

General Service in Malang, October 10, 2021 (Sunday Morning)

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

Revelation 14 refers to the seven sprinklings of blood in front of the Ark of Covenant. It refers to the suffering of the church's following Jesus. It is the last purification up to Mount Zion or the perfection.

Revelation 14:1

14:1. Then I looked, and behold, a Lamb standing on Mount Zion, and with Him one hundred and forty-four thousand, having His Father's name written on their foreheads.

Do not be afraid! Having the sprinkling of blood means that we are climbing up to the mountain, so we experience the increase of purification, strength, and blessing. We have the sign of blood, so Satan cannot touch and hinder us to go to Mount Zion.

In Revelation 14:2-5 there are seven facts about our following Jesus up to Mount Zion as follows:

1. [Revelation 14:2a] *like the voice of many waters.*
2. [Revelation 14:2b] *like the voice of loud thunder.*
3. [Revelation 14:2c] *the sound of harpists.*
4. [Revelation 14:3] *a new song.*
5. [Revelation 14:4a] *they are virgins.*
6. [Revelation 14:4b] *being firstfruits to God.*
7. [Revelation 14:5] *in their mouth was found no deceit = for they are without fault.*

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Revelation 14:5

14:5. And in their mouth was found no deceit, for they are without fault before the throne of God.

The quality of having no deceit or being without fault is the perfection like Jesus. Such life can reach the New Jerusalem.

Isaiah 28:15

28:15. Because you have said, "We have made a covenant with death, And with Sheol we are in agreement. When the overflowing scourge passes through, It will not come to us, For we have made lies our refuge, And under falsehood we have hidden ourselves."

On the last days, there are many churches of God that hide themselves under falsehood. It looks like safe, but actually they have made a covenant with death or perdition. At this time, there are many people who hide themselves under falsehood, including about the ministry to God.

There are two hiding places of the church of God as follows:

1. **The negative attitude, namely hiding under falsehood.**

Jeremiah 9:5-6

9:5. Everyone will deceive his neighbor, And will not speak the truth; They have taught their tongue to speak lies; They weary themselves to commit iniquity.

9:6. Your dwelling place is in the midst of deceit; Through deceit they refuse to know Me," says the LORD.

They have taught their tongue to speak lies. It means that lies become habitual or automatic sin, so the dwelling place is in the midst of deceit. Such lives weary themselves to commit iniquity although there is a chance up to being unable to repent. It means keeping the spot and sin, and being unable to become perfect. Such life becomes the same as Satan, the father of liars who is perfect in evil and uncleanness. He cannot reach Mount Zion or the quality of being perfect.

Revelation 22:15

22:15. But outside are dogs and sorcerers and sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and whoever loves and practices a lie.

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."

The true church ascends to Mount Zion, but those who hide under falsehood will descend up to drowning in the lake of fire and brimstone or the hell or the second death.

2. The positive attitude, namely hiding in the clefts of the rock.

Song of Solomon 2:14

2:14. "O my dove, in the clefts of the rock, In the secret places of the cliff, Let me see your face, Let me hear your voice; For your voice is sweet, And your face is lovely."

Exodus 33:18,21-23

33:18. And he said, "Please, show me Your glory."

33:21. And the LORD said, "Here is a place by Me, and you shall stand on the rock.

33:22. "So it shall be, while My glory passes by, that I will put you in the cleft of the rock, and will cover you with My hand while I pass by.

33:23. "Then I will take away My hand, and you shall see My back; but My face shall not be seen."

Hiding in the clefts of the rock is like Moses who saw God's glory. The hiding place of the church of God is the same as the hiding place of Moses when he saw God's glory from the back.

The facts found in it are as follows:

- We stand on the rock (verse 21) which is close to Mount Zion. Do not be close to the valley! God as the rock means that He is a Shepherd.

Genesis 49:24

49:24. But his bow remained in strength, And the arms of his hands were made strong By the hands of the Mighty God of Jacob (From there is the Shepherd, the Stone of Israel),

Our attitude is that we are firm in the true shepherding. We may not be shaken. We are always in the sheepfold, namely the perseverance in committing the three kinds of main service to God, so we have fellowship with the Trinity of God. Our body, soul, and spirit attach to the Trinity of God, so we cannot be touched by the trinity of Satan. We cannot be made fall into sins up to the peak. We cannot be deceived by false teaching. Our following Jesus can increase in righteousness, holiness, and perfection. In the sheepfold, we are close to God, so we can find the quietest place. We experience peace, so all things become easy and light although in the midst of the shaking world.

- Being in the clefts of the rock and covered by God's hand.
The rock refers to the pure Word of God which is not added and taken away.
The rock refers to God's Himself. The pure Word of God is God's Himself.

Exodus 33:22

33:22. "So it shall be, while My glory passes by, that I will put you in the cleft of the rock, and will cover you with My hand while I pass by.

2 Samuel 22:31-33

22:31. As for God, His way is perfect; The word of the LORD is proven; He is a shield to all who trust in Him.

22:32. "For who is God, except the LORD? And who is a rock, except our God?

22:33. God is my strength and power, And He makes my way perfect.

The rock refers to the bible or Word of God.

The clefts of the rock refer to the verses in the Bible where we can be put.

God's hands refer to the power of Holy Spirit who gives the revelation of the Word through a verse that explains the other verses in the Holy Bible.

For example, the term of "whoever" can be changed with our own name.

John 3:16

3:16. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever [change to our name]believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

1 John 2:5

2:5. But whoever [change to our name]keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him [change to our name]. By this we know that we are in Him.

So, we must always be in the revelation of the true and pure teaching Word.

So, the hiding place of the church of God is in the shepherding which is brought up by the true teaching Word. We are shepherded in the true teaching Word like a branch that abides in the true vine.

