

General Service in Malang, April 09, 2017 (Sunday Morning)

CHILD SUBMISSION SERVICE

Jude 1:9

1:9 Yet Michael the archangel, in contending with the devil, when he disputed about the body of Moses, dared not bring against him a reviling accusation, but said, "The Lord rebuke you!"

Michael is a great archangel, but he feels small and always prioritizes God.

Conversely, Lucifer feels great so he opposes and betrays God. As the consequence, he falls and becomes Satan.

The proof of honoring and relying on God more than everything is becoming as a small branch that always attaches to the true vine. We always dwell in the shepherding pen or persevere in three main services. We keep being obedient to God, so we are sanctified and able to serve Him. We keep ministering according to the ministry entrusted by God, until His second coming.

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.

Thus, God as the Great Shepherd will stretch out His merciful hands. There is certain guarantee to care our present and future life, up to the eternal one.

God blesses us.

GENERAL SERVICE

Grace and peace in the love of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Revelation 5:5-10

5:5 But one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep. Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals."

5:6 And I looked, and behold, in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as though it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent out into all the earth.

5:7 Then He came and took the scroll out of the right hand of Him who sat on the throne.

5:8 Now when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints.

5:9 And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll, And to open its seals; For You were slain, And have redeemed us to God by Your blood Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation,

5:10 And have made us kings and priests to our God; And we shall reign on the earth."

John the apostle wept much in Patmos island because of the sealed scroll. It means that he wept much to get the revelation of the Word. If there is the revelation of the Word, there will be the opening of the doors in the world, up to the door of Heaven.

Who is worthy to open the scroll and its seal?

1. Jesus as the Lion of the tribe of Judah or the Root of David who has prevailed.
2. Jesus as the Lamb of God who has been slain.

We are still learning about the first one, which is Jesus as the Root of David who has prevailed.

Revelation 22:16

22:16 "I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things in the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star."

Jesus as the Root of David who has prevailed equals to Jesus as the Bright and Morning Star.

Isaiah 14:12-15

14:12 "How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, You who weakened the nations!

14:13 For you have said in your heart: (1)I will ascend into heaven, (2)I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; (3)I will also sit

*on the mount of the congregation On the farthest sides of the north;
14:14 (4) I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, (5) I will be like the Most High.'
14:15 Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol, To the lowest depths of the Pit.*

Actually, the morning star is Lucifer, but because he is arrogant (five times he says "I will"), he falls and becomes as Satan. However, the Heaven must not be empty. Therefore, the morning star is replaced by Jesus who humbles Himself until He dies on the cross with five main wounds. He is exalted as the bright and morning star.

The revelation of the Word from God means that one verse explains the other verses in the Bible.

2 Corinthians 4:3-4

*4:3 But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing,
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.*

It is called as the true teaching Word that is sharper than any two-edged sword, or the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ. It preaches about Jesus' second coming to sanctify us until we become perfect as Him. We become the Heavenly Bride who is ready to welcome His second coming.

The revelation of the Word related with Jesus as the bright and morning star is the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ or the Bride Tidings.

If we accept the Bride Tidings, hear and obey it, the light of the gospel will illuminate our life, so we may become the bright and morning star.

2 Corinthians 4:6

4:6 For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

The process is that the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ illuminates the dark heart.

Matthew 15:19

15:19 For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies.

The dark heart is filled with seven darknesses that make dark the whole life, up to the darkest darkness in the hell forever.

If the dark heart is illuminated by the gospel of the glory of Christ or the Bride Tidings, the heart will be bright, meaning living in righteousness and holiness. The more we are sanctified, the brighter the light that shines from our heart until sometime we will become the bright and morning star.

There are three levels of light by the gospel of the glory of Christ as follows.

1. The lamp in the household.

The lamp must be put on the candlestick. It means that the position within a marriage must be right.

1 Corinthians 11:2-3

*11:2 Now I praise you, brethren, that you remember me in all things and keep the traditions just as I delivered them to you.
11:3 But I want you to know that the head of every man is Christ, the head of woman is man, and the head of Christ is God.*

Within a marriage, the husband, wife, and children must hold fast and obey the true teaching Word. Thus, there will be a lamp within the household.

Christ is the Head of man (husband). Man is the head of woman (wife). Wife is the body and children are the members of the body.

A husband becomes the head of the wife. It means that a husband becomes the source of physical and spiritual flow to his wife and children. Spiritually, a husband flows the righteousness, ministry, and faithfulness to his wife and children. A husband decides everything in the household based on the true teaching Word. A husband loves his wife as loving himself and must not be bitter toward her. If a husband does not love his wife and is bitter toward her, he will become as a fool who hits his own body. The ambience of the marriage will be as the one of the grave.

