

General Service in Malang, October 17, 2021 (Sunday Morning)

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

Revelation 14:1-5 refers to the seven sprinklings of blood in front of the Ark of Covenant. It refers to the suffering of the church with Jesus. It is the last purification up to perfection. If we experience the sprinkling of blood, Satan will not be able to touch us, so we can experience the increase of purification, blessing, God's employment, and strength until the finish line, namely Mount Zion or the perfection.

Revelation 14:6-14 is about the proclamations of the punishment. If we do not follow Jesus earnestly, we will be punished and judged. But, if we follow Jesus earnestly in the sprinkling of blood, we will have the eternal life.

Revelation 14:6

14:6. Then I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth--to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people--

Exodus 23:20-22

23:20. "Behold, I send an Angel before you to keep you in the way and to bring you into the place which I have prepared.

23:21. "Beware of Him and obey His voice; do not provoke Him, for He will not pardon your transgressions; for My name is in Him.

23:22. "But if you indeed obey His voice and do all that I speak, then I will be an enemy to your enemies and an adversary to your adversaries.

Revelation 14:6 is about another Angel. In the Old Testament, God sends an Angel to preach the Word in the journey of the Israelites from Egypt to Canaan.

2 Peter 1:20-21

1:20. knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation,

1:21. for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.

An Angel who is sent by God refers to the shepherd who preaches the Words whose secret is revealed by Holy Spirit. It is the Word of God or God's own word.

The term of 'an Angel' refers to a shepherd who speaks on God's name.

It means as follows:

- Not being arrogant, but being humble, feeling unable, and only depending on God.
- Preaching the Word with preparation, not carelessly. The word from a shepherd determines up to the afterlife.
- Having full responsibility to God.

The Word of God which is preached by a shepherd is useful to protect us in our journey in the midst of barren wilderness of the world.

So, the ministry of a shepherd is the same as the one of an Angel.

Mark 1:12-13

1:12. Immediately the Spirit drove Him into the wilderness.

1:13. And He was there in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan, and was with the wild beasts; and the angels ministered to Him.

The wilderness refers to the world with the wild beasts. We cannot run to anywhere, but we must be firm in the true and correct shepherding, so we can experience the ministry of the angels who will protect us from the wild beasts in the wilderness like Jesus.

Revelation 14:6-13

14:6. Then I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth--to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people--

14:7. saying with a loud voice, "Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water."

14:8. And another angel followed, saying, "Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she has made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication."

14:9. Then a third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, "If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives his mark on his forehead or on his hand,

14:10. "he himself shall also drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out full strength into the cup of His indignation. He shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb.
 14:11. "And the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever; and they have no rest day or night, who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name."
 14:12. Here is the patience of the saints; here are those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.
 14:13. Then I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, "Write: 'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.'""Yes," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, and their works follow them."

There are three angels. They refer to three witnesses of God.

2 Corinthians 13:1

13:1. This will be the third time I am coming to you. "By the mouth of two or three witnesses every word shall be established."sa.

The first angel has the everlasting gospel. **There are three steps of the everlasting gospel as follows:**

1. **The gospel of salvation.**

Ephesians 1:13

1:13. In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise,

Proverbs 25:25

25:25. As cold water to a weary soul, So is good news from a far country.

The gospel of salvation preaches Jesus' first coming to the world to die on the cross and redeem the sinners.

The gospel of salvation is the same as the good news from a far country (heaven) or water for the sinner in the wilderness that is far from heaven and close to the hell. If one who is thirsty can drink the water from heaven and receive the gospel of salvation, he will surely be saved. He is not punished and destroyed, but experiencing the forgiveness from sin. He can repent and live in righteousness. The result is being saved and blessed by God.

2 Peter 3:9

3:9. The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

God is longsuffering toward the sinners to give the salvation to them. God does not create human to be punished, but they choose the false following because of hearing the false thing, so they become the sinners who must be destroyed and cursed.

The longsuffering of God means as follows:

- We still get the lengthening of our life.
- God has not come for the second time yet.

The longsuffering of God is useful to give the chance for the sinners to repent and live in righteousness, so they are saved. So, our main purpose in the world is repenting. If we do not repent, all the great things that we reach in the world will become in vain, because all of them just go to the curse up to perdition.

2. **The light of the gospel of the glory of Christ or the Bride Tidings or the true teaching Word that is sharper than any two-edged sword.**

The gospel of salvation must be increased, so our following Jesus can increase up to Mount Zion. The gospel of salvation just helps and wakes those who are thirsty in the wilderness, but they cannot go to the mount.

2 Corinthians 4:4

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.

Revelation 19:6-9

19:6. And I heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude, as the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty thunderings, saying, "Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns!"

19:7. "Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready."

19:8. And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.

19:9. Then he said to me, "Write: 'Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!'" And he said to me, "These are the true sayings of God."

We need the teaching Word that preaches God's second coming in the glory as the King of kings to purify the congregation up to the perfection on Mount Zion.

