# General Service in Malang, August 14, 2016 (Sunday Morning)

**To Coincide with Priests and Priests to be Upgrading Service I**

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

**Revelation 4:4**
*4:4Around the throne weretwenty-four thrones, and on the thrones I saw twenty-four elders sitting, clothed in white robes; and they had crowns of gold on their heads.*

It is about the twenty-four elders around the throne who are divided into two groups as follows.

a. Twelve elders = twelve apostles of the revival of the first rain.
b. Twelve elders = twelve apostles of the revival of the last rain.

In Matthew 14-15, there are two times of the breaking of bread. It refers to two types of revival as follows.

1. [Matthew 14:13-21] The first breaking of bread = the revival of Holy Spirit in the first rain.
   **Matthew 14:17-21**
   *14:17 And they said to Him, "We have here only five loaves and two fish."*
   *14:18 He said, "Bring them here to Me."*
   *14:19 Then He commanded the multitudes to sit down on the grass. And He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, He blessed and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples; and the disciples gave to the multitudes.*
   *14:20 So they all ate and were filled, and they took up twelve baskets full of the fragments that remained.*
   *14:21 Now those who had eaten were about five thousand men, besides women and children.*

   There are five loaves of bread and two fishes for five thousand men.
   Bread refers to the Word of God. Fish refers to Holy Spirit.
   Figure five refers to five wounds of Jesus to save sinful men.
   Thus, five loaves of bread and two fishes refer to the Word of God in the anointing of Holy Spirit that preaches Jesus' first coming to the world to die on the cross with five main wounds to save sinful men.

   **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,*

   It is called as the Gospel Word or the Gospel of Salvation or Good News.

   **Proverbs 25:25**
   *25:25 Ascold water to a weary soul,So isgood news from a far country.*

   Sinful men are like thirsty lives in the wilderness. They need cold water from the Heaven, that is the Gospel Word, so they can believe Jesus and be saved.

   The revival in Gospel Word is to call sinful men to believe Jesus and be saved.

2. [Matthew 15:32-39] The second breaking of bread = the revival of Holy Spirit in the last rain.
   **Matthew 15:34-38**
   *15:34 Jesus said to them, "How many loaves do you have?"And they said, "Seven, and a few little fish."*
   *15:35 So He commanded the multitude to sit down on the ground.*
   *15:36 And He took the seven loaves and the fish and gave thanks, broke themand gave themto His disciples; and the disciples gaveto the multitude.*
   *15:37 So they all ate and were filled, and they took up seven large baskets full of the fragments that were left.*
   *15:38 Now those who ate were four thousand men, besides women and children.*

   There are seven loaves of bread and a few little fish for four thousand men.
   Bread refers to the Word of God. Fish refers to Holy Spirit.
   Figure seven refers to perfection.

Thus, seven loaves of bread and a few little fish refer to the Word of God in the anointing of Holy Spirit that preaches Jesus' second coming in glory, to sanctify the saved lives up to perfection as Jesus and becoming the Heavenly bride.

**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 light of the gospel of the glory of Christ or the true teaching Word that is sharper than any two-edged sword or the Bride Tidings.

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

Good News is necessary, but it must be continued with Bride Tidings.

The number of people is decreased from five thousand to four thousand. It means that many are called but few are chosen. Many people fall on the journey. The example is Lot's wife.

The revival of Holy Spirit in the first and last rain, or Good News and Bride Tidings, are the revivals for building the perfect body of Christ or the Heavenly bride.

The twenty four elders are the priests and kings who are active in the revival of building the perfect body of Christ, until being able to sit on the throne of Heaven forever.
All of us must be actively encouraged and involved in the ministry of building the perfect body of Christ. It is started from within marriage, shepherding, inter-shepherding, up to the perfect body of Christ.

