

General Service in Malang, December 14, 2014 (Sunday Morning)

CHILD SUBMISSION SERVICE

Psalm 144:12

144:12 That our sons may be as plants grown up in their youth; That our daughters may be as pillars, sculptured in palace style;

A daughter is submitted to God to become as pillar in three places as follows.

1. In a marriage, a child can be obedient to the parents.
2. In the house of God, a child can be well shepherded to the true teaching Word. She can also be obedient and faithful as well as fervent in spirit in ministering God.

Revelation 3:8

3:8 I know your works. See, I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it; for you have a little strength, have kept My word, and have not denied My name.

Thus, God will open the doors with the key of David, that is His mercy and lovingkindness. There will be a beautiful and successful future door, all doors of problem will be solved, until the door of the New Jerusalem is opened.

3. In the New Jerusalem.

Revelation 3:12

3:12 He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go out no more. I will write on him the name of My God and the name of the city of My God, the New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God. And I will write on him My new name.

God blesses us.

GENERAL SERVICE

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

Revelation 2-3 is about the seven times of the sprinkling of blood in front of the Ark of Covenant. It refers to the last sanctification to the seven churches of the Gentiles or the church in the last days, until they are perfect and blameless as Jesus. We can become the Heavenly bride who is worthy to welcome His second coming.

Revelation 2:9

2:9 I know your works, tribulation, and poverty (but you are rich); and I know the blasphemy of those who say they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan.

The church in Smyrna is in tribulation, poverty, and being blasphemed. It equals to experiencing the cross experience with Jesus or flesh suffering with Him.

Why does God let us experience flesh suffering with Him?

1 Peter 2:19

2:19 For this is commendable, if because of conscience toward God one endures grief, suffering wrongfully.

It is so that we can receive the grace of God that is in the price of the sacrifice of Christ. It cannot be paid by anything.

Acts 5:41

5:41 So they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for His name.

Actually we are not worthy to suffer with Him. If we can suffer with Him, we must be happy and rejoice, because we receive His grace that is greater than anything in this world.

The usefulness of the grace of God is as follows.

1. The grace of God saves all sinful men.

Titus 2:11

2:11 For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men,

The grace moves men out of the darkness into His marvelous light.

Romans 3:23-24

*3:23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,
3:24 being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,*

All men have sinned so they are naked, cursed, and will be destroyed forever.

All things that come from this world cannot save sinful man. Only by His grace, sinful men can be justified and saved.

Exodus 13:13

13:13 But every firstborn of a donkey you shall redeem with a lamb; and if you will not redeem it, then you shall break its neck. And all the firstborn of man among your sons you shall redeem.

A donkey is the illustration of the Gentiles. A born donkey must be broken in its neck. But if a lamb is slaughtered, the donkey is saved. The Gentiles without the sacrifice of Christ (the slaughtering of the lamb) are worthless since they are born only to be destroyed.

Therefore, the Gentiles must receive the grace of God through the sacrifice of Christ to be saved.

The process to be saved (the Court of Tabernacle) is as follows.

- a. Entering the Gate, that is believing Jesus as the only Saviour through hearing the Word of Christ or the Word anointed by the Holy Spirit.
If our heart believes, our lip will confess Jesus. It equals to confessing our sins to God and the others, so we experience forgiveness.
- b. The Altar of Burnt Offerings, that is repenting, stopping sinning to return to God, dying to sins.
- c. The Brazen Laver, that is water baptism.

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 true water baptism is we must be buried in water together with Jesus. Thus, we are raised together with Him to receive new life or Heavenly life.

- d. The door of Tabernacle, that is Holy Spirit baptism.

John 3:5

3:5 Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God."

Water and Holy Spirit baptism result in Heavenly life, that is saved life.

Titus 2:11-12

*2:11 For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men,
2:12 teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age,*

The practices are as follows.

- Living in righteousness, meaning leaving ungodliness and worldly lusts, as well as sins.
- Living soberly, meaning being obedient to the true teaching Word. Being sober also means knowing the limit. All things we do and say are according to the limit of the Word of God.
- Living fairly, meaning not being on the side of human, but God and the true teaching Word.
- Ministering God in this world at the present. A ministry continues in the Heaven. If one does not want to minister in the world, he will not minister in the Heaven.

Revelation 22:3

22:3 And there shall be no more curse, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His servants shall serve Him.

The ministry in the world is an exercise for living in the Heaven.

1 Timothy 4:8

4:8 For bodily exercise profits a little, but godliness is profitable for all things, having promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come.

Let us fight for all things in this world, but let us also fight for our ministry more than everything since it has the promise of the present and future life.

2. The grace of God sanctifies us, until we are holy as Jesus is holy (the Holy Place).

1 Peter 1:13-16

1:13 Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest your hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;

1:14 as obedient children, not conforming yourselves to the former lusts, as in your ignorance;

1:15 but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct,

1:16 because it is written, "Be holy, for I am holy."

The requirements for a donkey to be sanctified are as follows.

- a. The donkey must be bound to the choice vine, meaning we must be shepherded to the true teaching Word.

Genesis 49:11

49:11 Binding his donkey to the vine, And his donkey's colt to the choice vine, He washed his garments in wine, And his clothes in the blood of grapes.

- b. The donkey must know the crib, meaning we must be within the shepherding pen, and able to enjoy the true teaching Word.

Isaiah 1:3

1:3 The ox knows its owner And the donkey its master's crib; But Israel does not know, My people do not consider.

