

General Service in Malang, August 04, 2024(Sunday Morning)

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

Revelation22:2

22:2 In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, was the tree of life, which bore twelve fruits, each tree yielding its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

The tree of life that always yields fruits refers to the Word of God that is able to grow our spirituality. It starts from being able to repent, get the life renewal, live in righteousness, as well as be shepherded, sanctified, and appointed as priests and kings. Every member of the body of Christ is the priests and kings or useful life.

1 Peter2:5

2:5 you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

The duty of priests and kings is being used in the edification of spiritual house. **There are three things to which we have to pay attention in the edification of the spiritual house as follows:**

1. The edification of the household or marriage.

It is the same as the building of the ark of Noah in which there were four couples.

1 Peter3:20-21

3:20 who formerly were disobedient, when once the Divine longsuffering waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight souls, were saved through water.

3:21 There is also an antitype which now saves us--baptism (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good consciencetoward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,

The base of the building is the true water baptism, namely one who has believed Jesus and repented or died to sin must be buried in water with Jesus and raised to get the new life, namely having the good conscience or obedient heart that contains the love of God. We can love God and others.

Thus, the marriage must be in one true water baptism until having the good conscience.

Ephesians5:31

5:31 "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh."

The purpose of getting married is to become one flesh.

The requirements are as follows:

- It starts from the wife who must submit to the husband, as to the Lord.

Ephesians5:22-24

5:22 Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord.

5:23 For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body.

5:24 Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything.

This is the absolute duty of a wife until she has to sacrifice her soul like Jesus. Being submissive means that the woman does not teach and have authority over man, but keep silent and does not take the decision in the household, but submits all to God and the husband. As a result, the example of God is in the wife, namely the sweetness of Jesus like the honey or wine in the household to give the sweetness and power in the marriage to bring it to salvation. It continues until reaching the marriage in the atmosphere of feast that never loses its flavor or gets bitter.

- The husband must love the wife and not do bitterly toward her.

Ephesians5:25-27

5:25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her,

5:26 that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word,

5:27 that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.

It is the absolute duty of a husband until sacrificing soul like Jesus. As a result, the example of Jesus is in the husband, namely the power of Jesus, the lion of the tribe of Judah, for protecting and making the marriage warm so that there is no spiritual cold or rebellion, but it can be well-pleasing before God and for preserving the marriage as well as giving example to the wife and children to live in holiness up to the perfection. The marriage is brought into the holiness up to the perfection.

- The children must obey the parents until sacrificing soul like Jesus.

Colossians3:20

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

It is the absolute duty of a child and the marriage will be beautiful.

As a result, the marriage gets the heavenly joy in the midst of the curses in the world.

1 Corinthians7:3-4

7:3 Let the husband render to his wife the affection due her, and likewise also the wife to her husband.

7:4 The wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband does. And likewise the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife does.

If the husband and wife do the duty, God will never deceive.

- They receive their own right coming from God.

The husband fully becomes the right of the wife and the wife fully becomes the right of the husband; there is no third party. As a result, the marriage becomes one flesh. One husband + one wife = 1. Between the husband and wife there must be the cross only, namely the love of God that unites.

- The lion and honey are in the marriage, so the riddle of Samson can be solved.

Judges14:12-13,18

14:12 Then Samson said to them, "Let me pose a riddle to you. If you can correctly solve and explain it to me within the seven days of the feast, then I will give you thirty linen garments and thirty changes of clothing.

14:13 "But if you cannot explain it to me, then you shall give me thirty linen garments and thirty changes of clothing." And they said to him, "Pose your riddle, that we may hear it."

14:18 So the men of the city said to him on the seventh day before the sun went down: "What is sweeter than honey? And what is stronger than a lion?" And he said to them: "If you had not plowed with my heifer, You would not have solved my riddle!"

There are many marriages that face the riddle and cannot solve it. It means that there is no certainty, but destruction.

Solving the riddle of Samson, we will have the garments of glory or the bride's garment for being worthy to welcome Jesus' second coming on the glorious clouds.

Ephesians5:31-32

5:31 "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh."

5:32 This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church.

