General Service in Malang, May 14, 2023 (Sunday Morning)

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

Revelation chapter 19-20 refers to the second coming of Jesus as the King of all kings [verse 6], the Heavenly Bridegroom [verse 7], the true and faithful High Priest [verse 11-16], and the just Judge [Revelation 19:17 to Revelation 20]. When Jesus comes a second time, there are two possibilities as follows:

- 1. The Church that has been ready and as perfect as Jesus is must be lifted up to meet Jesus on the glorious clouds and enter the Paradise or the New Jerusalem.
- 2. The people who do not believe Jesus or those who do not get the redemption from sins by the blood of Jesus, but keep on living in sins up to the peak, including the Church that is not ready must meet Jesus as the most just Judge who punishes and destroys.

Mark 7:37

7:37 And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, "He has done all things well. He makes both the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

Now, in the time of preparation or God's longsuffering or mercy, Jesus is working with His love for repairing the corrupted ears and mouth of the Church.

It is the same as Jesus' preparing the Church to enter the revival of Holy Spirit at the latter rain or the edification of the perfect Christ's body [Mark 8 is about the second breaking bread], so the Church can be the perfect body of Christ that is ready for welcoming Jesus' second coming.

Actually, there are two kinds of breaking bread or the revival of Holy Spirit as follows:

1. [Mark 14:13-21] The first breaking bread or the revival of Holy Spirit at the early rain.

The five loaves and two fish were for feeding the five thousand men.

The bread refers to the Word. The number five refers to the five main wounds of Jesus on the cross for redeeming us from sins or saving the sinners.

The fish refers to the anointing of Holy Spirit.

Thus, the five loaves and two fish refer to the Word in the anointing of Holy Spirit for saving the sinners, the Gospel Word, the gospel of salvation, or the Good News.

Thus, the revival of Holy Spirit at the early rain is in the gospel Word which preaches Jesus' first coming to the world as the only sinless man who must die on the cross for saving the sinners. The signs of salvation are as follows:

- Having faith or believing Jesus as the only Savior.
- Repenting, stopping sinning, or being dead to sin.
- Being renewed of water and Spirit or being baptized of water and Holy Spirit. We live in the righteousness and get the salvation and blessings of God.

2. [Matthew 15:32-39] The second breaking bread or the revival of Holy Spirit at the latter rain.

The seven loaves and some fish were for feeding the four thousand men.

The bread refers to the Word of God. The number seven refers to the perfection.

The fish refers to Holy Spirit.

Thus, the seven loaves and some fish refer to the Word in the anointing of Holy Spirit for sanctifying the people who have been saved and perfected like Jesus or the true teaching Word which is sharper than any two-edged sword, or the Bride Tidings.

Thus, the revival of Holy Spirit at the latter rain refers to the revival in the teaching Word that preaches Jesus' second coming in the glory as the King of all kings or the Heavenly Bridegroom for sanctifying the people who have been saved until being as perfect as Jesus is or the bride who is ready for welcoming Jesus' second coming on the glorious clouds.

Thus, in the preparation time, the Church must enter the revival of Holy Spirit at the early rain in the gospel Word or the milk and the revival of Holy Spirit at the latter rain or the teaching Word or solid food.

Where can we find the two kinds of spiritual food or the revival of Holy Spirit?

Psalm 23:1-2,5

23:1 <<A Psalm of David.>> The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
23:2 He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters.
23:5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over.

We can find the double food in the shepherding pen as follows:

- 1. [verse 2] The green pasture and still water refer to the gospel Word in the anointing of Holy Spirit for saving the sinners and making the salvation and righteousness firm, so we can live in serenity.
- 2. [verse 5] The table that means the solid food and the anointing oil refer to the teaching Word in the anointing of Holy Spirit for growing up our spirituality and sanctifying us from all sins until we are as perfect as Jesus is or the bride who is ready for welcoming Jesus' second coming and entering the heavenly kingdom or the last shepherding pen.

The duty of a pastor is feeding doubly for preparing the congregation to be the bride of God and lifting up the intercession prayer for caring the congregation.

Proverbs 28:9

28:9 One who turns away his ear from hearing the law, Even his prayer is an abomination.

The prayer of a pastor who does not want to feed the congregation is an abomination or it is not answered by God.

1 Timothy 5:17

5:17 Let the elders who rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in the word and doctrine.

The pastor who feeds the congregation doubly, namely by preaching the gospel and teaching like the example of Jesus, must be counted worthy of double honor.

Matthew 11:1

11:1 Now it came to pass, when Jesus finished commanding His twelve disciples, that He departed from there to teach and to preach in their cities.

Hebrews 13:17

13:17 Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you.

