

General Service in Malang, April 19, 2020 (Sunday Morning)

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

Revelation 11:5

11:5 And if anyone wants to harm them, fire proceeds from their mouth and devours their enemies. And if anyone wants to harm them, he must be killed in this manner.

It is about the fire that proceeds from the mouth of the two witnesses or Moses and Elijah.

The fire which proceeds from the mouth of a prophet or the servant of God has been prophesied in the book of Jeremiah.

Jeremiah 5:14

5:14 Therefore thus says the LORD God of hosts: "Because you speak this word, Behold, I will make My words in your mouth fire, And this people wood, And it shall devour them.

The term "My words" refer to the word of God.

So, the fire which proceeds from the mouth of the servant of God who is used by Him refers to the word of God itself that is revealed through one verse that explains other verses in the Bible. It is the same as the true teaching word which is sharper than any two-edged sword or the one which is like a fire.

Jeremiah 23:29

23:29 "Is not My word like a fire?" says the LORD, "And like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?"

There are two attitudes which determine the work of the fire of the true teaching word which is sharper than any two-edged sword as follows:

1. The negative attitude is that men reject the true teaching word like a branch that falls from the true vine, so they become the dry branch to be used as the firewood. Consequently, the fire of the true teaching word becomes the fire of condemnation. (It has been explained in the Prayer Service in Malang, April 16, 2020).
2. The positive attitude is that men receive the fire of the true teaching word seriously and joyfully.
As a result, the fire of the true teaching word becomes the fire of sanctification to perfect us.

We will learn about the positive attitudes this morning.

The example is Moses.

Exodus 3:1-2,5

3:1 Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian. And he led the flock to the back of the desert, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God.

3:2 And the Angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire from the midst of a bush. So he looked, and behold, the bush was burning with fire, but the bush was not consumed

3:5 Then He said, "Do not draw near this place. Take your sandals off your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground."

Moses received the fire of sanctification of the true teaching word in the shepherding pen.

Outside the shepherding pen, men are like the horse which escapes from the stable or they are not sheep anymore. It means that they do the sin of idolatry up to the one of eating-drinking and marrying-being given in marriage.

Therefore, we must be shepherded well and correctly. We must dwell in the shepherding pen or the Holy Place.

In the past time, God showed the kingdom of heaven to Moses, and then He commanded him to make it in the world. It is the Tabernacle so that in the world is the same as the heavenly kingdom.

Tabernacle has three rooms, namely the Court (the righteousness or the salvation), the Holy Place (the holiness), and the Most Holy Place (the perfection).

We have been saved but we are not perfect yet. It means that we must dwell in the Holy Place or the shepherding pen that refers to the perseverance in doing the three main services to God as follows:

1. The Golden Candlestick refers to perseverance in doing the General Service to get the fellowship with Holy Spirit God in the anointing and gifts of Holy Spirit.
2. The Table of Showbread refers to perseverance in doing the Bible Study Service and Holy Communion to get the fellowship

with the Son of God in the true teaching word and sacrifice of Christ.

3. The Golden Altar of Incense refers to perseverance in doing the Prayer Service to get the fellowship with Father God in His love up to the eternal life because the love is eternal.

In the shepherding pen, our body, soul, and spirit attach to the Trinity of God, so we cannot be touched, made fall, deceived, and destroyed by the trinity of Satan. We experience the intensive sanctification by the fire of the true teaching word which was experienced by Moses. We are touched by God, so:

1. The term "*The place where you stand is holy ground*" means that the sanctification that we experience in the shepherding pen will influence all places where we are, so all men can feel the presence of God and become holy. As a result, we are righteous in our marriage, shepherding, office, and shop.
2. The great sight happens. It refers to the testimony which can bring the other people to come to God.

Exodus 3:3

3:3 Then Moses said, "I will now turn aside and see this great sight, why the bush does not burn."

We testify the holiness and the life renewal which will be sought by men later until we become the light of the world and perfect like Jesus. It is the great sight.

3. The term "*Take your sandals off your feet*" means that the sanctification in the shepherding pen will make us take our sandals off.

The meanings are as follows:

- The sanctification to the outward and inward man.

Colossians 3:5-9

3:5 Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication⁽¹⁾, uncleanness⁽²⁾, passion⁽³⁾, evil desire⁽⁴⁾, and covetousness⁽⁵⁾, which is idolatry⁽⁶⁾.

