

General Service in Malang, November 01, 2015 (Sunday Morning)

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

Revelation 3:14-22 is about the church of the Laodiceans.

Revelation 3:15-16

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.

The church of the Laodiceans or the church in the last days is lukewarm spiritually, that is neither being cold nor hot, neither being defeated nor victorious, neither being dead nor resurrected. It equals to the condition of the mother in law of Peter who is sick with a fever.

Matthew 8:14-15

8:14 Now when Jesus had come into Peter's house, He saw his wife's mother lying sick with a fever.

8:15 So He touched her hand, and the fever left her. And she arose and served them.

A mother in law refers to old life.

The task of a mother in law is preparing the bride.

Thus, in spiritual meaning, the mother in law of Peter refers to the servants of God who have already known Bride Tidings or the teaching Word that is sharper than any two-edged sword for a long time.

There are two types of the preaching of the Word as follows.

1. Gospel Word to bring sinful lives to believe Jesus and be saved.
2. The teaching Word that is sharper than any two-edged sword sanctifies lives that have been saved, to be prepared to become the bride of God.

The mother in law of Peter who is sick with a fever refers to the servant of God who has known Bride Tidings for a long time, but is lukewarm to it. It means being doubtful to Bride Tidings because of being wavered by the other teachings. It equals to not holding fast and being disobedient to the true teaching Word, even rejecting it.

Deuteronomy 28:15,22

28:15 "But it shall come to pass, if you do not obey the voice of the Lord your God, to observe carefully all His commandments and His statutes which I command you today, that all these curses will come upon you and overtake you:

28:22 The Lord will strike you with consumption, with fever, with inflammation, with severe burning fever, with the sword, with scorching, and with mildew; they shall pursue you until you perish.

The consequence of being lukewarm is being vomited [Revelation 3:16]. It equals to being cursed and destroyed.

There are three things that cause curse and perdition as follows.

1. Deceiving or robbing the belongings of God, that is tithe and special offering.

Malachi 3:8-9

3:8 "Will a man rob God? Yet you have robbed Me! But you say, 'In what way have we robbed You?' In tithes and offerings.

3:9 You are cursed with a curse, For you have robbed Me, Even this whole nation.

The cause of robbing the belongings of God is the heart that is controlled by the lust of money. If we hold fast and obey the true teaching Word, we will be sanctified from the lust of money, so we can return tithe and special offering that belong to God with joy.

Tithe is confession that we have been blessed by God as well as confession that all things that we have belong to God and cannot be disturbed by anyone else.

The base of tithe is righteousness, that is one-tenth of the blessings that we receive.

Special offering is our gratitude to God who has blessed us. It equals to giving for the work of God.

The base of special offering is willingness by the encouragement of the Word.

Why are there tithe and special offering?

Malachi 3:10

3:10 Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, *That there may be food in My house, And try Me now in this," Says the Lord of hosts, "If I will not open for you the windows of heaven And pour out for you such blessing That there will not be room enough to receive it.*

There is tithe so there is spiritual food in the house of God, and we live from His Word.

Luke 6:38

6:38 Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you."

If we can give special offering, we will be given Holy Spirit.

By returning tithe and special offering, it means we live from the Word and Holy Spirit. It equals to the two-wings of a great eagle that is a great gain from God more than everything.

Revelation 12:14

12:14 But the woman was given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness to her place, where she is nourished for a time and times and half a time, from the presence of the serpent.

The two wings of a great eagle will fly us to the wilderness far from the eye of antichrist who will reign in the earth for three years and a half. We will be protected and nourished directly by God through the teaching Word and Holy Communion. Bible Study Service with Holy Communion is our exercise for the evacuation.

If one robs the tithe and special offering, he does not have the two wings of a great eagle and will be left on the days of antichrist. He will live in curse up to eternal perdition.

2. Being unwilling to give and visit the others who are in need, either physically or spiritually.

Matthew 25:41-46

25:41 "Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels:

25:42 for I was hungry and you gave Me no food; I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink;

25:43 I was a stranger and you did not take Me in, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.'

25:44 "Then they also will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?'

25:45 Then He will answer them, saying, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.'

25:46 And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Why does it happen? It is because the heart is controlled by egoism or priority to one self.

If we hold fast the true teaching Word and obey it, our heart will be sanctified from egoism, so we can give and visit the others who are in need, either physically or spiritually. The others are started from within marriage, shepherding, inter-shepherding, until the Israelites and the Gentiles become one perfect body of Christ.

