

General Service in Malang, October 21, 2018 (Sunday Morning)

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

Revelation 8:1-5

8:1 *When He opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour.*

8:2 *And I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and to them were given seven trumpets.*

8:3 *Then another angel, having a golden censer, came and stood at the altar. He was given much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all the saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne.*

8:4 *And the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, ascended before God from the angel's hand.*

8:5 *Then the angel took the censer, filled it with fire from the altar, and threw it to the earth. And there were noises, thunderings, lightnings, and an earthquake.*

It is about the opening of the seventh seal.

There are two contradictory conditions as follows:

1. [Revelation 8:1-4] the atmosphere of peace which increases more until there is silence in heaven for about half an hour.
2. [Revelation 8:5] the atmosphere of shaking which increases more to the one in hell forever.

Revelation 8:1] the silence refers to quietness, rest, peace, or Sabbath.

Exodus 31:16-17

31:16 *'Therefore the children of Israel shall keep the Sabbath, to observe the Sabbath throughout their generations as a perpetual covenant.*

31:17 *'It is a sign between Me and the children of Israel forever; for in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, and on the seventh day He rested and was refreshed.'*

In the Old Testament, Sabbath is the rest on the seventh day. It is for Israel, the chosen people, or the physical descendants of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

In the New Testament, it is fulfilled, namely the rest in Holy Spirit which can be experienced all time. After we experience the rest or peace, we can work for God. It is for all nations in the world either Gentiles or Israelites.

There are three kinds of Sabbath or rest as follows:

1. Small Sabbath refers to the rest in Holy Spirit, the fullness of Holy Spirit, or the anointing of Holy Spirit.

Matthew 11:28-30

11:28 *"Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.*

11:29 *"Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.*

11:30 *"For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."*

After Adam and Eve fell in sin and were cast to the world, all men in the world do the sin. Sin makes men labor, live in heavy burden and difficulty, as well as perish in hell forever. To experience the small Sabbath, we must learn from Jesus on the cross, namely being humble and gentle.

Jesus is humble on the cross because He does not know sin but willingly confesses and bears the sins of men until He dies on the cross. On the cross, He forgives and forgets all sins of men.

John 16:7

16:7 *"Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you."*

Jesus died on the cross but He rose and ascended to Heaven to give the small Sabbath for us.

As for us, being humble means the ability to confess our sins to God and other people honestly. After being forgiven, do not do sin anymore. Being gentle means the ability to willingly forgive and forget the sins of other people. When we are humble and gentle, we will be justified by the blood of Jesus and we can live in righteousness.

Isaiah 32:17

32:17 *The work of righteousness will be peace, And the effect of righteousness, quietness and assurance forever.*

If we live in righteousness, we will have peace and the heart of Jesus or the bride. We will neither accuse nor be accused anymore, so Holy Spirit anoints us and we experience the rest in Holy Spirit. We experience the small Sabbath and our life becomes easy and light.

2. The big Sabbath or the One Thousand Years Kingdom of Peace because Satan has been shackled.

Revelation 20:1-2,6

20:1 Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.

20:2 He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years.

20:6 Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years.

From this verses, we can conclude that the people who dwell in the One Thousand years Kingdom of Peace are the priests and kings.

The priest refers to one who is holy.

Exodus 29:1,7

29:1 "And this is what you shall do to them to hallow them for ministering to Me as priests: Take one young bull and two rams without blemish.

29:7 "And you shall take the anointing oil, pour it on his head, and anoint him.

Long time ago, the process of hallowing a priest was by bringing animal offerings. Now, we are set free from sins by the blood of Jesus formerly, the unleavened bread had to be brought. Now, we are sanctified by the true teaching word or the Bible, namely one verse explains other verses in the Bible. It is the same as the sword of the word in the anointing of Holy Spirit.

The priest also refers to one who has the ministry.

Ephesians 4:11-12

4:11 And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers.

4:12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ.

If we live in holiness by the work of the blood of Jesus, the sword of the word, or Holy Spirit, we will be equipped by the ministry and the gifts of Holy Spirit or the tunic of many colors. We will be used in the edifying of the perfect body of Christ. It begins from the marriage, shepherding, inter-shepherding, until Israelites and the Gentiles become One perfect body of Christ.

Leviticus 21:12

21:12 'nor shall he go out of the sanctuary, nor profane the sanctuary of his God; for the consecration of the anointing oil of his God is upon him: I am the LORD.

A priest, minister, and servant of God must always be in the Holy Place or the shepherding pen.

God showed heaven to Moses on mount Sinai, then He commanded Moses to make it on earth so that the earth could be the same as heaven.

The kingdom of heaven consists of three rooms as follows:

- The Court means believing Jesus, repenting, and entering water and Holy Spirit baptism.
We live in righteousness. It means that we are saved.
- The Holy Place refers to the holiness.
- The Most Holy Place refers to the perfection.