2. The edification of the temple of God.

1 Corinthians3:16

3:16 Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?

1 Corinthians6:19-20

6:19 Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?

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

The house of the Lord refers to our life that is not worthy like the dog and swine, but being bought already by the sacrifice of

Christ on the cross to be the precious life. The functions are as follows:

- The place for serving and ministering to God or being the priests and kings or God's servants.
- The dwelling place of Holy Spirit for anointing and filling us up until He overflows in our life.

Leviticus21:12

21:12 'nor shall he go out of the sanctuary, nor profane the sanctuary of his God; for the consecration of the anointing oil of his God is upon him: I am the LORD.

The requirement is that we must always dwell in the Holy Place or shepherding pen. We must be shepherded well and correctly or persevere in the three main services to God.

If we have the good conscience that is obedient and sincere, there will be no difficulty to be shepherded well and correctly.

We have to pay attention to the following two things in the shepherding:

- The true Vine, namely Jesus Himself or the true teaching Word.
- The shepherding pen, namely the perseverance in committing the three main services to God.

If a shepherd or husband is firm in the shepherding, the wife and children will be firm also in the shepherding, namely sitting firmly until lying down. It means that there is peace and all things become easy and light.

The results are as follows:

- The marriage becomes one flesh or united in the shepherding.

Ecclesiastes4:12

4:12 Though one may be overpowered by another, two can withstand him. And a threefold cord is not quickly broken.

The two people refer to the husband and wife. The threefold cord refers to the repeated shepherding Word in the shepherding pen or the three main services to God that causes the firmer unity in the marriage to enter the unity in the shepherding.

- We live in the holiness and anointing of Holy Spirit to become the holy, faithful, and fervent servant of God in the service and ministry to Him until the end line, namely until passing away or the second coming of Jesus. We do not want to be hindered until we cannot be hindered.

Hebrews1:7

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

It is the same as the flame of fire.

Revelation1:14

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

We become the apple of God's eye.

As a result, we are always preserved by God's mercy, so we can live in the midst of the difficulties in the world until we have the eternal life. We are protected specially until a sand cannot hurt us. We can always be peaceful and never dry, but fresh or satisfied and we always give thanks.

If the marriage becomes one flesh entering the one shepherding and one ministry, we can become the living stone and the apple of God's eye or His beloved that cannot be charged against by anything.

3. The edification of spiritual house or the revival of the edification of the perfect body of Christ or the heavenly bride.

We must be active in the ministry for the edification of the body of Christ.

Romans15:5-6

15:5 Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus,

15:6 that you may with one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The requirement is harmony or unity through making peace or confessing and forgiving one another until the unity of the one perfect body of Christ is formed. It means as follows:

- One heart= the Table of Showbread. The table of the heart of the husband and wife must be filled with one true teaching Word or the sixty six books on the Bible.
- One voice= the Golden Altar of Incense. It means one worship by saying "Alleluia".

Revelation 19:1,3-4

19:1 After these things I heard a loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, saying, "Alleluia! Salvation and glory and honor and power belong to the Lord our God!

19:3 Again they said, "Alleluia! Her smoke rises up forever and ever!"

19:4 And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God who sat on the throne, saying, "Amen! Alleluia!"

The three times of worship in heaven by saying "Alleluia" refer to the worship to the Trinity of God in Jesus as the King of all kings or Heavenly Bridegroom.

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 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."

The worship in the world by saying "Alleluia" will reach the glorious clouds and heavenly kingdom.

We become the house of prayer.

2 Chronicles 7:15-16

7:15 "Now My eyes will be open and My ears attentive to prayer made in this place.

7:16 "For now I have chosen and sanctified this house, that My name may be there forever; and My eyes and My heart will be there perpetually.

As a result, there are the eyes of God. It means that God always pays attention to and cares or struggles for us to protect and preserve our life physically and spiritually.

There is the heart of God. It means that we can love God and others until we can love our enemy or repay good for evil. We can serve and minister to God in faithfulness and fervency in spirit.

The spiritual miracle happens, namely we are renewed to be obedient. The physical miracles also happen. Impossible things can be made possible.

God blesses you.