3:6 Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience,

3:7 in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them.

3:8 But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger⁽¹⁾, wrath⁽²⁾, malice⁽³⁾, blasphemy⁽⁴⁾, filthy language out of your mouth⁽⁵⁾.

3:9 Do not lie to one another⁽⁶⁾, since you have put off the old man with his deeds.

Verses 5-7 tell about the sanctification to the outward man from the six deeds of sin which are ingrained.

Verses 8-9 tell about the sanctification to the inward man from the six characteristics of sin which dwell inside men.

The characteristics of sin want to make the inward man as its dwelling place.

Therefore, we must experience the intensive sanctification in the shepherding.

We experience the sanctification to our outward and inward man until there is no more lie. It means that we are honest and sincere or do not do sins anymore. We return as a baby, rejoice, and wear the new man and leave the old one.

- The sanctification to the pride, arrogance, and egoism.

Philippians 2:5-7

2:5 Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus,

2:6 who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God,

2:7 but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men.

On the cross, Jesus experienced the sanctification, so there was no more pride. He is God but He willingly became man.

The sanctification to the pride means as follows:

- a. We can make ourselves of no reputation like Jesus did, namely we have a great thing, but we feel like we have nothing. It means that we do not hope on something from ourselves but God. Moses was a great man but when he saw the flame of fire, he left all things.

We feel that we are neither worthy nor able to serve and minister to God, so it encourages us to surrender fully to Him.

The last, we do not ask for the physical right such as honor, praise, and glory, but give all praises for God.

It is the sign of men who experience the sanctification until taking off their sandals.

Exodus 3:10-11

3:10 "Come now, therefore, and I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring My people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt."

3:11 But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and that I should bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?"

Before Moses was shepherded, he was proud of himself and hoped on his ability, intelligence, and riches. He wanted to minister two people but he started to kill. It means that he broke the body of Christ.

The two people refer to the marriage. Looking for the riches, greatness, and so on in the marriage and shepherding will cause the murder.

But, after Moses experienced the sanctification by the fire, he felt that he was not able, so he surrendered fully to God and let God work, so he could be used to lead the Israelites to go out from Egypt.

- b. We can humble ourselves and be obedient until the flesh does not speak anymore. Jesus was obedient until He died on the cross.

Philippians 2:8

2:8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.

We only follow the command of God and He is responsible to our life, like Abraham who was obedient to sacrifice his only son.

When men are not obedient, they are responsible the risk for the risk by themselves and they will not be able to do that.

Jesus humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death on the cross is the same as being stripped on the cross. .

Likewise, when we are sanctified with the fire of the teaching word, we can humble ourselves and become obedient until the flesh does not speak anymore or being naked. It means that nothing we can keep anymore. We return to be as a baby.

1 Timothy 6:6-8

6:6 Now godliness with contentment is great gain.

6:7 For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out.

6:8 And having food and clothing, with these we shall be content.

The term of '*we brought nothing into this world*' refers to the time when we are born.

Verse 8 means that we ask nothing.

As a result, we always experience the satisfaction and the preservation of God through the service and ministry.

Maybe we live in the lack, but we are satisfied and do not ask for anything, so we always give thanks to God. We get the great benefit, namely the two wings of a great eagle.

Revelation 12:14

12:14 But the woman was given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness to her place, where she is nourished for a time and times and half a time, from the presence of the serpent.

Living in the world is more difficult, but our life becomes easy and light. We are preserved in the midst of difficulties in the world up to the age when the Antichrist rules over the world for three and a half years. We are flown to the wilderness which is far away from the eyes of the Antichrist because we have the two wings of the great eagle. The two wings of the great eagle will lift us up to the glorious clouds when Jesus comes for the second time.

- The sanctification until we are like a newborn baby.

1 Peter 2:1-2

2:1 Therefore, laying aside all malice⁽¹⁾, all deceit⁽²⁾, hypocrisy⁽³⁾, envy⁽⁴⁾, and all evil speaking⁽⁵⁾,

2:2 as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby,

2:3 if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is gracious.

The signs of the newborn baby are as follows:

- a. Throwing away the five main sins through the power of the five wounds of Jesus on the cross.
Because of the five sins, men cannot reborn, so they are still the sinful fleshly man until they perish forever.