The shepherding pen refers to the Holy Place. There are three types of equipment inside it that refer to perseverance in three main services as follows.

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

Job 39:5

39:5 Who set the wild donkey free? Who loosed the bonds of the onager,

If the Gentiles are not shepherded, they are as the wild donkey or the onager.

In the shepherding, our body, spirit, and soul are sanctified from the character and attitude of the wild donkey and the onager by God the Trinity through the true shepherding Word and Holy Communion, as well as the Holy Spirit and His love.

The character of the wild donkey is walking around, meaning unwilling to be shepherded. It also means being shepherded but the heart is walking around. One also criticizes the Word, and makes joke or daydreams when hearing the Word. The fate of this wild donkey is as the Gadarenes who is demon-possessed.

Mark 5:2-5

5:2 And when He had come out of the boat, immediately there met Him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit,

5:3 who had his dwelling among the tombs; and no one could bind him, not even with chains,

5:4 because he had often been bound with shackles and chains. And the chains had been pulled apart by him, and the shackles broken in pieces; neither could anyone tame him.

5:5 And always, night and day, he was in the mountains and in the tombs, crying out and cutting himself with

stones.

The signs of this wild life are as follows.

- Crying out, meaning gossiping, grumbling, blaming the others.
- Liking to stay in the tombs that refer to the discotheque, cinema, *et cetera*. The spiritual tomb means a church without the true teaching Word or without sanctification. The ministry only prioritizes prosperity and carnal entertainment.
- Cutting himself with stones, meaning having wrong marriage, violence in the marriage, a husband hits his wife with words and deeds, a wife does not want to submit to her husband, a child disobeys his parents.

The onager refers to a harlot, that is the sins of Babylon, the sins concerning eating-drinking (smoking, getting drunk, consuming drugs) and marrying-being given in a marriage (sexual deviations, mixed marriage, dishonesty, separation).

In the shepherding pen, we will experience continuous sanctification until we are holy as Jesus is holy.

3. The grace is able to perfect us.

1 Peter 5:10

5:10 But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you.

Perfection is reached through the sprinkling of blood, that is flesh suffering without any sins together with Jesus.

The donkey that experiences flesh suffering without any sins together with Jesus is the donkey that is ridden by Him on His last journey to Jerusalem. It means the Gentiles are used in the revival of Holy Spirit in the last days, that is the revival of building the perfect body of Christ to the New Jerusalem.

If one does want to be ridden by Jesus, he will be ridden by Balaam to the curse and perdition.

2 Corinthians 6:4-5

6:4 But in all things we commend ourselves as ministers of God: in much patience, in tribulations, in needs, in distresses, 6:5 in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in sleeplessness, in fastings;

One of the forms of suffering with Jesus is fasting.

2 Corinthians 4:16-17

4:16 Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day.

4:17 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory,

Through the sprinkling of blood or suffering as the servant of God, we will experience the eternal glory of God. It equals to experiencing life renewal from flesh man to become a new one as Jesus.

The steps of the donkey ridden by Jesus are the steps of glory, the steps of life renewal, the steps of miracle.

Colossians 3:10-14

3:10 and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him,

3:11 where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all and in all.

3:12 Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering;

3:13 bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do.

3:14 But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection.

We can love the others as loving ourselves. We can love our enemy and are willing to be harmed to help him. We can love God more than everything and obey Him until the flesh does not sound anymore.

Philippians 2:8-10

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.

2:9 Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name,

2:10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the

earth,

Jesus is obedient until His death on the cross and becomes a soothing aroma for God. Thus, He receives the name which is above every name to beat Satan the trinity. If the servant of God is obedient until the flesh does not sound anymore, he will also receive the power of His name to beat Satan the trinity.

Philippians 2:11

2:11 and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The proof is our tongue glorifies God, meaning we say good and right words, testify and become blessing to the others. We only worship Him. If the tongue is good and right, our deeds will be good and right. We can give for the work of God and the others who are in need. Thus, the Gentiles can present a soothing aroma in the presence of God.

Acts 10:1-4

10:1 There was a certain man in Caesarea called Cornelius, a centurion of what was called the Italian Regiment,

10:2 a devout man and one who feared God with all his household, who gave alms generously to the people, and prayed to God always.

10:3 About the ninth hour of the day he saw clearly in a vision an angel of God coming in and saying to him, âCornelius!â

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

Isaiah 49:14-16

49:14 But Zion said, âThe Lord has forsaken me, And my Lord has forgotten me.â

49:15 â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 are continually before Me.

Thus, He will remember us and we are as a baby in the embrace of His hands. The results are as follows.

- a. The merciful hands of God are able to care and protect us in the middle of difficulties in this world.
- b. The merciful hands of God are able to bear all weariness and heavy burdens, so our life is easy, light, and joyful.
- c. The merciful hands of God are able to do the things that we cannot do and able to solve all our problems even the impossible ones.
- d. The merciful hands of God bring us to the beautiful and successful future up to the New Jerusalem.

Revelation 21:12

21:12 Also she had a great and high wall with twelve gates, and twelve angels at the gates, and names written on them, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel:

The sign of heading to the New Jerusalem is âa great and high wallâ, meaning we keep being strong and of good courage, and being faithful and fervent in spirit in ministering Him. We keep worshipping Him.

Acts 10:24

10:24 And the following day they entered Caesarea. Now Cornelius was waiting for them, and had called together his relatives and close friends.

God blesses us.