

General Service in Malang, October 31, 2021 (Sunday Morning)

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

Revelation 14:6-13 is about the proclamations of the punishment.

Revelation 14:6-7

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."

The first angel preaches two things as follows:

1. The everlasting gospel. It consists of the following parts:
 - The gospel of salvation or good news which gives the righteousness and salvation.
 - The light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, the teaching Word, or Bride Tidings which leads us to the purification up to perfection.
 - The everlasting gospel that leads us to the everlasting life.
2. The judgment or punishment.

There are three kinds of punishment as follows:

1. Verse 7, namely the judgment for those who reject the everlasting gospel. They do not glorify and worship God.
2. Verse 8, namely the punishment over Babylon.
3. Verse 11, namely God's punishment for those who worship the Antichrist (the beast and his image).

We learn about the second punishment, namely the one over Babylon.

Revelation 14:8

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."

The angel preaches the punishment for those who drink of the wine of the wrath of Babylon's fornication. They do not drink of the new wine or Holy Spirit. It means without the anointing of Holy Spirit.

In the book of Acts chapter two, the disciples were mocked that they were full of new wine when they were fulfilled by Holy Spirit.

The facts of the servant of God who drinks of the wine of the wrath of Babylon's fornication or one who rejects the anointing of Holy Spirit are as follows:

1. Becoming the egoistic servant of God.

Isaiah 14:22-23

14:22. "For I will rise up against them," says the LORD of hosts, "And cut off from Babylon the name and remnant, And offspring and posterity," says the LORD.

14:23. "I will also make it a possession for the porcupine, And marshes of muddy water; I will sweep it with the broom of destruction," says the LORD of hosts.

A selfish man is like muddy water which just receives water, but does not flow. It means that one just receives the blessing but he does not want to give it to others.

The muddy water is not useful but destroying. A selfish man is not useful for the body of Christ, but becoming destroyer.

A selfish man is also like goat, namely one does not want to give and visit others who are weak and in need, so he destroys the body of Christ. He becomes greedy and stingy like Judas Iscariot. He cannot return the possession of God, namely the tithe and special offering, and the one of others who are in need.

2 Timothy 3:1-5

3:1. But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come:

3:2. For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents,

unthankful, unholy,

3:3. unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good,

3:4. traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God,

3:5. having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!

A selfish man is hard even unable to repent although he ministers to God. He denies the power of godliness, namely the true teaching Word and the anointing of Holy Spirit (the heavenly wine). He keeps the eighteen attitudes of flesh, so his own life becomes difficult.

Ezekiel 47:11

47:11. "But its swamps and marshes will not be healed; they will be given over to salt.

The swamps will be given over to salt or sin.

A selfish man just commits sins up to the peak until he becomes the Dead Sea. He does not have the spiritual life up to getting the perdition forever in the lake of fire and brimstone.

Matthew 25:45-46

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."

Not helping others who are in need and shown by God is the same as having egoism. God always moves us to minister to Him through the Word, testimony, and fact. For example, it is not a coincidence when we see others who are hungry and in need. It is God's mercy when we are moved to minister, so we are saved from the wine of Babylon's fornication. If we have been moved by God but we do not want to minister, we will take responsibility in the judgment day. It cannot be fixed anymore, so we are destroyed forever.

2. Being unfaithful as well as leaving the ministry to God.

Psalms 137:1-4

137:1. By the rivers of Babylon, There we sat down, yea, we wept When we remembered Zion.

137:2. We hung our harps Upon the willows in the midst of it.

137:3. For there those who carried us away captive asked of us a song, And those who plundered us requested mirth, Saying, "Sing us one of the songs of Zion!"

137:4. How shall we sing the LORD'S song In a foreign land?

The willows by the rivers of Babylon are the servants of God who live and minister just for the physical things.

Consequently, hanging harps means being unfaithful up to leaving the ministry to God. It is deeply regretted. In the world, people can do demonstration when they are fired from their job. But in the ministry of God, we choose to stop ministering to God although we are not fired. The risk is big, because God has made effort to open the way for us to the point of death on the cross for our ministry.

The example is the harp. The servant of God who is linked with the music must be careful. Do not stop serving God because of feeling great and being appreciated and disappointed! The cause is arrogance like Lucifer.

Matthew 27:3-5

27:3. Then Judas, His betrayer, seeing that He had been condemned, was remorseful and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders,

27:4. saying, "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood." And they said, "What is that to us? You see to it!"

27:5. Then he threw down the pieces of silver in the temple and departed, and went and hanged himself.

Judas Iscariot ministers for silver or the physical wealth. But at last he hangs himself. Such life is hung between the earth and heaven. It is the same as living in difficulty.

Being unfaithful is the same as hanging the harp or hanging himself, so he experiences weariness and decay. He is ashamed up to perdition forever.

Galatians 3:13

3:13. Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree"),

Actually, Jesus is hung on the cross to bear all of sufferings. It is enough for us. Hanging harp or our life means that we do not appreciate, but insult Christ's sacrifice.

3. **Being controlled by wicked, unclean, and bitter spirits that aim at the peak of sin, namely the sins of eating-drinking and marrying-giving in marriage.**

Revelation 18:2

18:2. And he cried mightily with a loud voice, saying, "Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and has become a dwelling place of demons, a prison for every foul spirit, and a cage for every unclean and hated bird!"

We must be careful in our daily life and company about the thing we watch, and sinful deed.

Luke 17:26-27

17:26. "And as it was in the days of Noah, so it will be also in the days of the Son of Man:

17:27. "They ate, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all.