The wickedness is the root of sins, namely the love of money which makes men become stingy and greedy.
Being stingy means that men cannot give.

Being greedy means that men steal the things that belong to other people especially God, namely the tithe and the special offering. Stealing the things that belong to other people can happen through doing corruption, not paying the debt or not pay the debt on purpose, and looking for money with illegal way.

The deceit, hypocrisy, and envy are the sprout of sins. The sin will increase.

The evil speaking is the fruit of sins, namely the death.

We must be careful starting from the lies and gossips, because they make men slander other people up to God.

Consequently, they perish forever.

When we throw away the five main sins, we can repent and live in the righteousness. We are reborn as a newborn baby. We are saved and blessed by God.

- b. We always desire the pure milk of the word.

1 Peter 2:2

2:2 as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby.

The pure milk of the word refers to the shepherding word. The shepherd is the same as a mother who takes care of her children and a father who educates his children hard.

Our attitude is that we must prioritize the shepherding word which is repeated more than anything in the world. We can enjoy the true teaching word and obey it.

As a result, we are calm or not worried, full, preserved, and able to grow to the righteousness, salvation, holiness, up to the perfection.

- c. We only praise and glorify God. It means that we worship Him with a broken heart.

Matthew 21:15-16

21:15 But when the chief priests and scribes saw the wonderful things that He did, and the children crying out in the temple and saying, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" they were indignant

21:16 and said to Him, "Do You hear what these are saying?" And Jesus said to them, "Yes. Have you never read, 'Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants You have perfected praise'?"

The term of the '*nursing infants*' refers to being shepherded.

We only cry to God. It means that we taste His kindness and need His mercy.

1 Peter 2:3

2:3 if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is gracious.

We need His mercy and kindness.

We cry until we enjoy His mercy.

The results of learning from Moses are as follows:

- The beginning of Moses' life.

Exodus 2:6

2:6 And when she had opened it, she saw the child, and behold, the baby wept. So she had compassion on him, and said, "This is one of the Hebrews' children."

Actually, the beginning of his life was signified with a failure. He faced the Nile River and felt into the hand of the daughter of Pharaoh.

At that time, he cried for sure, but he was not pounced by the crocodile in the river. When he was on the hand of the daughter of Pharaoh, he should have been dead.

He cried and the merciful hand of God was stretched out to protect and preserve him in the midst of difficulties. God also gave him a successful and beautiful future life, namely from the son of a slave to the son of king.

- The journey of Moses' life. He relied on the intelligence, but at the last, he became a murderer. He was failed in the ministry, as well in the physical life, namely he ran away from the palace. Fortunately, he entered the shepherding.

He was failed spiritually and physically, but he experienced the sanctification until he took off his sandals. He cried to God and confessed his weaknesses, so God could use him to become the shepherd over Israelites to bring them out of Egypt.

Now, if we confess our weaknesses, we will be used in the ministry of the edification of the perfect body of Christ. He takes the responsibility fully to our life and death.

- The ending of Moses' life. It was signified with another failure, but there was still the mercy of God. We must taste and enjoy the mercy of God!

Numbers 20:8-11

20:8 "Take the rod; you and your brother Aaron gather the congregation together. Speak to the rock before their eyes, and it will yield its water; thus you shall bring water for them out of the rock, and give drink to the congregation and their animals."

20:9 So Moses took the rod from before the LORD as He commanded him.

20:10 And Moses and Aaron gathered the assembly together before the rock; and he said to them, "Hear now, you rebels! Must we bring water for you out of this rock?"

20:11 Then Moses lifted his hand and struck the rock twice with his rod; and water came out abundantly, and the congregation and their animals drank.

Moses was condemned, namely he could not enter Canaan. It refers to the total failure. He did not become the baby anymore, but he relied on the fleshly mind and feeling. Previously, God had commanded him to strike the mountain for water. But the next time, God commanded him to speak to the rock, but he struck it because he remembered his experience at the past time. The water still came out, but he had to be buried and could not enter Canaan.

We must be careful! We often disobey God because we fear on something or have the feeling of the flesh. Being disobedient is the same as the total failure.

But through the worship prayer, the baby cries. Moses could stand on the mountain in Canaan.

Matthew 17:2-3

17:2 and He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light.

17:3 And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him.

God could change Moses until he was worthy to stand on Canaan until he was perfect and went up to the mountain of Jerusalem.

God blesses you.