

Prayer Service in Surabaya, November 26, 2014 (Wednesday Evening)

Peace and grace in the love of our Lord Jesus Christ. Good evening, let us hear the Word of God. Let the peace, grace, and joy of God be in the midst of us abundantly.

We are still learning Revelation 2-3.

In the arrangement of the Tabernacle, it refers to the seven sprinkles in front of the Ark of the Covenant. They also refer to the seven letters that were sent to the seven churches of Gentiles, which refer to the last sanctification to the seven churches of Gentiles (the churches at the end of time) to make them perfect, without blemish like Jesus and be the Bride of Heaven who is ready to welcome His second coming in the glorious cloud.

The seven churches of Gentiles who underwent the blood sprinkles are as follows.

1. The church of **EPHESUS** (**Revelation 2:1-7**) (it has been explained since *General Service, July 27, 2014* until *General Service in Surabaya, September 07, 2014*). The church of Ephesus had to return to the initial love to be able to get back to the paradise.
2. The church of **SMYRNA** (**Revelation 2:8-11**) who experienced tribulations, but God said to them not to be afraid in the tribulations but be faithful until die (it has been explained since *General Service in Surabaya, September 14, 2014* until *General Service in Surabaya, November 09, 2014*).
3. The church of **PERGAMOS** (**Revelation 2:12-17**) (it has been explained since *Bible Study Service in Surabaya, November 17, 2014*).

AD. 3. THE CHURCH OF PERGAMOS

Revelation 2:14-16

2:14 But I have a few things against you, because you have there those who hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balak to put a stumbling block before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed to idols, and to commit sexual immorality.

2:15 Thus you also have those who hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, which thing I hate. 2:16 Repent, or else I will come to you quickly and will fight against them with the sword of My mouth.

The last sanctification for the church of **Pergamos** is that there are **FALSE TEACHINGS** in the church which lead them to an idolatry and an adultery, those are the teaching of Balaam and Nicolaitans.

It is clear that **the false teaching leads to a false worship or an idolatry** which leads to a worship to the antichrist.

Antichrist will reign for 3.5 years on earth and he will be worshipped by human in the world including God's servants who are left on the age of antichrist.

The practices of a false worship or the worship to the antichrist are as follows.

1. 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.

The first practice of a false teaching is 'He performs great signs, he even makes fire come down from heaven' which means that **our sight only focuses on physical things**, blessing and physical miracles.

These are the things that the churches pursue.

The consequence is we can be deceived and worship antichrist.

Nowadays, we can see in television that many shamans can heal people. This is why we should not focus on physical things, or else we can be deceived.

Antichrist and the false prophets can make fire come down from heaven and make many people worship because of this power. This is why we should be careful.

2. Revelation 13:16-18

13:16 He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their

foreheads,

13:17 and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

13:18 Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man: His number is 666.

'buy or sell' means there are buying and selling.

The second practice of a false worship is the **HEART AND MIND** are marked by the spirit of buying and selling, the spirit of antichrist.

The proofs are as follows.

- We often sacrifice spiritual things to earn physical ones.

The examples are as follows.

- a. We sacrifice the Word, which means we say 'yes' when the Word says 'no' to earn physical things.
- b. Esau sacrificed his birthright to get a stew of lentils. Esau often sacrificed spiritual things to earn the physical ones.

- We are stingy and greedy.

Stingy means being unable to give.

Greedy means snatching other's belonging, especially God's, such as tithes and offerings.

It will lead to the worship of antichrist, our heart and mind are marked with the spirit of selling and buying.

- We sell Christ's sacrifice.

Once, many people sold lamb and many animals for sacrifice in the court of the temple.

For us now, it means selling Christ's sacrifice or keeping sins and fall to sins until the peak of sins (the sins concerning eating-drinking and the sins of marrying and giving in marriage).

3. Revelation 13:5-6

13:5 And he was given **a mouth** speaking great things and blasphemies, and he was given authority to continue for forty-two months.

13:6 Then he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, His tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven.

42 months or 3.5 years are the moment when antichrist will reign on the earth.

The third practice of a false worship is **a blaspheming MOUTH** starting from things as follows.

- Slandering the righteous or holy men ('those who dwell in heaven').

Be careful with the mouth!

Slandering turns the right to wrong and vice versa.

