

General Service in Malang, February 24, 2013 (Sunday Morning)

Peace and grace in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Matthew 28 refers to Shekinah glory. It consists of three parts as follows.

1. Matthew 28:1-10 is about the resurrection of Jesus.
Shekinah glory shines the dark hard heart so there is life renewal from flesh man to become spiritual one as Jesus is.
2. Matthew 28:11-15 is about the lie of the council.
It refers to the spread of the darkness or false teaching.
3. Matthew 28:16-20 is about the commandment to preach the Gospel.
It refers to the spread of the light or Shekinah glory.

ad. 3. The spread of Shekinah glory.

Matthew 28:16-20

28:16 Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had appointed for them.

28:17 When they saw Him, they worshiped Him; but some doubted.

28:18 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.

28:19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

28:20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age. Amen.

The spread of Shekinah glory means we are used in great revival according to the great commandment of God, that is the revival of Holy Spirit in the first rain and the last one. The requirements are as follows.

- a. [Matthew 28:16] Being obedient to the command of God.
When we obey His command, we will meet Jesus to receive the great commandment.
- b. [Matthew 28:17] Worshipping God, believing and fully surrendering to God.
Thus, we will be trusted in great revival.

Matthew 28:17b

28:17b "but some doubted."

In facing the great revival, we must not worry or doubt or disbelieve the resurrection of Jesus and the true teaching Word that is able to erase all impossibilities.

Being worried happens because of hearing the strange voice, that is the voice of Satan in the form of the other teaching that is different from the teaching we have received. The strange voice is also in the form of gossips whose truth cannot be accounted. The strange voice also comes from inside, that is the voice of flesh which contradicts with the Word.

Number 13:27-28,32

13:27 Then they told him, and said: "We went to the land where you sent us. It truly flows with milk and honey, and this is its fruit."

13:28 Nevertheless the people who dwell in the land are strong; the cities are fortified and very large; moreover we saw the descendants of Anak there.

13:32 And they gave the children of Israel a bad report of the land which they had spied out, saying, "The land through which we have gone as spies is a land that devours its inhabitants, and all the people whom we saw in it are of great stature."

If one is disobedient and influenced by the strange voice so he becomes worried, the consequences are as follows.

- a. Experiencing deep and long-drawn grief, being disappointed and desperate, even leaving God.
- b. Preserving sins up to the peak of sins, not being afraid to do sins.

1 Corinthians 15:32

15:32 If, in the manner of men, I have fought with beasts at Ephesus, what advantage is it to me? If the dead do not rise, "Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die!"

- c. If he dies, he will not be raised in the body of glory in Jesus's second coming. He will be left and destroyed as the fate of ten spies.

This morning, Shekinah glory shines to all of us, so we can believe and fully surrender our life to God. We can be used in the great revival according to the great commandment of God.

There are three levels of believing God as follows.

1. Believing the death and resurrection of Jesus.

Romans 4:25

4:25 who was delivered up because of our offenses, and was raised because of our justification.

Jesus dies to redeem our sins, and He is raised because of our justification. Thus, believing the death and resurrection of Jesus is dying from sins (repenting) and living for righteousness.

Proverbs 12:26

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

The righteous will find his shepherding place. It means that we will be shepherded to the true teaching Word and persevere in the shepherding pen as follows.

- Golden Candlestick that refers to perseverance in General Service. It equals to drinking activity.
- Table of Showbread that refers to perseverance in Bible Study with Holy Communion. It equals to eating activity.
- Golden Altar of Incense that refers to perseverance in Prayer Service. It equals to breathing activity.

Thus the sheep will grow spiritually to spiritual maturity.

Being firm in the true shepherding means being firm in righteousness and holiness, also in salvation, so we will not fall in sins and false teaching. It also means being firm in faith, until we may believe and confess "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want". It means we are cared directly by God in abundance. Spiritually, we are cared up to perfection.

2. Believing Jesus who ascends on Heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father as the High Priest and Great Shepherd.

Ephesians 4:8-11

4:8 Therefore He says: "When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, And gave gifts to men."

4:9 (Now this, "He ascended" what does it mean but that He also first descended into the lower parts of the earth?

4:10 He who descended is also the One who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.)

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

The practice is receiving the giving from God, that is the ministry and the gifts of Holy Spirit so we become priests and kings.

Priest and king mean as follows.

- One who is holy.
- One who ministers and serves God according to the ministry received from Him.
- One who stands between God and the congregation, to join the ministry of reconciliation.

The tasks of a priest are as follows.

- Being active in the ministry of the building of the perfect body of Christ, according to the ministry received from God.

Ephesians 4:12

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

1 Peter 2:5

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 ministry and gifts of Holy Spirit can be different, but we must be able to collaborate.

The requirement for being able to collaborate each other is being commanded by one head, that is one true teaching Word.

If we are active in the ministry of the building of the perfect body of Christ, we will become living stones who live from the eternal mercy of God. We can live from His mercy wherever, whenever, under any circumstances.

- Testifying about the light of life renewal or Shekinah glory, either through words, deeds, ministries, or attitudes.

1 Peter 2:9

2:9 But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

If there is the light of life renewal, the result is we will win over the darkness in the last days. We will win over sins up to the peak of sins.

3. Believing Jesus who will come for the second time in glory as King of kings and Heavenly bridegroom on the glorious clouds.

Psalms 27:14

27:14 Wait on the Lord; Be of good courage, And He shall strengthen your heart; Wait, I say, on the Lord!

The practice is being strong and of good courage, not being shaken any little.

Romans 4:17-21

4:17 (as it is written, "I have made you a father of many nations") in the presence of Him whom he believed "God, who gives life to the dead and calls those things which do not exist as though they did;

4:18 who, contrary to hope, in hope believed, so that he became the father of many nations, according to what was spoken, "So shall your descendants be."

4:19 And not being weak in faith, he did not consider his own body, already dead (since he was about a hundred years old), and the deadness of Sarah's womb.

4:20 He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God,

4:21 and being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform.

Abraham does not doubt the promise of God although facing impossibilities.

Being strong and of good courage means as follows.

- Holding fast to the true teaching Word, not being wavered by the other teaching.
- Keep believing and having faith and God will fulfill His promise.

Romans 4:17

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The result is the true teaching Word is able to make the things which do not exist before.

Mark 5:25-29

5:25 Now a certain woman had a flow of blood for twelve years,

5:26 and had suffered many things from many physicians. She had spent all that she had and was no better, but rather grew worse.

5:27 When she heard about Jesus, she came behind Him in the crowd and touched His garment.

5:28 For she said, "If only I may touch His clothes, I shall be made well."

5:29 Immediately the fountain of her blood was dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of the affliction.

A woman is also given a chance to be strong and of good courage. She is facing flow of blood for twelve years. It refers to impossibility and broken marriage. Facing this situation, we must keep trying to touch His garment until He shows His power to help us.

1 Peter 5:5-6

5:5 Likewise you younger people, submit yourselves to your elders. Yes, all of you be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for "God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble."

5:6 Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time,

A youth is also tested in the situation of weakness, failure, and having nothing. Facing this situation, we must keep being strong and of good courage, keep being shepherded. Thus God will exalt us and make everything beautiful in His time. A youth will also be used to glorify Him. We will be sanctified and renewed until we will become perfect as Him. We will be

lifted up to the glorious clouds to meet Jesus face to face.

God blesses us.