The wine of Babylon's fornication works from the early age (Noah) to the last days approaching the second coming of Jesus. Only eight persons were saved. It means that many are called, but few are chosen. That is why we must fight earnestly, so we can be set free from the wine of Babylon's fornication, the punishment of floods, the rain of fire and brimstone, and the punishment in the lake of fire and brimstone forever.

There are three things we must learn from the age of Noah as follows:

1. **We must keep our conscience.**

Genesis 6:5-8

6:5. Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

6:6. And the LORD was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart.

6:7. So the LORD said, "I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth, both man and beast, creeping thing and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them."

6:8. But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.

The conscience determines our life in the world up to eternal life. The good conscience is the place to receive God's mercy that is more than anything. We will be destroyed if we are outside God's mercy. Why were Noah and his family not dragged by Babylon? Because they entered one Noah's ark. It means entering one true water baptism. The true water baptism is in accordance with God's will and like the baptism of Jesus.

Matthew 3:15-16

3:15. But Jesus answered and said to him, "Permit it to be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he allowed Him.

3:16. When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him.

Romans 6:4

6:4. Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

1 Peter 3:20-21

3:20. who formerly were disobedient, when once the Divine longsuffering waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight souls, were saved through water.

3:21. There is also an antitype which now saves us--baptism (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,

The requirement of the true water baptism is repenting or being dead to sin.

The process of the true water baptism is being buried in the water with Jesus and coming out or rising from water with Him to receive the heavenly life.

The result of the true water baptism is a good conscience, namely obeying God.

If we do not obey God, we will be controlled and washed away by Babylon. The mercy is God's power to help us, so we are not dragged by Babylon, and we will not drink the wine of Babylon. We can live in the anointing of Holy Spirit (being full of the wine of Holy Spirit), namely life in righteousness. Not obeying the Word as well as doing something outside of the Word is self-truth, not righteousness.

2 Chronicles 31:20-21

31:20. *Thus Hezekiah did throughout all Judah, and he did what was good and right and true before the LORD his God.*
31:21. *And in every work that he began in the service of the house of God, in the law and in the commandment, to seek his God, he did it with all his heart. So he prospered.*

If we have the good conscience, we will live in righteousness or in the anointing of Holy Spirit. We do not repay evil for evil but good for evil. As a result, we have beautiful and successful future by God's mercy.

2. **We must keep on being shepherded as well as living in righteousness and holiness.**

Genesis 6:15-16

6:15. *"And this is how you shall make it: The length of the ark shall be three hundred cubits, its width fifty cubits, and its height thirty cubits.*

6:16. *"You shall make a window for the ark, and you shall finish it to a cubit from above; and set the door of the ark in its side. You shall make it with lower, second, and third decks.*

Noah's ark has three decks according to God's will. It is the same as the Tabernacle which has three rooms according to God's will. It means that we must enter the shepherding system of the Tabernacle, namely we are always in the Holy Place (the sheepfold or the perseverance in committing the three kinds of main service to God), so we can keep living in holiness. Only those who receive God's mercy and good conscience can live in the correct and good shepherding. We always hear and obey the voice of the Shepherd.

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.*

There was only flood out of Noah's ark. But in the shepherding, we are devoted as the apple of God's eye that cannot be touched by Babylon. We keep the righteousness and holiness of our marriage until we enter the eternal and perfect spiritual marriage. Eight persons who were saved refer to four couples.

We keep our ordination, so we keep ministering to God faithfully and fervently until Jesus comes a second time.

In the shepherding, we are devoted to become the apple of God's eye, so we experience God's protection and preservation in the midst of the difficulties of the world until the Antichrist reigns over the world for three and a half years. Outside the shepherding, there are only tears and eye discharge that will be destroyed.

3. **We must keep living in God's merciful hands.** Do not ever leave God's hand!

Genesis 7:16

7:16. *So those that entered, male and female of all flesh, went in as God had commanded him; and the LORD shut him in.*

The way is that we must receive the sprinkling of blood, namely suffering in flesh with Jesus without sin (the blood sign). It must be followed by worshipping God a lot (the incense sign). If there are blood and incense, we will experience shekinah glory. We experience the renewal of life to become gentle, quiet, and submissive.

- a. Being gentle means that we receive God's rebuke and advice, so the thing that has already fallen will be risen. The decay is changed into fragrance.
- b. Being quiet means that we can do the introspection in our life or judge ourselves. Finding sin, we must confess. When others confess their sin, we must forgive them. The sin causes tears. If we cast away our sin, the tears will decrease, so our happiness increases.
- c. Being submissive means that we become obedient until our flesh does not speak anymore. We stretch out our hands to God, and He as the Chief Shepherd also stretches out His hands to us.

John 10:27-28

10:27. *"My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.*

10:28. *"And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand.*

There is a certainty in the hand of God for daily life in the world, beautiful and successful future, up to eternal life. Our own hand is limited even though relying on intelligence, experience, power, capital, *et cetera*. We are like Peter who caught nothing all night. How great our effort, our hand is just like the one of powerless baby. We need the hand of God.

God's merciful hand is able to give victory to us over the enemies. All of impossible problems can be finished by God. All of sins are finished, so we can live in righteousness and holiness. It continues until the last victory, namely winning over the death. It means that we are purified and changed up to perfection like Jesus. Death no longer has dominion over us. We are

worthy to greet Jesus when He comes a second time. We enter the Paradise and kingdom of heaven forever. The everlasting gospel leads us to the eternity.

God blesses us.