- 'blasphemy against God and His name' means blaspheming God.
- 'blaspheme His tabernacle' means blaspheming the teaching of Tabernacle.

In blasphemy, the true teaching are called wrong and even mocked, while the wrong teachings are considered as true.

Once again, **be careful, because it happens frequently!**

This is the practice of worshipping antichrist and God wants to do the last sanctification. God, with the sanctifying sword, sanctifies the church of Pergamos because there were 2 false teachings there and they were going to an idolatry or a worship to antichrist with the 3 practices, starting from eyes (sight), heart and mind, and mouth.

These are the things that we need to guard, namely the eyes, heart and mind, and mouth.

If we don't guard them, we are going to worship the antichrist.

The true worship comes from a true work.

This evening, let's ask to God to deliver us from the false worship or the worship to antichrist, but let us be **the true worshipers** according to His will.

John 4:23-24

4:23 But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is

seeking such to worship Him.

4:24 God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

The true worshipers **are motivated by Spirit and truth**.

Spirit refers to the anointment of the Holy Spirit.

Truth refers to the true Word or the Sanctifying Word or the Word which is sharper than a two-edged sword.

John 17:17

17:17 Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.

'Sanctify them by Your truth' means that **the truth** is a sanctifying thing.

'Your word is truth' means God's Word is **the truth**.

If we join them, the sanctifying Word is truth.

The true teaching is motivated by the true Word or a sanctifying Word **in the anointment of the Holy Spirit**, which is sharper than any two-edged sword.

What should be sanctified? Those are heart, eyes or sight, and mouth (as described above).

1. Judges 3:16-17, 21-22

3:16 Now Ehud made himself a dagger (it was double-edged and a cubit in length) and fastened it under his clothes on his right thigh.

3:17 So he brought the tribute to Eglon king of Moab. (Now Eglon was a very fatman.)

3:21 Then Ehud reached with his left hand, took the dagger from his right thigh, and thrust it into his **belly**.

3:22 Even the hilt went in after the blade, and the fat closed over the blade, for he did not draw the dagger out of his belly; and his entrails came out.

'belly' refers to the heart and mind.

Here, the sword thrust the belly and the fat came out.

The first thing to sanctify is **the HEART which is filled with fat**. This fat should be poured out and not be kept.

What is fat in the spiritual meaning?

Leviticus 3:16-17

3:16 and the priest shall burn them on the altar as food, an offering made by fire for a sweet aroma; all the fat is the Lord's.

3:17 'This shall be a perpetual statute throughout your generations in all your dwellings: you shall eat neither fat nor blood.'

Fat is God's, which refers to tithes and offerings.

Often, we keep fat in the belly. **Return those which belong to God, don't take it!**

If we take God's belonging, **the consequences** are as follows.

- o Physically, we have cholesterol.

o I Samuel 4:15, 18

4:15 Eli was ninety-eight years old, and his eyes were so dim that he could not see.

4:18 Then it happened, when he made mention of the ark of God, that Eli fell off the seat backward by the side of the gate; and his neck was broken and he died, for the man was old and heavy. And he had judged Israel forty years.

Eli was like Eglon who was fat, much fat was not taken out.

The spiritual consequences are as follows.

- a. 'his eyes were so dim' means as follows.

- i. For God's servants, there is no Word's opening from God, but spiritually dry and hunger.
- ii. For the congregation, we can't understand or eat the Word and we are spiritually hungry and thirsty.

- b. 'his neck was broken', means we can't worship God.

Neck is the nearest connection between head (God) and the body (us).

If we can't worship God, we will be forced to worship antichrist and perish forever.

This is why our heart and mind should be thrust by the Word to let all the fat be taken out. If we return tithes and offerings, it means we burn the fat to be a sacrifice or a worship with sweet aroma to God.

There are false or antichrist's teachings, but God comes with the sword of Word to us (He came to the church of Pergamos) to sanctify us. It starts from our heart.

Don't keep the fat but burn it to be a worship with sweet aroma to God and we can't enter the worship of antichrist.

2. **Matthew 5:29**

5:29 If your right eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and cast it from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell.

'pluck' means plucking with a sword.

The second thing to sanctify is the **right EYE or sight**.

Why the right eye? Because there is a connection with Jesus as the High Priest who sits in the right side of God's throne.