3. The everlasting gospel, namely the shepherding Word.

Revelation 14:6

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The everlasting gospel is the good news and the Bride Tidings. It is the double Words of God or the shepherding ones. The everlasting gospel must be preached to the Israelites and Gentiles to prepare us to enter the everlasting life in the New Jerusalem, a great and high mountain, namely the heavenly kingdom. We are free from judgment, punishment, and perdition.

Revelation 14:7

14:7. saying with a loud voice, "Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water."

The everlasting life is determined now, not later. The facts found in having the everlasting life is having the fear of God, giving glory to Him, and worshipping Him. Now, we learn about having the fear of God. It means as follows:

1. Obeying the Word of God.

Ecclesiastes 12:13

12:13. Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, For this is man's all.

We love as well as are loved by God, so we are free from punishment and perdition. But, as soon as we break the Word, we will be punished and destroyed. Adam and Eve lived without the tears in the Garden Eden, and they were taken care of. But, when they broke the Word by eating from the tree which God had forbidden, they were cast into the world.

2. Ministering to God faithfully, fervently, and in sincerity.

Joshua 24:14

24:14. " Now therefore, fear the LORD, serve Him in sincerity and in truth, and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the River and in Egypt. Serve the LORD!

We do not look for the physical advantage but sacrifice. All things must be sacrificed to minister to God except the true teaching Word.

3. Living in holiness.

Proverbs 8:13

8:13. The fear of the LORD is to hate evil; Pride and arrogance and the evil way And the perverse mouth I hate.

Proverbs 6:16-19

6:16. These six things the LORD hates, Yes, seven are an abomination to Him:

6:17. A proud look, A lying tongue, Hands that shed innocent blood,

6:18. A heart that devises wicked plans, Feet that are swift in running to evil,

6:19. A false witness who speaks lies, And one who sows discord among brethren.

We hate the sin, starting from five sins, namely wickedness, arrogance, pride, evil behavior, and lie. Even, we hate the seven sins as follows:

- a. A proud look.
- b. A lying tongue.
- c. Hands that shed innocent blood.
- d. A heart that devises wicked plans.
- e. Feet that are swift in running to evil.
- f. A false witness.
- g. One who sows discord.

The center of the seven sins is the fourth, namely a heart that devises wicked plans.

If we are purified from the seven sins, we will have the burning lamp. We become God's witness. We live in purity and perfection. We can testify about the gospel of salvation to the sinners who do not believe in Jesus. We also testify about the Bride Tidings to those who have believed in Jesus. We also testify about the shepherding Word. The burning lamp will become the light of the world (Revelation 12:1). We will never be made stumble and fall until we greet Jesus when He comes a second time on the glorious clouds.

The conclusion of the facts found in the everlasting life is being obedient, faithful, fervent, and holy. It is the servant of God who is like a flame of fire.

Hebrews 1:7

1:7. And of the angels He says: "Who makes His angels spirits And His ministers a flame of fire."

Revelation 1:14

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

God's eyes are like a flame of fire. So, the servant of God who is obedient, faithful, fervent, and holy is the same as the apple of God's eye. Our eyes are just on God. We just hope God's mercy. The time when the Word is preached is the time for returning to become the apple of God's eye. On the contrary, God's eyes are on those who have the fear of Him.

Psalms 33:18-22

33:18. Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear Him, On those who hope in His mercy,

33:19. To deliver their soul from death, And to keep them alive in famine.

33:20. Our soul waits for the LORD; He is our help and our shield.

33:21. For our heart shall rejoice in Him, Because we have trusted in His holy name.

33:22. Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us, Just as we hope in You

God's eyes are on those who have the fear of Him. It means as follows:

- God's merciful hands become shield. It means that God's hands protect and take care of us who are small and powerless in the world. God gives the physical preservation abundantly until the time when the Antichrist reigns over the world for three and a half years.

Jeremiah 5:24

5:24. They do not say in their heart, "Let us now fear the LORD our God, Who gives rain, both the former and the latter, in its season. He reserves for us the appointed weeks of the harvest."

God also protects and takes care of us spiritually, so we do not experience the spiritual dryness and death. We keep living in holiness. We do not sin but prioritize the spiritual thing, namely being faithful and fervent. We always give thanks to God. Such life will be used in the building of the perfect body of Christ.

There is gospel Word to increase the quantity. There is teaching Word to increase the quality. The shepherding Word brings us up to the last shepherding in the New Jerusalem.

- God's merciful hand is able to help and finish all impossible problems, including all things that we cannot do or think anymore.
- God's merciful hand delivers our soul from any death and curse, so our soul experiences serenity and peacefulness. All things become easy and light.

Being delivered from death means that we are changed from fleshly men to spiritual ones like Jesus, starting from not lying.

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."

As long as we lie, God cannot do anything to fix and help our life. There is only Satan who destroys us. But if we can become honest as well as be the house of prayer, we will be happy. God's hand will keep working to purify and change us up to perfection. We can greet Jesus when He comes a second time on the glorious clouds. We can enter the New Jerusalem forever.

God blesses us.