

General Service in Malang, February 09, 2020 (Sunday Morning)

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

Revelation 11:1

11:1 Then I was given a reed like a measuring rod. And the angel stood, saying, "Rise and measure the temple of God, the altar, and those who worship there."

The measuring rod refers to the rod of the shepherd, the shepherding word, or the true teaching word which is entrusted by God to a pastor to be preached to the congregation faithfully, sequentially, continually, and repetitively, so it becomes food for them to make them strong and grow. It also becomes the command which rules the things which they can and cannot do and measures or increases their spirituality until they reach the measurement of God, namely the Veil is torn, the flesh does not speak anymore, or the perfection.

There are two things which are measured by the shepherding word as follows:

1. The temple of God.
2. The altar and those who worship there. It refers to the Golden Altar of Incense.

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The signs of the true worship are as follows:

1. It is only for God.

Matthew 4:10

4:10 Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.'"

Revelation 22:9

22:9 Then he said to me, "See that you do not do that. For I am your fellow servant, and of your brethren the prophets, and of those who keep the words of this book. Worship God."

Psalms 95:6-7

95:6 Oh come, let us worship and bow down; Let us kneel before the LORD our Maker.

95:7 For He is our God, And we are the people of His pasture, And the sheep of His hand. Today, if you will hear His voice.

It can be done only by the people who are shepherded well and correctly. If the Gentiles are not firm in the shepherding, they are like the dog which barks and their prayer is not answered by God.

2. It is a reflection of the worship in heaven as follows:

- It gives seven things to God. It means that God, whom we worship is the perfect one.

Revelation 5:11-14

5:11 Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne, the living creatures, and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands,

5:12 saying with a loud voice: "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain To receive (1) power and (2) riches and (3) wisdom, And (4) strength and (5) honor and (6) glory and (7) blessing!"

5:13 And every creature which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, I heard saying: "(1) Blessing and (2) honor and (3) glory and (4) power Be to Him who sits on the throne, And to the Lamb, forever and ever!"

5:14 Then the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the twenty-four elders fell down and worshiped Him who lives forever and ever.

[Verse 13] It is repeated to give four things to God, so He entrusts the three things to us through the worship prayer, namely the riches, wisdom, and strength to be used in the edification of the perfect body of Christ until we are perfect and worthy to welcome His second coming.

- The worship with Alleluia.

Revelation 19:1,3-4,6-7

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!"

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."

[Verse 1-3] The worship with Alleluia to the Lord of Jesus Christ in the glory as the King of all kings and heavenly Bridegroom.

[Verse 6] The worship which is the reflection of the worship in heaven begins from our personal worship, and then in the marriage, shepherding, inter-shepherding, until the great one on the glorious clouds when Jesus comes for the second time.

- It is encouraged by the true teaching word in the anointing of Holy Spirit.

John 4:23-24

4:23 "But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him.

4:24 "God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

Psalms 24:3-5

24:3 Who may ascend into the hill of the LORD? Or who may stand in His holy place?

24:4 He who has clean hands and a pure heart, Who has not lifted up his soul to an idol, Nor sworn deceitfully.

24:5 He shall receive blessing from the LORD, And righteousness from the God of his salvation.

The sword of the word of God sanctifies our whole life, so we can worship Him. The forms are the one-hour prayer, the fasting prayer, and the all night-long prayer. The worship prayer is the tearing of the flesh, so it becomes the suffering for the flesh. The worship prayer is like ascending into the hill that needs a fight. The more we are sanctified, the more our worship prayer to God is increased.

There are two kinds of the worship prayer as follows:

1. Worshiping together. It is like the sound of the harp.

Psalms 43:3-4

43:3 Oh, send out Your light and Your truth! Let them lead me; Let them bring me to Your holy hill And to Your tabernacle.

43:4 Then I will go to the altar of God, To God my exceeding joy; And on the harp I will praise You, O God, my God.

A harp has some strings. If they are sounded, they will support each other to make a melodious voice. They are not negating, disturbing, *et cetera* to one another.

The functions of worshiping God together are as follows:

- There is the power of God to fight the wicked and unclean spirit so that Holy Spirit rules over us and we are well, calm, joyful, and easy and light.

1 Samuel 16:16

16:16 "Let our master now command your servants, who are before you, to seek out a man who is a skillful player on the harp; and it shall be that he will play it with his hand when the distressing spirit from God is upon you, and you shall be well."

- We get the revelation of the word of God.

2 Kings 3:15-17

3:15 "But now bring me a musician." Then it happened, when the musician played, that the hand of the LORD came upon him.

3:16 And he said, "Thus says the LORD: 'Make this valley full of ditches.'

3:17 "For thus says the LORD: 'You shall not see wind, nor shall you see rain; yet that valley shall be filled with water, so that you, your cattle, and your animals may drink.'

When there is the revelation of the word of God, there is the opening of the doors, namely the ones of preservation

and victory, there is a solution of our problems, until the door of heaven is opened for us.

2. Worshiping personally.

Psalms 24:3-6

24:3 Who may ascend into the hill of the LORD? Or who may stand in His holy place?

24:4 He who has clean hands and a pure heart, Who has not lifted up his soul to an idol, Nor sworn deceitfully.

24:5 He shall receive blessing from the LORD, And righteousness from the God of his salvation.

24:6 This is Jacob, the generation of those who seek Him, Who seek Your face. Selah

The example is Jacob who struggled personally.

The requirements are the holiness that begins from the pure heart (being holy up to the heart), without the intent to get any profit, not being hypocrite, and not having wicked and unclean desires. Our deeds and words must be right, holy, and good to become blessing for other people. We do not lie.