Our right eye is sanctified to make us **only see Jesus** as the High Priest, the Great Shepherd and King who sits in the right side of God's throne.

Don't put our sight on things on this world or on anyone, because we can be really disappointed and be deceived until we worship the antichrist.

3. **Psalms 149:6, 1-2**

149:6 Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, And a two-edged sword in their hand,

149:1 Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song, And His praise in the assembly of saints.

149:2 Let Israel rejoice in their Maker; Let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.

The third thing to sanctify is **MOUTH** to let it worship Jesus as the High Priest, Great Shepherd and King of all kings with 'Alleluia'.

A worship with 'Alleluia' is **a new song** which is **a private experience** in our following to God.

There are death experience (when we are in the valley) and rise experience (on mountain).

"I have told you many times, when you are in a bad monetary condition or sick, you are in a death experience, your 'alleluia' is in concerns and tears. If you are blessed, helped, you are in a rise experience, your 'alleluia' is different, you are happy and grateful, although there are tears."

A worship in a valley and on a mountain is a new song, a song of glory, a worship in glory, we worship Jesus as the King in glory with 'alleluia'.

If there is worship to King, **the results** are as follows.

o **Zechariah 14:17-18**

14:17 And it shall be that whichever of the families of the earth do not come up to Jerusalem to worship the King, the Lord of hosts, on them there will be no rain.

14:18 If the family of Egypt will not come up and enter in, they shall have no rain; they shall receive the plague with which the Lord strikes the nations who do not come up to keep the Feast of Tabernacles.

If we don't worship, there will be no rain (drought) and the plague will come.

If we worship God the King, the first result is He will pour a rain of blessing from Heaven and there is nothing can stop it (**THE SKY IS OPENED**) and we get a cover from God over our lives from disaster, danger in this world, sins to the peak of sins, false teaching, antichrist, and God's punishments can't fall upon us.

Keep an eye on these three things, namely heart, sight (only looking at God), and mouth (we worship Him with a new song 'alleluia').

We can really feel God's protection (the plague doesn't fall upon us), we are saved and in peace.

A rain of blessings from heaven is described as follows.

- a. A physical rain of blessing to nurture our lives in the middle of difficulty in the world which is like a desert,
- b. A spiritual rain of blessing in the form of Word, Holy Spirit, and God's love to nurture our spiritual lives, so that we have the following things.

- i. We always have the satisfaction and happiness from heaven in the middle of the desert. In the desert, people are thirsty. However, if we have the heavenly happiness, we won't look for any worldly happiness and fall into sins.
- ii. The world in the end of the time will return to the age of Noah, which is the sins concerning eating-drinking and the sins of marrying and giving in marriage.
If we get the spiritual rain of blessing, we will be nurtured and we can live righteously, holily, and acceptably to God in the middle of the world's uncleanness.
- c. A rain of blessing for the family, our family will be a house of prayer, it is a '*home sweet home*' and we will always miss it. There is a happiness within the family and we can feel the atmosphere of Paradise. Even when our house is packed with luxurious things, there is a possibility that we won't miss it.

If our family is a house of prayer, we will have the atmosphere of Paradise in the middle of the cursed world.

○ 2 Peter 1:16-18

1:16 For we did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of His majesty.

1:17 For He received from God the Father honor and glory when such a voice came to Him from the Excellent Glory: "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

1:18 And we heard this voice which came from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain.

This is Peter's experience when he went to a mountain with God.

'*We heard this voice which came from heaven*' means the **HEAVEN IS OPEN**.

Peter, John, and James went to the mountain and they saw Jesus in the glory of the King, Heaven is opened and there was a glorious shine that shone.

Heaven was opened and there was a sound along with the glory from Heaven, '*This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.*'

It means that the door of Heaven is opened, the sky is opened and the light of glory is shone upon us who worship God as the King to change our lives from a carnal human to a spiritual one like Jesus (this is the greatest miracle). This is the second result if we worship Jesus as the King.

From where does the life change start?

When Jesus was on the mountain, His face was changed and it shone brightly like a shining sun. The same thing also happens to us, our faces will change.

Face refers to heart. The first change is in our **heart**.

This evening, let the sky be opened and the light of glory fall to illuminate us from Heaven and let's be changed from our face or heart.