It means giving honor and obeying the pastor through the voice of the shepherd of the Shepherding Word. The congregation will receive the double results as follows:

- 1. The covering of protection or salvation from the intercession prayer of the shepherd in the world and Jesus or the Great Shepherd.
- 2. 'I shall not want'
 - Psalm 23:1

23:1 <<A Psalm of David.>> The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

It means receiving the preservation directly from God as the Great Shepherd. Physically, we are preserved in abundance, so we can give thanks and become blessings for others. Spiritually, we can live in righteousness and holiness until we do not lack of anything or we are blameless or as perfect as Jesus is.

Who must be shepherded?

- 1. All ministers of God must be shepherded whether they are pastors, apostles, prophets, evangelists, teachers, and so on.
- 2. The natives of Israel and the Gentiles.

Matthew 15:24-28

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.

It is through eating the crumbs or the revelation of the Word and Holy Communion.

If the Israelites and Gentiles can be shepherded well and correctly, they will be able to enter the fellowship of the body of Christ to be one perfect body of Christ. Thus, the true fellowship of the body of Christ is for eating the true teaching Word that is able to unite and make us joyful. It starts from the marriage, shepherding, inter-shepherding, and so on.

The position of ones who are not shepherded is as follows:

- 1. Israel became like the lost sheep that could not easily look for food; even they were chased by the beasts or had no serenity in life.
- 2. The life of the Gentiles suffered severely, especially in the marriage and children, namely living like dog and swine until perishing forever.

The dog licking vomit refers to the meaningless words, lies, gossips, and slanders.

The swine returning to the wallowing in the mire means living in sins up to the peak.

The suffering without the true teaching Word is in the death.

There are three functions of the double Shepherding Word or the two times of breaking bread as follows:

1. For facing the double famine on the last days that peaks on the time when the Antichrist reigns over the world for three and a half years.

Amos 8:11-14

8:11 "Behold, the days are coming," says the Lord GOD, "That I will send a <u>famine</u>on the land, Not a famine of bread, Nor a thirst for water, But <u>of hearing the words of the LORD</u>.

8:12 They shall wander from sea to sea, And from north to east; They shall run to and fro, seeking the word of the LORD, But shall not find it.

8:13 "In that day the fair virgins And strong young men Shall faint from thirst.

8:14 Those who swear by the sin of Samaria, Who say, 'As your god lives, O Dan!' And, 'As the way of Beersheba lives!' They shall fall and never rise again."

Satan deceives the sins or servants of God doubly as follows:

- Wandering for looking for money, knowledge, and so on until being unable to eat the Word. Consequently, they
 enter the spiritual famine or drought or dissatisfaction. The signs are murmuring, grumbling, never giving thanks,
 and looking for the satisfaction in the world until falling in sins.
- Satan deceives the sons or servants of God who have been hungry for wandering to look for the Word, but not finding it. Consequently, they fall and do not rise anymore or depart from faith. It means keeping on committing sins up to the peak until perishing forever.

The double shepherding Word refers to the stretching of the two merciful or powerful hands of God to preserve us until we do not lack of anything physically and spiritually.

2. For facing the wind and waves in the sea of the world.

Matthew 14:24,29-31

14:24 But the boat was now in the middle of the sea, tossed by the <u>waves</u>, for the <u>wind</u>was contrary.

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,

14:30 But when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was atraid; 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?"

The wind refers to the false teachings and gossips.

The wave refers to the problems or temptations in all aspect of life.

The wind and waves are blown by Satan with the power of the death for drowning the boat of our life physically and spiritually until decreasing and perishing.

God lets us to start drowning so that we can lift up our hands to Him and return to the true shepherding Word as well as cry out to Him. As a result, the hands of God are able to lift us up in time of need. It means as follows:

- $\circ~$ Changing our doubt into believing God and being strong and of good courage.
- Lifting us up from physical and spiritual deterioration. The failure is changed into success and beauty in time of need.

- $\circ~$ Using us in the revival of Holy Spirit at the latter rain.
- 3. For facing the double sickness, namely the physical and spiritual one.

Matthew 14:35-36

14:35 And when the men of that place recognized Him, they sent out into all that surrounding region, brought to Him all who were sick,

14:36 and begged Him that they might only touch the hem of His garment. And as many as touched it were made perfectly well.

The merciful hands of God touch us for restoring us from the physical and spiritual sickness, including the deaf and mute. The deaf refers to not being able to hear the Word. It is healed until being able to hear the true teaching Word. The mute refers to the meaningless words such as lies, gossip, and slander. It is changed into honesty.

As a result, God stretches out His hands for finishing all impossible problems and making all things good up to the perfection.

God blesses you.