Genesis 32:24-30

32:24 Then Jacob was left alone; and a Man wrestled with him until the breaking of day.

32:25 Now when He saw that He did not prevail against him, He touched the socket of his hip; and the socket of Jacob's hip was out of joint as He wrestled with him.

32:26 And He said, "Let Me go, for the day breaks." But he said, "I will not let You go unless You bless me!" 32:27 So He said to him, "What is your name?" He said, "Jacob."

32:28 And He said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel; for you have struggled with God and with men, and have prevailed."

32:29 Then Jacob asked, saying, "Tell me Your name, I pray." And He said, "Why is it that you ask about My name?" And He blessed him there.

32:30 And Jacob called the name of the place Peniel: "For I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved."

Jacob struggled to face Esau or Antichrist. It means that we are struggle so that we are not pounced by the Antichrist, but we can be evacuated to the wilderness. He also struggled to face the breaking of the day. It means that we struggle to face the second coming of Jesus so that we are not left and destroyed.

The ways of Jacob to run away from Esau were as follows:

- He left from the society of Esau to enter the one of the angel.

Genesis 28:10-17

28:10 Now Jacob went out from Beersheba and went toward Haran.

28:11 So he came to a certain place and stayed there all night, because the sun had set. And he took one of the stones of that place and put it at his head, and he lay down in that place to sleep.

28:12 Then he dreamed, and behold, a ladder was set up on the earth, and its top reached to heaven; and there the angels of God were ascending and descending on it.

28:13 And behold, the LORD stood above it and said: "I am the LORD God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and your descendants.

28:14 "Also your descendants shall be as the dust of the earth; you shall spread abroad to the west and the east, to the north and the south; and in you and in your seed all the families of the earth shall be blessed.

28:15 "Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have spoken to you."

28:16 Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place, and I did not know it."

28:17 And he was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven!"

It means that we must enter the house of God or be active in the service and ministry to God until the end line. It is the same as entering the gate of heaven.

On the days of Jacob, he got a dream about a ladder which was set up on the earth and its top reached to heaven. On the days of Moses, it increased in the Tabernacle system that had three levels, namely the court or the salvation, the Holy Place or the holiness, and the Most Holy Place or the perfection.

John 1:51

1:51 And He said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, hereafter you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

In the New Testament, the ladder to go to heaven refers to the edification of the perfect body of Christ. It begins from

the marriage, shepherding, inter-shepherding, until the body of Christ is perfect.

- He set the formation of the lines.

Genesis 32:13-21

32:13 So he lodged there that same night, and took what came to his hand as a present for Esau his brother:

32:14 two hundred female goats and twenty male goats, two hundred ewes and twenty rams,

32:15 thirty milk camels with their colts, forty cows and ten bulls, twenty female donkeys and ten foals.

32:16 Then he delivered them to the hand of his servants, every drove by itself, and said to his servants, "Pass over before me, and put some distance between successive droves."

32:17 And he commanded the first one, saying, "When Esau my brother meets you and asks you, saying, 'To whom do you belong, and where are you going? Whose are these in front of you?'

32:18 "then you shall say, 'They are your servant Jacob's. It is a present sent to my lord Esau; and behold, he also is behind us.' "

32:19 So he commanded the second, the third, and all who followed the droves, saying, "In this manner you shall speak to Esau when you find him;

32:20 "and also say, 'Behold, your servant Jacob is behind us.' " For he said, "I will appease him with the present that goes before me, and afterward I will see his face; perhaps he will accept me." 32:21 So the present went on over before him, but he himself lodged that night in the camp.

They are as follows:

- a. The formation of riches. It means that we must be set free from the bond of money. It starts from returning the tithes and the special offering that belong to God and giving to other people who are in need. There were five kinds of the animals for the offering, namely the goat, sheep, cow, camel, and donkey. They refer to the five wounds of Jesus or His sacrifice on the cross.

As long as we can appreciate the sacrifice of Christ, it is not difficult to return the tithes and special offering and give to the work of God and other people who are in need. We feel more blessed in giving than receiving.

- b. The formation of the marriage and children.

Genesis 32:22

32:22 And he arose that night and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven sons, and crossed over the ford of Jabbok.

We keep the righteousness, holiness, faithfulness, and unity of the marriage.

We do the responsibility in the marriage, namely the husband must love his wife like himself, the wife is submissive to her husband, the children are obedient to their parents, and the parents do not make their children loose heart.

As a result, there is a lit lamp in the house-hold to light the darkness of the basket (the economy or the sins of eating-drinking) and bed or the adulteries, sexual affairs, mixed-marriage, and divorce-remarrying.

- c. The personal formation.

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32:24 Then Jacob was left alone; and a Man wrestled with him until the breaking of day.

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The struggle to get the new name or the one which is written in the book of life means that we experience the renewal from Jacob, that means a cheat to Israel, that means a winner or hero.

The mighty is the one who is obedient until the flesh does not speak anymore.

Psalms 103:20

103:20 Bless the LORD, you His angels, Who excel in strength, who do His word, Heeding the voice of His word.

Proverbs 16:32

16:32 He who is slow to anger is better than the mighty, And he who rules his spirit than he who takes a city.

The mighty also refers to one who is patient in waiting the time of God.

Being obedient and patient means that we stretch out our hands to God and He stretches out His hands to give the firstborn blessing or the firstborn right, namely the right to get married and to inherit the heavenly kingdom as well as the physical blessings.

God gives the peace, helps us to finish all of impossible problems, and perfects us.

God blesses you.