We have been saved, but not perfect yet. We must live in the Holy Place, namely the perseverance in doing three main services which are brought up by the true teaching word, Jesus Himself, true vine, and one verse that explains other verses in the Bible.

In the Holy Place there are three instruments as follows:

- The Golden Candlestick refers to the perseverance in doing General Service to get the fellowship with Holy Spirit God in the anointing and gifts of Holy Spirit.
- The Table of Showbread refers to the perseverance in doing Bible Study Service and Holy Communion to get the fellowship with the Son of God in the true teaching word and sacrifice of Christ.

- The Golden Altar of Incense refers to the perseverance in doing Prayer Service to get the fellowship with Father God in His love.

In the shepherding pen, our body, soul, and spirit attach to the trinity of God. We cannot be touched by the trinity of Satan. We do neither break the holiness nor fall in sin and we are not deceived by Satan, but we experience the sanctification to our body, soul, and spirit which is repeated by the trinity of God, so we increase in holiness and anointing of Holy Spirit. The results are as follows

- We experience the rest or peace which increases more from the small Sabbath to the big one or the One Thousand Years Kingdom of Peace.
- We are more fervent in spirit to serve and minister to God according to the ministry that is entrusted to us.
- We can be obedient until the flesh does not speak anymore.

We are like the servant and the minister of God who do not have any right but only do the responsibility, so we can be the servant and the minister of God who glorify Him.

Isaiah 49:3-4

49:3 "And He said to me, 'You are My servant, O Israel, In whom I will be glorified.'

49:4 Then I said, 'I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and in vain; Yet surely my just reward is with the LORD, And my work with my God.'"

So, our right and reward are in the hand of God for our present and future life, until the eternal one forever.

2 Timothy 4:7-8

4:7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

4:8 Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.

A servant must fight to keep the faith to Jesus and the true teaching word until the end line. We can be faithful and fervent in spirit to serve and minister to God until the end line, namely we pass away, or the second coming of Jesus. When there is the last voice of the trumpet, the people who died in Jesus will be resurrected in glorious body and the people who still live, keep the true teaching word, and have the fervency in spirit in the service and ministry will be changed in the glorious body in the twinkling of eye. So, both of them will become one perfect body of Christ to get the crown of the Bride and enter the marriage supper of the Lamb and the paradise or the One Thousand Years Kingdom of Peace.

3. The eternal Sabbath or the eternal New Jerusalem.

The requirement is that we must experience the renewal of life from the fleshly man to the spiritual one like Jesus.

Revelation 21:1

21:1 Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea.

The renewal of the New Jerusalem is signified with there is no more old thing as follows:

- There is no more sea.

James 1:6-8

1:6 But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind.

1:7 For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord;

1:8 he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

It means that there is no more doubtful heart or the double mind.

One who is doubtful will get nothing, but be in total failure, empty, and never satisfied. So, he will look for the satisfaction in the world.

Why is he doubtful? Because he opens his ear to hear the other voice or the voice of the serpent like Eve did, namely the one which is different from the voice of God or the Bible. Being brave to open his ear to the other voice means being brave to close the door of paradise or the heavenly door, so his life is unstable, in shaking until being drowned forever.

We must not doubt the true teaching word and His power.

- There is no more death.

Revelation 21:4

21:4 "And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away."

1 John 3:14-15

3:14 We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love his brother abides in death.

3:15 Whoever hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.

The death refers to the hatred without any cause, envy, revenge, or bitterness.

- There is no more curse or disobedience.

Revelation 22:3

22:3 And there shall be no more curse, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His servants shall serve Him.

Deuteronomy 28:15

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:

Being disobedient is the same as doing sin up to the peak, namely the sins of eating-drinking and marrying-being given in marriage.

The facts found in being gentle are as follows:

- a. We can receive the word of God which is sharper than any two-edged sword, no matter how hard it is, so we can be sanctified until perfected.

James 1:21

1:21 Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

- b. We can stretch out our hand to worship God and live by His mercy.

Psalms 141:1-2

141:1 <<A Psalm of David.>> LORD, I cry out to You; Make haste to me! Give ear to my voice when I cry out to You.

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

One who is hard-hearted cannot stretch out his hand to God. He only hopes to something in the world. Therefore, God permits something which is great to happen until he can stretch his hand to God.

For example, God permitted Peter almost to be drowned, but he stretched his hand and cried out, and submitted his life to God. He was lifted in due time. The failure can become beautiful and successful. The broken vessel will be reformed to become the new one. We experience the peace.

The other example is the woman who was bleeding for twelve years. Her heart was gentle, so she stretched her hand to God and He helped her in due time.

When God comes for the second time, we are changed to be perfect and become the heavenly bride with the voice of "Alleluia".

God blesses you.