Between the two times of the breaking of bread, there is a story in Matthew 15:21-28 about a woman of Canaan (a Gentile) who believes God. It means that God wants and longs for the Gentile to be active in the ministry of building the perfect body of Christ, so we can sit together with Him on the throne of Heaven forever. All physical activities in the world will be useless if we are inactive in the ministry of building the body of Christ.

**Matthew 15:24-26**
*15:24 But He answered and said, "I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."*
*15:25 Then she came and worshiped Him, saying, "Lord, help me!"*
*15:26 But He answered and said, "It is not good to take the children's bread and throw itto the little dogs."*

**Ephesians 2:11-12**
*2:11 Therefore remember that you, once Gentiles in the flesh--who are called Uncircumcision by what is called the Circumcision made in the flesh by hands--*
*2:12 that at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.*

No matter how great a Gentile in this world is, he is only a life with five "without" as follows.

1. Being without circumsision or being without holiness, meaning wallowing in sin up to its peak.
2. Being without Christ or the anointing of Holy Spirit, meaning being the flesh man with fleshly characters.
3. Being without promise of eternal life, meaning being destroyed forever.
4. Being without hope, easily being proud, disappointed, or desperate.
5. Being without God or being without love. There are only envy and hatred.

The Gentiles appear as the dog and swine which are unclean and must not be offered to God. Now, it means that there is no relationship with God, being unwilling to minister or worship Him. This kind of life will only be destroyed forever.

What is the absolute need of the Gentiles so they can be used by God?
**Matthew 15:27**
*15:27 And she said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their masters' table."*

The Gentiles only need the crumbs of bread, meaning as follows.

1. The sacrifice of Christ = the Holy Communion.
   **John 10:11**

*10:11 "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep.*

Jesus as the Good Shepherd gives His life and dies on the cross for His sheep.

**John 19:32-34**
*19:32 Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who was crucified with Him.*
*19:33 But when they came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs.*
*19:34 But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out.*

Actually Jesus has died on the cross with four main wounds. It is His love to save the Israelites or His sheep.
The fifth wound in His side which is pierced by a spear is the deepest and biggest wound. It is the great mercy and grace of God to save the Gentiles.

The Gentiles must receive the signs of blood and water that come out from the pierced side of Jesus.
The sign of blood refers to repentance (the Altar of Burnt Offerings), that is stopping sinning to return to God. We confess our sins to God and the others by the encouragement of the Word that is sharper than any two-edged sword.

**Romans 6:4**
*6:4 Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.*

The sign of water refers to water baptism (the Brazen Laver). One who has repented must be buried in water together with Jesus, to be raised with Him and receive a new or Heavenly life, that is living in righteousness. It erases five "without", so the Gentiles are equal to the Israelites and become the sheep of God.

**Proverbs 12:26**
*12:26 The righteous should choose his friends carefully,For the way of the wicked leads them astray.*

If we, the Gentiles, become right people, we will get the right shepherding place, meaning always dwelling in the shepherding pen (the Holy Place). There are three types of equipment inside it as follows.

- Golden Candlestick refers to perseverance in General Service. We have fellowship with Holy Spirit God in the gifts of Holy Spirit. The sheep drink.
- Table of Showbread refers to perseverance in Bible Study Service with Holy Communion. We have fellowship with the Son of God in the teaching Word and the sacrifice of Christ. The sheep eat.
- Golden Altar of Incense refers to perseverance in Prayer Service. We have fellowship with Father God in His love. The sheep breathe.

In the shepherding pen, we experience spiritual growth to spiritual maturity. One of the signs of spiritual maturity is being silent more frequently. Through the shepherding pen, we do not return to become as the dog and swine.

2. The revelation of the secret of the Word of God.
   **Revelation 5:4-9**
   *5:4 So I wept much, because no one was found worthy to open and read the scroll, or to look at it.*
   *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 bloodOut of every tribe and tongue and people and nation,*

   Jesus as the Good Shepherd gives His life for His sheep. It equals to Jesus as the Lamb of God who is slaughtered to open the secret of His Word as the food for the sheep. The opening of the secret of the Word is the Word that is revealed by God Himself through one verse explains the other verses. It equals to the true teaching Word that is sharper than any two-edged sword or the Bride Tidings.

