

General Service in Malang, November 02, 2014 (Sunday Morning)

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

Revelation 2-3 in the pattern of the Tabernacle is about the seven sprinklings of blood in front of the Ark of Covenant. It equals to the seven letters that are aimed to the seven churches of the Gentiles or the congregation in the last days. The seven sprinklings of blood means the flesh suffering together with Jesus or the last sanctification to the seven churches of the Gentiles or the congregation in the last days until we are perfect and blameless as Jesus.

We are still learning about the church of Ephesus.

Revelation 2:4-5

2:4 Nevertheless I have this against you, that you have left your first love.

2:5 Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the first works, or else I will come to you quickly and remove your lampstand from its place "unless you repent."

The church of Ephesus is great, but God reproaches them. It is the last sanctification to the church of Ephesus, because they leave the first love. The first love is the love of God through the sacrifice of Christ.

The consequence of leaving the first love is falling into the deep pit, as written in Matthew 12:9-11.

Matthew 12:9-11

12:9 Now when He had departed from there, He went into their synagogue.

12:10 And behold, there was a man who had a withered hand. And they asked Him, saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?" that they might accuse Him.

12:11 Then He said to them, "What man is there among you who has one sheep, and if it falls into a pit on the Sabbath, will not lay hold of it and lift it out?"

One who leaves the first love is as a sheep that falls into a pit, or as one with withered hand in the synagogue. It refers to the servant of God who is dry and dies spiritually.

The right hand is related to the position of Jesus on the right side of the throne of Father God, as the High Priest and Great Shepherd who serves the ministry of reconciliation. A withered right hand means the ministry has no relation with Jesus as the High Priest who sits on the right side of the throne of Father God. It means the ministry is without the presence of Jesus as the High Priest, without the true teaching Word that is sharper than any two-edged sword.

The practices of having a withered right hand or losing the presence of the High Priest in a ministry are as follows.

1. Ministering faintly, meaning as follows.

- Being unserious and unholy, being without the anointing of Holy Spirit and without giving a full attention.
- Being lukewarm.

Revelation 3:15-17

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.

3:17 Because you say, "I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing" and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked"

Not being cold means having no peace and ministering with envy, hatred without any reasons, fear, and worry.

Not being hot means not being faithful and fervent in spirit.

Being neither cold nor hot equals to neither dying nor resurrecting. It means not being renewed, not experiencing life renewal but keeping on preserving flesh man with the attitude.

A lukewarm life will only be satisfied with physical matter and ignore the spiritual one, that is the true teaching Word.

The consequence is the spiritual life is as vomit, meaning it becomes a filthiness and impurity for God.

2. Being unable to give, or being stingy and greedy.

Matthew 6:3-4

6:3 But when you do a charitable deed, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing,

6:4 that your charitable deed may be in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will Himself reward you openly.

Being stingy means being unable to give and visit the others who are in need and to give for the work of God.

Being greedy means seizing the belonging of God, that is the tithe and special offering.

Being stingy and greedy means the house of God is managed with the spirit of selling and buying, which is the spirit of antichrist. Thus, one is sealed with 666 and becomes the belonging of the antichrist that will be destroyed forever.

3. Being unable to worship God.

Psalm 141:2

141:2 Let my prayer be set before You as incense, The lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

If one cannot worship God, he will grumble, blame the others, deny even blaspheme God, and blame the true teaching Word.

Revelation 9:2-3

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.

The consequence is falling into the bottomless pit and associating with the evil and unclean spirits that drive one to look for fake satisfactions in the world. He will fall in Babylon sins, namely sins concerning eating-drinking and marrying-being given in a marriage. These will bring him to the rest of death. Be careful because now many fake satisfactions in the world are brought to the house of God, so it becomes the den of thieves and the rest of death that leads to everlasting perdition.

As long as the Word of God is prioritized in the ministry, the evil and unclean spirits will not be able to enter the house of God.

The way of God to help is through preaching the true teaching Word that is sharper than any two-edged sword two times.

1. "Arise and stand here"

Luke 6:8

6:8 But He knew their thoughts, and said to the man who had the withered hand, "Arise and stand here." And he arose and stood.

It means the true teaching word is able to give back the position of a priest or servant of God to the true one, that is in the middle. Standing in the middle means as follows.

- Standing between Jesus and the congregation to join the ministry of reconciliation.
- Returning to the Holy Place or the shepherding pen.

There are three types of equipment in the Holy Place that refer to perseverance in three main services as follows.

- The Golden Candlestick refers to perseverance in General Service. We have fellowship with Holy Spirit God in His gifts. The sheep is drinking.
- The Table of Showbread refers to perseverance in Bible Study Service and Holy Communion. We have fellowship with the Son of God in the true teaching Word and the sacrifice of Christ. The sheep is eating.
- The Golden Altar of Incense refers to perseverance in Prayer Service. We have fellowship with Father God in His love. The sheep is breathing.

In the shepherding pen, we experience spiritual growth and revival. The power of the true teaching Word is able to lift up and move the sheep that has fallen into the deep pit to the shepherding pen.

We must go through the narrow gate to enter the shepherding pen. It refers to the tearing of the flesh. But afterward our life will be beautiful forever.

Psalm 23:1-2

23:1 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.

The result is we experience the true rest and satisfaction from Heaven, so everything becomes easy and light. Everything will be beautiful in His time.

"I shall not want" means God cares us abundantly until we give thanks to Him. Spiritually, we are also sanctified until we are perfect and blameless as Him.

2. "Stretch out your hand"

Luke 6:10

6:10 And when He had looked around at them all, He said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." And he did so, and his hand was restored as whole as the other.

Stretching out our hands means being obedient to the true teaching Word although it is irrational and not according to our logic. It equals to fully surrendering our life to God and worshiping Him. Thus, God will also stretch out His hands to us, so we experience His power and miracle.

- The healing power is able to heal all physical illness no matter how impossible it is. God also heals spiritual illness, so our ministry can please Him.
- The resurrection power helps the broken marriage and wipes every tear and suffering in a marriage.
- The renewal power. It is started with being humble and gentle.
Being humble is the ability to confess our sins. If we are forgiven, we must not repeat the sins.
Being gentle is the ability to forgive and forget the sins of the others.
Thus the blood of Jesus will erase all our sins and tears. The last miracle is we will be renewed to become as glorious as Him. We sit together with Him on the right side of the throne of Father God and there are no more tears.

God blesses us.