If we are scared, our faces are pale. If we are angry, our faces are red.

Matthew 11:28-29

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.

Don't be hard-hearted! If our heart is hard, we will only labor and be heavy laden. If our heart is changed, we can be gentle and lowly in heart and our lives will feel good.

- a. Being lowly in heart means being humble, the ability to confess our sins to God and others. If we are forgiven, we should not do it anymore.
- b. Being gentle is the ability to forgive and forget others' sins.

Jesus' blood or the light of God's glory can erase our sins.

Behind Jesus' blood, there is a light of glory.

Sins are our heaviest burden in this world and we will bring them to the hell forever and ever. If in this world we don't have money or get sick, we don't bring these problems after the death. However, we will bring the burden of sins from this world until we die, even to the hell.

If the heaviest burden can be finished, Jesus' blood or the light of glory can also finish other burdens even the impossible ones (the impossible things are changed, the sky is opened). This is a physical miracle.

A testimony:

"In the first session of the all night long prayer service, God's Word was about the opened sky. Just now, on my way here, there was a student in Jakarta called me. He had trouble, he had one week to input data, if he failed, he wouldn't be graduated. He decided to follow an all night long prayer service and the heaven was opened. His director of finance called him. He said, 'it is impossible, a director has never called general employee'. His director called and said, 'it's ok, you can use the confidential data'. He cried."

Let the heaven be opened for us, ⁽¹⁾a rain of blessings is poured upon us, God's protection is real (we are saved and peaceful in Him).

⁽²⁾The light of glory is shone upon us, the heaven is opened, and our sins are finished through being humble and gentle, and we have a life change.

Physical miracles will happen, the light of glory will also finish other problems even the impossible ones (the heaven is opened).

If the heaven is opened, other doors in the world will also be opened.

Our burdens are finished, every problem is done and we have a beautiful and successful future.

When Jesus comes for the second time, we will have the last miracle, we are changed to be as glorious as Himself. We are raised to the glorious cloud, **the heaven will really be opened**, we ascend to heaven.

Now, the heaven is opened and the light of glory comes down (a blessing from heaven to the earth).

One day, when Jesus comes back, the heaven is opened and we will be lifted up with Him in the glorious clouds with **the song of glory**.

Revelation 19:6-7

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[a] 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."

When there is a death, we worship in bitterness. If there is a rise, we worship in gratefulness.

One day, we will worship more than that. There will be a shout of glory from all over the world to welcome God's second coming. The door of heaven is opened and we will enter the marriage of the Lamb and the door of Paradise will be opened. We will enter the thousand years of kingdom of peace until the door of heaven is opened, and we will enter the New Jerusalem and **sit on God's throne** to be on His side forever and ever.

Revelation 2:16

2:16 Repent, or else I will come to you quickly and will fight against them with the sword of My mouth.

Those who **won't** take the sanctifying sword will have the sword of punishment.

Psalms 149:6-7

149:6 Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, And a two-edged sword in their hand,

149:7 To execute vengeance on the nations, And punishments on the peoples;

Verse 6 describes a two-edged sword that pierces the mouth to sanctify it.

Verse 7 describes the consequence of not being willing to have a sanctification. We will have another big supper, which is **a vengeance on the nations**.

Revelation 19:17, 21

19:17 Then I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the birds that fly in the midst of heaven, "Come and gather together for the supper of the great God,

19:21 And the rest were killed with the sword which proceeded from the mouth of Him who sat on the horse. And all the birds were filled with their flesh.

There are a lot of nations **sanctified and united** by the sword of the Word which is sharper than any two-edged sword and become **one in voice**, '*alleluia*' with a shout of triumph.

However, there are people who are left because of **not being willing to have the sword of sanctification**, rejecting the teaching, and there are nations with **different voices**.

The voice will differentiate what are '*above*' and '*below*'. Those who are above will be in one voice 'alleluia'.text-decoration: underline;

Those who are '*below*' will be nations of chaos (there are a lot of languages).

Since the age of Babylon, men are in chaos because of different languages. When the sword of punishment comes, there will be many languages too.

May we take the sword and be '*above*'.

The heaven is opened, the rain is poured, and the light of glory is shone upon us. These are enough, all problems are finished and God gives us blessings.

Surrender everything to God.

We will be lifted up high with God forever and ever.

God blesses us.