

General Service in Malang, April 24, 2016 (Sunday Morning)

CHILD SUBMISSION SERVICE

Matthew 19:13-15

19:13 Then little children were brought to Him that He might put His hands on them and pray, but the disciples rebuked them.

19:14 But Jesus said, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

19:15 And He laid His hands on them and departed from there.

There are two tasks of parents as follows.

1. Physically, the tasks are being pregnant, giving birth, feeding, and giving education, until the child is independent.
2. Spiritually, the task is bringing the child to Jesus through ministering Him, so he receives the touch of God's loving hands through the preaching of the Word in the anointing of Holy Spirit. Thus, Satan cannot touch him. The touching of God's love is also so that the child experiences life renewal or spiritual miracle.

Matthew 21:16

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'?"

Life renewal is started from the mouth.

1. What is going inside the mouth is the pure milk, that is the true shepherding Word, so we grow spiritually. Spiritual growth is started with being obedient to God and parents. If one does not eat, he will die spiritually, live in sin up to its peak.
2. What are going outside the mouth are the right and good words. We testify about God, praise and worship Him. We do not gossip. Thus, physical miracles will happen. The loving hands of God are able to care and protect us, to plead and help us. All our life problems are God's matter. It is until we are perfect as Him on His second coming. Every step of our life is miraculous steps. Now we are only as a baby who cries, but sometime we will rejoice on His second coming.

GENERAL SERVICE

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

Revelation 4-5 shows the ambience of the throne of the Kingdom of Heaven. In the Tabernacle teaching, it is represented by the Ark of Covenant. During the days of Moses in the wilderness, the throne of God was on the Ark of Covenant. God preached His Word to the Israelites from there.

The Ark of Covenant consists of two parts as follows.

1. The mercy seat with two cherubim made of pure gold.

Exodus 25:17-19

25:17 "You shall make a mercy seat of pure gold; two and a half cubits shall be its length and a cubit and a half its width.

25:18 And you shall make two cherubim of gold; of hammered work you shall make them at the two ends of the mercy seat.

25:19 Make one cherub at one end, and the other cherub at the other end; you shall make the cherubim at the two ends of it of one piece with the mercy seat.

It means as follows.

- The first cherub refers to Father God, that is Lord.
- The mercy seat with the sprinkling of blood refers to the Son of God, that is Jesus.
- The second cherub refers to Holy Spirit God, that is Christ.

Thus, the mercy seat is God the Trinity in Lord Jesus Christ in glory as the heavenly Bridegroom.

2. The ark.

Exodus 25:10

25:10 "And they shall make an ark of acacia wood; two and a half cubits shall be its length, a cubit and a half its width, and a cubit and a half its height.

The ark is made of acacia wood overlaid with pure gold. The acacia wood is black and fragile. It refers to the sinful flesh

man. The acacia wood is overlaid with pure gold, meaning the sinful flesh man is renewed by the Word, Holy Spirit, and God's love until being perfect as Jesus and becoming the heavenly bride.

Thus, one who experiences life renewal is the throne of Heaven in the world. The more we are renewed, the more real the ambience of the throne of Heaven in our life is. When Jesus comes a second time, the perfect heavenly bride will be lifted up on the glorious clouds. We meet Jesus as the heavenly Bridegroom and enter the marriage supper of the Lamb of God. Afterwards, we enter a thousand years Kingdom of peace and the Kingdom of Heaven forever.

The practices of life renewal are as follows.

1. Renewal by the eternal Word of God.

1 Peter 1:23-25

1:23 having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever,

1:24 because "All flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of the grass. The grass withers, and its flower falls away,

1:25 But the word of the Lord endures forever." Now this is the word which by the gospel was preached to you.

If man only eats grass (rice, wheat, *et cetera*), his life is as the withered grass, that is easily being desperate, disappointed, and proud of something, doing sins up to the everlasting perdition. Therefore, we must eat the eternal Word of God, that is the spiritual food.

Hebrews 5:11-12

5:11 of whom we have much to say, and hard to explain, since you have become dull of hearing.

5:12 For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food.

There are two types of spiritual food as follows.

- Milk = the gospel of salvation = gospel Word = good news.

Ephesians 1:13

1:13 In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise,

Proverbs 25:25

25:25 As cold water to a weary soul, So is good news from a far country.

It is the gospel that preaches Jesus' first coming to the world, to die on the cross and save sinful men.

The proofs of being saved are believing Jesus, repenting (dying to sins, starting from the sin of lying and hating), and entering the true water baptism. The true water baptism is one who has died to sins must be buried in water together with Jesus, to be raised with Him and receive new life, that is living in righteousness. After entering water baptism, it must be continued with Holy Spirit baptism that results in new life. We live in righteousness and become the instruments of righteousness, that is becoming the servants of God who minister Him with faithfulness and righteousness.

Proverbs 10:2-3

10:2 Treasures of wickedness profit nothing, But righteousness delivers from death.

10:3 The Lord will not allow the righteous soul to famish, But He casts away the desire of the wicked.

The result of living in righteousness is being saved and blessed by God.

- Solid food = the teaching Word that is sharper than any two-edged sword = the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ = Bride Tidings.

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.

Matthew 25:6

25:6 "And at midnight a cry was heard: 'Behold, the bridegroom is coming; go out to meet him!'"