   **Acts 13:46**

*13:46 Then Paul and Barnabas grew bold and said, "It was necessary that the word of God should be spoken to you first; but since you reject it, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, behold, we turn to the Gentiles.*

Actually the revelation of the secret of the Word of God is only for the Israelites. But because part of them reject it, there is chance and great mercy of God to the Gentiles. We must hear the Word solemnly with a need, so we can understand, believe and have faith to, until practice it.

Spiritual maturity is being silent more frequently and able to differ what is right and what is wrong.

**Acts 10:1,9-16**
*10:1 There was a certain man in Caesarea called Cornelius, a centurion of what was called the Italian Regiment,*
*10:9 The next day, as they went on their journey and drew near the city, Peter went up on the housetop to pray, about the sixth hour.*
*10:10 Then he became very hungry and wanted to eat; but while they made ready, he fell into a trance*
*10:11 and saw heaven opened and an object like a great sheet bound at the four corners, descending to him and let down to the earth.*
*10:12 In it were all kinds of four-footed animals of the earth, wild beasts, creeping things, and birds of the air.*
*10:13 And a voice came to him, "Rise, Peter; kill and eat."*
*10:14 But Peter said, "Not so, Lord! For I have never eaten anything common or unclean."*
*10:15 And a voice spoketo him again the second time, "What God has cleansed you must not call common."*
*10:16 This was done three times. And the object was taken up into heaven again.*

Cornelius, a Gentile, receives the revelation of the teaching Word that is sharper than any two-edged sword to slaughter the unclean animal so it becomes clean. The dog and swine become as the sheep. Three times sanctification refers to the sanctification of the body, spirit, and soul.

- It is started with the sanctification of the tongue. Useless words (the dog licks vomit) are renewed to good and right, testimony, and faithful ones, as well as worship prayer that is according to the will of God.

- The deeds are sanctified to become good and right. We can give alms to the others who are in need and for the work of God.

**Acts 10:4**
*10:4 And when he observed him, he was afraid, and said, "What is it, lord?"So he said to him, "Your prayers and your alms have come up for a memorial before God.*

**Isaiah 49:14-16**
*49:14 But Zion said, "The Lord has forsaken me,And my Lord has forgotten me."*
*49:15 "Can a woman forget her nursing child,And not have compassion on the son of her womb?Surely they may forget,Yet I will not forget you.*
*49:16 See, I have inscribed you on the palms of My hands;Your walls arecontinually before Me.*

Whatever our conditions as the Gentiles are, if we are willing to be sanctified so we can have good and right words and deeds, we will be remembered by God. We become as a baby in the embrace of God's merciful hands. God always remembers, cares, and struggles for us, until He says "It is finished".

**Mark 7:28-30**
*7:28 And she answered and said to Him, "Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs under the table eat from the children's crumbs."*
*7:29 Then He said to her, "For this saying go your way; the demon has gone out of your daughter."*
*7:30 And when she had come to her house, she found the demon gone out, and her daughter lying on the bed.*

The thing that decides whether Satan comes in or out is our words.
Satan comes out means there is recovery for our marriage and peace. Everything becomes easy and light. The great merciful hands of God are able to save our whole family.

**John 10:14-16**
*10:14 I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep,and am known by My own.*
*10:15 As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep.*
*10:16 And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock andone shepherd.*

Jesus as the Good Shepherd gives His life for His sheep to unite the Israelites and the Gentiles to become one flock with one shepherd, one body with one Head. We become the Heavenly bride who is ready to welcome Jesus' second coming.
If Jesus has sacrificed His life to save the Gentiles, we must sacrifice everything, except the true teaching Word, to enter the ministry of building the body of Christ.

God blesses us.