As a result, we will surely bear sweet grape fruits. We can enjoy the true shepherding. Make the shepherding as the most pleasant or sweetest place (Nain)! Sooner or later, God as the Great Shepherd will make our life happy and sweet. All of bitter things will become sweet in due time. We just wait the time of God.

On the contrary, getting bored and feeling forced and tormented in the true shepherding is the same as going out of Nain to go towards the tombs. It means that we live in torment, weep, weariness, and heavy burden up to perdition.

Moses saw God's glory from the back, so he could write the first five books in the Bible, including the things and God's miraculous deeds that had happened before he was born.

Revelation 1:10,12-14,16

1:10. I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day, and I heard behind me a loud voice, as of a trumpet,

1:12. Then I turned to see the voice that spoke with me. And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands,

1:13. and in the midst of the seven lampstands One like the Son of Man, clothed with a garment down to the feet and girded about the chest with a golden band.

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

1:16. He had in His right hand seven stars, out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword, and His countenance was like the sun shining in its strength.

In the hiding place at Patmos, John the apostle saw Jesus' face in the glory. He could hear and see the strong voice of the trumpet. It was the experience in the shepherding, so he could see God's face in the glory. John the apostle could write the last five books in the Bible, including the things that will happen in the future.

Luke 2:20

2:20. Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told them.

In our following God on the last days, we must hide under the true shepherding with the true teaching, so we can see God's heart with His mercy and goodness (the key of David). It is like the experience of David in the shepherding.

Psalms 23:1-6

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.

23:3. He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake.

23:4. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

23:5. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over.

23:6. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the LORD Forever.

Every our heart beat is God's mercy and goodness. No matter how bad the situation that makes us disappointed, let us give thanks as long as we can breathe, because there are still God's mercy and goodness.

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1 Samuel 16:6-12

16:6. So it was, when they came, that he looked at Eliab and said, "Surely the LORD'S anointed is before Him."

16:7. But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look at his appearance or at the height of his stature, because I have refused him. For the LORD does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."

16:8. So Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one."

16:9. Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one."

16:10. Thus Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. And Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen these."

16:11. And Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all the young men here?" Then he said, "There remains yet the youngest, and there he is, keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him. For we will not sit down till he comes here."

16:12. So he sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, with bright eyes, and good-looking. And the LORD said, "Arise, anoint

him; for this is the one!"

One who is not shepherded can look great before men, but God chooses one who is shepherded.

David who was shepherded was ruddy, with bright eyes, good-looking, and in sweet voice.

1. Being ruddy means that one experiences double purification. It refers to the Table of Showbread, namely the perseverance in committing the Bible Study Service and Holy Communion. With the blood sign, we are purified, so Satan cannot touch us.

Colossians 3:5-9

3:5. Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.

3:6. Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience,

3:7. in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them.

3:8. But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth.

3:9. Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds,

The true teaching Word is ingrained through Holy Communion, so it can purify us physically from six carnal deeds and spiritually from six ingrained sinful attitudes. The result is that there is no more lie [Colossian 3:9, Revelation 14:5].

2. Having bright eyes, namely prioritizing God's field or the ministry to God more than anything. It is the same as ministering to God faithfully and fervently according to the ministry and Holy Spirit's gifts that God gives to us until the finish line.

Having bright eyes refers to the Golden Candlestick, namely the perseverance in committing the General Service. Holy Spirit works to give us His gift and anoints us, so we can minister faithfully and fervently.

One who has the tunic of many colors will not be ashamed. If we take off the robe of service, we will be naked and ashamed as well as embarrass parents, children, and God. Do not take off the tunic of many colors because of envy with others' robe. David could not walk when he wore Saul's armor. It means that our life cannot become beautiful.

3. We are good-looking by looking at Jesus' face in the glory, so we can experience the renewal of life. We look at Jesus' face in the worship. It refers to the Golden Altar of Incense.

David was renewed to become lowly in heart (confessing sin), gentle (forgiving others sin), and obedient until the flesh did not speak anymore. These are the added values of king David that God admits more than other kings.

Acts 13:22

13:22. "And when He had removed him, He raised up for them David as king, to whom also He gave testimony and said, 'I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after My own heart, who will do all My will.'"

In the worship, we look at Jesus' face or His heart with mercy and goodness, so we are changed to become lowly in heart, gentle, and obedient. We can worship God with the sweet voice or the voice of dove as well as giving thanks to God.

Nahum 2:7

2:7. It is decreed: She shall be led away captive, She shall be brought up; And her maidservants shall lead her as with the voice of doves, Beating their breasts.

God allows us being blessed, so we can worship Him with thanksgiving.

But, the voice of dove sometimes groans (we are in the death experience like Jesus who is stripped and left alone on the cross). Do not be desperate! The death experience is the time for us to groan to God.

God allows us experiencing death and resurrection songs to become the new song. One who is holy, faithful, and obedient can worship God and attract His presence to stretch out His hands of mercy and goodness to do great wonders for him.

Psalms 136:1-4

136:1. Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever.

136:2. Oh, give thanks to the God of gods! For His mercy endures forever.

136:3. Oh, give thanks to the Lord of lords! For His mercy endures forever:

136:4. To Him who alone does great wonders, For His mercy endures forever;

David (the Israelites) has ever worshipped God with sad voice when he cried and regretted his sin the Bathsheba. A woman of Canaan (the Gentiles) also worshiped God with sad voice to ask a healing for her daughter.

As a result, there are God's great mercy and goodness that are able to do great wonders and anything for us, namely helping, healing, lifting up from the valley of fall until we become perfect. We can greet Jesus' coming with saying: "*Alleluia*" on the glorious clouds until we enter the New Jerusalem forever.

God blesses us.