It is the gospel that preaches Jesus' second coming in glory as the King of kings, the heavenly bridegroom, to sanctify and renew the saved lives up to perfection as Jesus, becoming the heavenly bride.

Hebrews 4:12

4:12 For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

The first sharpness is to cut sins. The second sharpness is to renew us to become spiritual man as Jesus. It is started with sanctifying and renewing our heart and thought, which are the center of our life.

Mark 7:21-22

7:21 For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, (1)adulteries, (2)fornications, (3)murders, 7:22 (4)thefts, (5)covetousness, (6)wickedness, (7)deceit, (8)lewdness, (9)an evil eye, (10)blasphemy, (11)pride, (12)foolishness.

Blaspheming God means blaming the true teaching Word and supporting the wrong one. If one blasphemes the truth, he will be arrogant. If one is arrogant, he will be foolish, that is being unable to be rebuked and advised, but feeling right in sin and faults, until being destroyed forever.

Evil heart and thought are filled with twelve evil and unclean desires that make one appear as the dog and swine, that is acting blindly as Satan and being unable to repent anymore.

If our heart and thought are sanctified by the sword of the Word from twelve evil and unclean desires, they will be filled with twelve cakes that are set in two rows, six in a row (6 6). It refers to 66 books in the Holy Bible. We are filled with the true teaching Word, so we appear as the obedient sheep.

1 Peter 1:22

1:22 Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart,

The result is we can live in holiness and love one another sincerely. We can love one another without any intentions; even we can love the others who hate us.

Ephesians 4:11-12

4:11 And He Himself gave some to beapostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers,

4:12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,

If we live in holiness and love one another, we will be equipped with the ministry and gifts of Holy Spirit, to be used in the ministry of building the body of Christ. The ministry of building the body of Christ is started from within marriage, shepherding, inter-shepherding, until the Israelites and the Gentiles become one perfect body of Christ. Within marriage, wife must submit to her husband in all things, husband must love his wife as loving himself and not be bitter toward her, and children must obey their parents.

Colossians 3:18-20

3:18 Wives, submit to your own husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.

3:19 Husbands, love your wives and do not be bitter toward them.

3:20 Children, obey your parents in all things, for this is well pleasing to the Lord.

If we are used in the ministry of building the body of Christ, everything will be beautiful in His time. Everything becomes more beautiful, until the most beautiful is we become the bride of God on His second coming.

2. Renewal by Holy Spirit.

Titus 3:5

3:5 not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit,

Romans 12:11

12:11 not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord;

The practice is being faithful and fervent in spirit in ministering God, according to the ministry entrusted by God, until the end line.

Hebrews 1:7

1:7 And of the angels He says: "Who makes His angels spirits—And His ministers a flame of fire."

Revelation 1:14

1:14 His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and His eyes like a flame of fire;

The servant of God who is holy, faithful, and fervent in spirit is as the flame of fire. God's eyes are like the flame of fire. Thus, the servant of God who is holy, faithful, and fervent in spirit, is becoming the eyes of God. It means we are cared and protected by God directly, until none can touch us. We experience peace so everything becomes easy and light. Our life is lifted up until Jesus' second coming.

Romans 1:26-27

1:26 For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature.

1:27 Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due.

If one is not faithful and fervent in spirit in the ministry, he will be burned in lust and fall in sin up to its peak. His life is weary and heavy laden. He is going down in this world, until drowned in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone forever.

3. Renewal by the love of God.

Zephaniah 3:16-18

3:16 In that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:— "Do not fear; Zion, let not your hands be weak.

3:17 The Lord your God in your midst, —The Mighty One, will save; He will rejoice over you with gladness, —He will quiet you with His love, —He will rejoice over you with singing."

3:18 "I will gather those who sorrow over the appointed assembly, —Who are among you, —To whom it is a burden.

The practice is being strong and of good courage, not being desperate or disappointed, not leaving God whatever we face. Also, we are not proud of something until leaving Him. We keep prioritizing and being proud of God. We keep holding fast the true teaching Word and being obedient to the Word whatever the risks are. We keep living in righteousness and holiness whatever the risks are. We keep being faithful and fervent in spirit in ministering God until the end line. We keep worshiping Jesus as King, the heavenly bridegroom, with "Alleluia".

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 thunders, saying, "Alleluia! For the 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."

1 Chronicles 28:20

28:20 And David said to his son Solomon, "Be strong and of good courage, and do it; do not fear nor be dismayed, for the Lord God—my God—will be with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you, until you have finished all the work for the service of the house of the Lord.

If we are strong and of good courage, God will be with us, care us, and struggle for us. On the cross, He said, "It is finished". This verse is the message of David to Solomon, who is an Israelite.

Ruth 3:18

3:18 Then she said, "Sit still, my daughter, until you know how the matter will turn out; for the man will not rest until he has concluded the matter this day."

This verse is the message of Naomi to Ruth, who is a Gentile. Being strong and of good courage equals to sitting still. We believe and fully surrender our life to Jesus. Thus, all physical problems will be solved in His time. Spiritually, we are sanctified and renewed until we are perfect as Him. The Israelites and the Gentiles become one, and we rejoice on the glorious clouds on His second coming. We sit together with Him on the throne of Heaven forever. All things are solved and perfect in His time.

God blesses us.