dead."

The signs are as follows:

- a. One is not faithful in serving and ministering to God; even he leaves it.
- b. One does not change, but keeps the sinful fleshly man that is rotten, broken and perishing.

2 Timothy 3:1-5

3:1 But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come.

3:2 For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

3:3 unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good,

3:4 traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God,

3:5 having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!

Although one serves to God, but if he rejects its power, namely the sword of the word of God and the cross, he will not change, but keep the fleshly man with eighteen characteristics of the flesh which start from being egoistic or having no love to other people until he does not obey the word or having no love of God. His life will be stamped with 666 and he becomes the same as Antichrist.

The true teaching word and the cross are able to change us from the fleshly man to the spiritual one like Jesus, so we can obey and love God more than anything. If we can love God, we can also love other people.

- The winds and waves in the midst of the sea of the world.

Matthew 8:23-27

8:23 Now when He got into a boat, His disciples followed Him.

8:24 And suddenly a great tempest arose on the sea, so that the boat was covered with the waves. But He was asleep.

8:25 Then His disciples came to Him and awoke Him, saying, "Lord, save us! We are perishing!"

8:26 But He said to them, "Why are you fearful, O you of little faith?" Then He arose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm.

8:27 So the men marveled, saying, "Who can this be, that even the winds and the sea obey Him?"

The wind refers to the false teaching, gossip, and slander. It makes man lose the direction to the New Jerusalem.

The waves refer to the sins up to the peak, namely the sins of eating-drinking and the sins of marrying-being given in marriage. It also refers to the impossible problems in all aspects.

The winds and waves are blown by Abaddon and Apollyon with the power of death to drown the boat of our life, so we depart from faith and do not reach the harbor of peace or the New Jerusalem.

1 Peter 1:6-7

1:6 In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials,

1:7 that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

God permits the winds and waves to come as trials of faith so that our faith increases until it is the same as the pure gold, so we can welcome His second coming and enter the New Jerusalem, whose way is made of gold.

Matthew 8:24

8:24 And suddenly a great tempest arose on the sea, so that the boat was covered with the waves. But He was asleep.

The winds and waves come suddenly. There are three things which must be paid attention to as follows:

- a. Jesus must always dwell in the boat of our life.
The matter of the boat is drowned or not does not depend on how big the boat is or the waves but on the matter whether there is Jesus in it or not.

Jesus must always dwell in our life. It means that we must always be in the service and ministry to God.

Revelation 17:14

17:14 "These will make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, for He is Lord of lords and King of kings; and those who are with Him are called, chosen, and faithful."

- b. Do not be afraid or doubtful.

Matthew 8:26

8:26 But He said to them, "Why are you fearful, O you of little faith?" Then He arose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm.

Being fearful and doubtful is the greatest wave which can drown ones into the sea of the world and the sea of the fire and brimstone or hell forever.

Revelation 21:8

21:8 "But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."

Matthew 14:29-31

14:29 So He said, "Come." And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus.

14:30 But when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!"

14:31 And immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?"

If a pastor is doubtful, the whole congregation will be drowned.

If a father is doubtful, the whole marriage will be drowned.

Mark 9:22-24

9:22 "And often he has thrown him both into the fire and into the water to destroy him. But if You can do anything, have compassion on us and help us."

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

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

If one is doubtful, his child will be epileptic.

Therefore, let us hope only to one true teaching word from now.

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?"

Martha faced Lazarus who had died four days. If a woman or mother does not believe God, her marriage will be rotten.

But, if we believe one true teaching word, we will see the glory of God.

- c. The source of help for us is only Jesus.

Matthew 8:24-25

8:24 And suddenly a great tempest arose on the sea, so that the boat was covered with the waves. But He was asleep.

8:25 Then His disciples came to Him and awoke Him, saying, "Lord, save us! We are perishing!"

Hebrews 2:14-18

2:14 Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil,

2:15 and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

2:16 For indeed He does not give aid to angels, but He does give aid to the seed of Abraham.

2:17 Therefore, in all things He had to be made like His brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.

2:18 For in that He Himself has suffered, being tempted, He is able to aid those who are tempted.

Jesus has died and risen to set us free from death or Abaddon and Apollyon. He can help us in due time. In the midst of the winds and waves, let us surrender and cry out only to God. He will stretch His hand to help us in due time. The thing which has been drowned will be lifted up, the decreased thing will be healed, and the fallen one will be helped. .

Psalms 107:30

107:30 Then they are glad because they are quiet; So He guides them to their desired haven.

We are sanctified and renewed to become honest, strong, and courageous until we can welcome His second coming on the glorious clouds and enter the harbor of peace or the New Jerusalem.

God blesses you.