

Prayer Service in Malang, August 05, 2021 (Thursday Evening)

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

Revelation 13:13-15

13:13 *He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men.*

13:14 *And he deceives those who dwell on the earth by those signs which he was granted to do in the sight of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who was wounded by the sword and lived.*

13:15 *He was granted power to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed.*

Verse 11-18 refer to the beast coming out of the earth, namely the false prophet.

The false prophet performs great signs and makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men. This is the performance of power of the false prophet with his great physical signs to deceive men including the church of God, so they fall in the false ministry and worship prayer. It is the worshiping to the Antichrist or the beast.

As a result, they become the same as the Antichrist who will be destroyed forever in the fire of hell.

The image of the beast or the Antichrist is the image of Satan that cannot be seen but always demands to be worshiped through seduction, enforcement, up to murder.

When the servant of God likes to seduce, force, and hate, he is worshiping the Antichrist that actually is unworthy to be worshiped.

Jesus Christ is the image of God that cannot be seen and He is worthy to and must be worshiped because the spirit of God is in our life and He is the Creator.

Why cannot we worship the image or idol?

1. Worshiping idol is against the law of God, so we commit sin.

Exodus 20:3-5a

20:3 "You shall have no other gods before Me.

20:4 "You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth;

20:5a you shall not bow down to them nor serve them...

1 John 3:4

3:4 *Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness.*

2. Jesus redeemed and bought us at a price, so we are fully possessed by Him.

1 Corinthians 6:20

6:20 *For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.*

1 Corinthians 7:23

7:23 *You were bought at a price; do not become slaves of men.*

For that reason, we must become the servant of God in Jesus. It means that we are obligated to minister and worship Him.

3. In ministry and worship, God appears as the jealous God.

Exodus 20:5b

20:5b ... For I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me,

"who hate me" means that worshiping the idol is same as hating God.

God is jealous because He loves us.

Song of Solomon 8:6-7

8:6 *THE SHULAMITE TO HER BELOVED Set me as a seal upon your heart, As a seal upon your arm; For love is as strong as death, Jealousy as cruel as the grave; Its flames are flames of fire, A most vehement flame.*

8:7 Many waters cannot quench love, Nor can the floods drown it. If a man would give for love All the wealth of his house, It would be utterly despised.

God appears as the jealous God in ministry. The meanings are as follows:

- The ministry and the worship belong to God and those cannot be charged against.
- If we neglect and leave the ministry and the worship, we will face God's jealousy which is as cruel as the fire of the hell.

"Set me as a seal upon your heart, As a seal upon your arm" means that the ministry and the worship are the contract with God for present life in this world up to the eternal life in heaven. If we neglect and leave the ministry and the worship, we deny the contract and we put ourselves in His jealousy and the flame of fire of hell.

On the contrary, if we are faithful in the ministry and worship, our position is sealed on the heart and arm of God with the love which is as strong as the death. This is the position of baby in the embrace of God's hands with His love which is as strong as the death. He defeats death to love us and He never breaks His promise to us.

As a baby, we only cry out to God.

The results are as follows:

- **The loving hands of God are able to release us from the death because of sins up to the peak.**
We can realize, regret, and confess the sin to God and others. If we are forgiven, do not sin anymore. We live in righteousness and we become the weapon of righteousness (the priests and the kings).
This is the proof that we are in the hands of God's love which is as strong as the death.

Revelation 20:6

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.

If we become the priest and king, we are moving from the earth to the ambience of Paradise and the New Jerusalem up to becoming the occupant of Paradise and the New Jerusalem.

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.

- **The hands of God's love which is as strong as the death release us from the death** because of the Antichrist who reigns on the earth for three and a half years.

Song of Solomon 8:7

8:7 Many waters cannot quench love, Nor can the floods drown it. If a man would give for love All the wealth of his house, It would be utterly despised.

Revelation 12:15

12:15 So the serpent spewed water out of his mouth like a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away by the flood.

The Antichrist spewed water out of his mouth like a flood to carry away the church of God. It means the death in total crisis at any aspects, the pre-persecution of the Antichrist, until the mass murder for three and a half years, the false teaching, and the false worship.

- **The hands of God's love which is as strong as the death are able to care us** who are small and powerless in the midst of crisis on earth until the age when the Antichrist reigns on earth. We are evacuated to the wilderness.
- **The hands of God's love which is as strong as the death give extra strength so that we keep strong and of good courage.** It means that we hold fast one true teaching word, so we are not deceived by the false teaching, gossip, and slander. We keep faithful and fervent in ministry and we like worshiping God.

Keep faithful and fervent whatever the risk may come!

- **The hands of God's love which is as strong as the death are able to release us from the death of hell or**

the second death.

Revelation 21:5-6

21:5 Then He who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." And He said to me, "Write, for these words are true and faithful."

21:6 And He said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts."

- **The hands of God's love which is as strong as the death are able to purify and renew us** from the carnal men to the spiritual ones to be worthy to enter the New Jerusalem forever. It means that we are not drowned in the lake of fire and brimstone.

What is renewed? The doubtful heart must be renewed.

Matthew 14:28-32

14:28 And Peter answered Him and said, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water."

14:29 So He said, "Come." And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus.

14:30 But when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!"

14:31 And immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?"

14:32 And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased.

The doubtful heart makes us drown.

At the last age, we will face the double storm and waves to drown our life, marriage, ministry, and profession, until it drowns us in the fire of hell.

Peter who was great could drown, let alone us.

When we doubt to the persona and the power of God, we will drown. If it is continued, we will drown in the lake of fire and brimstone.

Revelation 21:8

21:8 "But the cowardly⁽¹⁾, unbelieving⁽²⁾, abominable⁽³⁾, murderers⁽⁴⁾, sexually immoral⁽⁵⁾, sorcerers⁽⁶⁾, idolaters⁽⁷⁾, and all liars⁽⁸⁾ shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."

The cowardly or doubt is the beginning of drowning and the lie is the last thing that makes us drown.

Being doubtful is changed into believing.

The lies are changed into honesty.

Being honest and believing are the same as becoming the house of prayer. We can lift up our hands to God.

God sometimes allows us to drown, so we can stretch out our hands, cry out and surrender to Him. Then, He will stretch out His hands of love which is as strong as the death to lift us up from drowning. It means lifting us up from the fall in sin, so we can be restored and we live in righteousness. The failure is lifted up to become successful and beautiful.

The hands of love which is as strong as the death will finish all impossible things. The hands of God give peace and everything becomes easy and light.

When Jesus comes a second time, we are changed to become perfect as He is to be worthy to greet His second coming on the glorious clouds. We enter the New Jerusalem where there is no tear. We hear Him saying "*It is finished!*"

God blesses us.