Matthew 25:34

25:34 Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:

If we are willing to give and visit the others, the result is God blesses us. We live in the ambience of the Heaven. When Jesus comes a second time, we live in the eternal Kingdom of Heaven forever.

3. Not loving God.

1 Corinthians 16:22

16:22 If anyone does not love the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be accursed. O Lord, come!

John 14:15

14:15 "If you love Me, keep My commandments.

Loving God means obeying all His commands and obeying the true teaching Word.

Not loving God means disobeying and rejecting the true teaching Word.

2 Corinthians 4:3-4

4:3 But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing,

4:4 whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.

Rejecting the true teaching Word or the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ means being unable to see Jesus' second coming on the glorious clouds.

Matthew 24:27

24:27 For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes to the west, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.

Matthew 7:26

7:26 "But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand:

One who rejects the Word is as a foolish and unwise man who builds a house on the sand. The consequence is it will collapse, meaning his life will be cursed and destroyed.

Matthew 25:3,10-12

25:3 Those who were foolish took their lamps and took no oil with them,

25:10 And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding; and the door was shut.

25:11 "Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, Lord, open to us!'

25:12 But he answered and said, 'Assuredly, I say to you, I do not know you.'

One who rejects the Word is as five foolish virgins who do not take oil for supply. Thus, they are left when Jesus comes. Their lives are cursed and destroyed forever.

Where does the oil for supply to make our lamp keep burning come from?

- From sanctification of sin up to its peak by the work of the sword of the Word.
- Shutting the door, meaning worshiping God more.

2 Kings 4:1-7

4:1 A certain woman of the wives of the sons of the prophets cried out to Elisha, saying, "Your servant my husband is dead, and you know that your servant feared the Lord. And the creditor is coming to take my two sons to be his slaves."

4:2 So Elisha said to her, "What shall I do for you? Tell me, what do you have in the house?" And she said, "Your maidservant has nothing in the house but a jar of oil."

4:3 Then he said, "Go, borrow vessels from everywhere, from all your neighbors--empty vessels; do not gather just a few."

4:4 And when you have come in, you shall shut the door behind you and your sons; then pour it into all those vessels, and set aside the full ones."

4:5 So she went from him and shut the door behind her and her sons, who brought the vessels to her; and she poured it out.

4:6 Now it came to pass, when the vessels were full, that she said to her son, "Bring me another vessel." And he said to her, "There is not another vessel." So the oil ceased.

4:7 Then she came and told the man of God. And he said, "Go, sell the oil and pay your debt; and you and your sons live on the rest."

Matthew 6:6

6:6 But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly.

The term "shutting the door" means worship prayer is a private relationship with God. We pour our heart only to God. We only see God, and not the others. We only believe and put our hope to the mercy and grace of God.

Accordingly, God will stretch out His hands and pour the oil of Holy Spirit. The usefulness of the anointing oil of Holy Spirit is as follows.

- Paying all debt of sins, tidying up all things that are in chaos.

- Giving harmony or unity, starting from within marriage, shepherding, inter-shepherding.

Psalm 133:1-3

133:1 Behold, how good and how pleasant it is--“For brethren to dwell together in unity!

133:2 It is like the precious oil upon the head, Running down on the beard,--“The beard of Aaron, Running down on the edge of his garments.

133:3 It is like the dew of Hermon,--“Descending upon the mountains of Zion; For there the Lord commanded the blessing--“Life forevermore.

Harmony in God means having one mind and one mouth.

Romans 15:5-6

15:5 Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus,

15:6 that you may with one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

If there is harmony, God will command blessing and care our life starting from now up to the eternal life.

- For waiting Jesus' second coming, so the lamp keeps burning.

It means we experience life renewal from the flesh man to the spiritual one as Jesus.

- a. Being honest, that is daring to confess the right things and daring to confess all faults and sins to God and the others. If we are forgiven, we must not repeat them. If we are honest, we will become the house of prayer and Satan cannot touch us.
- b. Being strong and of good courage to wait for Jesus' second coming. We do not become desperate and disappointed. We do not leave God whatever we face. We are not weary and heavy laden. We are not stumbled whatever we face. We keep being faithful and fervent in spirit in the ministry until His second coming. We keep worshiping Him, believing and putting our hope to Him.

The example is Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego who keep being honest and worshiping God. Thus, God will solve all problems. All things become successful and beautiful in His time, even perfect on His second coming.

God blesses us.