A wife becomes the body. It means as follows.

- The head and the body are connected with the neck. It means that a wife must submit to the husband in all things. Being submissive equals to being silent, not teaching or having authority over a man. Teaching or having authority over a man means becoming equal to Eve who eats the forbidden fruit.

The neck also refers to worship prayer. A wife must pray and worship God more.

- A wife as the rib.

A wife must pray or struggle for the weaknesses of her husband and children.

Proverbs 21:9

21:9 Better to dwell in a corner of a housetop, Than in a house shared with a contentious woman.

If a wife likes to contend, the husband will dwell in the corner of the housetop and fall in sins.

Children must obey the parents, so they will lighten the burden of the parents physically and spiritually.

Proverbs 30:17

30:17 The eye that mocks his father, And scorns obedience to his mother, The ravens of the valley will pick it out, And the young eagles will eat it.

A child who disobeys the parents will have a dark life and future, up to the darkest darkness.

If the positions of everyone within the household are right, there will be a burning lamp within it. Thus, the darkness cannot strike. The darkness of the basket or the financial problem cannot strike. The darkness of the bed or sexuality sin with all its varieties also cannot strike.

2. The bright star.

Daniel 12:3

12:3 Those who are wise shall shine Like the brightness of the firmament, And those who turn many to righteousness Like the stars forever and ever.

Revelation 1:20

1:20 The mystery of the seven stars which you saw in My right hand, and the seven golden lampstands: The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands which you saw are the seven churches.

Particularly, the bright star represents the angel or the pastor. A pastor will become the star if he becomes an example to the congregation, especially the example of faith to hold fast the true teaching Word.

Psalms 78:23-25

*78:23 Yet He had commanded the clouds above, And opened the doors of heaven,
78:24 Had rained down manna on them to eat, And given them of the bread of heaven.
78:25 Men ate angels' food; He sent them food to the full.*

A pastor will become an angel if he feeds the congregation with the angels' food, namely the shepherding Word. If a pastor is able to feed the congregation, he will be able to lift up the intercession prayer to God. Thus, there will be welfare and protection for the congregation.

Generally, the star represents the servant of God who is used by Him according to the ministry. The requirements are as follows.

- Being wise, meaning hearing and obeying the Word.

Matthew 7:24

7:24 "Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock:

The result is being time-tested in facing the attack from Satan the trinity. The faith will not fail but he will keep being faithful in ministering God.

- Being obedient, meaning knowing the limit. We must limit our affiliation with sincerity and truth.

1 Corinthians 5:8

5:8 Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

If a star escapes from its orbit of sincerity and truth, it will fall and break.

- Being faithful in ministering God.
- Doing good and right deeds, until repaying evil with kindness.

Proverbs 24:14

24:14 So shall the knowledge of wisdom beto your soul; If you have found it, there is a prospect, And your hope will not be cut off.

The result of becoming the shining star is that there is beautiful and successful future.

3. The bright and morning star.

2 Peter 1:19

1:19 And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts;

Through the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ or the Bride Tidings, we experience life renewal little by little until we become as perfect as Jesus.

Revelation 21:9-11

21:9 Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls filled with the seven last plagues came to me and talked with me, saying, "Come, I will show you the bride, the Lamb's wife."

21:10 And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God,

21:11 having the glory of God. Her light was like a most precious stone, like a jasper stone, clear as crystal.

The Heavenly bride equals to the New Jerusalem. The jasper stone means a burning longing. We can be faithful and fervent in spirit in ministering God. The clear crystal means being honest and believing God. Being faithful and honest equal to stretching out both our hands to God. Thus, He will stretch out His hands to us. The results are as follows.

- He will stretch out His faithful and just hands to forgive all our sins and lift us up from all downfalls. He will recover our life.

1 John 1:9

1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

- He will stretch out His faithful and merciful hands to reconcile our sins and lift us up from weariness and heavy burden. Our life will be in peace and calm. Everything becomes easy and light.

Hebrews 2:16-18

2:16 For indeed He does not give aid to angels, but He does give aid to the seed of Abraham.

2:17 Therefore, in all things He had to be made like His brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.

2:18 For in that He Himself has suffered, being tempted, He is able to aid those who are tempted.

The hands of God help us to solve all problems even the impossible ones.

- The hands of the High Priest are faithful and He will fulfill His promise.

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

5:23 Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

5:24 He who calls you is faithful, who also will do it.

His hands are able to care our life starting from now up to the days of antichrist.

His hands are able to renew our life up to perfection as Him. We can be faithful until the end line and receive the crown of life to welcome His second coming on the glorious clouds.

God blesses us.