

General Service in Malang, February 26, 2017 (Sunday Morning)

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

Revelation 5:1

5:1 And I saw in the right hand of Him who sat on the throne a scroll written inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals.

The scroll in the right hand of God who sits on the throne of Heaven is the Holy Bible. It is the Word of God that is revealed to the servants of God to be written in the Holy Bible.

2 Timothy 3:15-17

3:15 and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

3:16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,

3:17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Holy Bible is a scripture revealed by God. It contains the Heavenly wisdom as follows.

1. It leads us to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. It is called as the Gospel of Salvation.
2. It teaches, reproves, corrects, and instructs people in righteousness up to perfection. It is called as the teaching Word that is sharper than any two-edged sword.

Hebrews 4:12

4:12 For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

The scroll is written outside and inside. It means that the teaching Word that is sharper than any two-edged sword is able to sanctify us inward and outward.

The inward sanctifications are as follows.

1. The sanctification of heart and mind as the source of sins.

Mark 7:21-22

7:21 For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, (1)adulteries, (2)fornications, (3)murders,

7:22 (4)thefts, (5)covetousness, (6)wickedness, (7)deceit, (8)lewdness, (9)an evil eye, (10)blasphemy, (11)pride, (12)foolishness.

Evil and unclean heart and mind are filled with twelve evil and unclean desires. The consequence is being foolish, meaning being unable to be advised. The body, spirit, and soul are united with Satan the Trinity (Satan, antichrist, false prophet), and will be destroyed forever.

If our heart and mind are sanctified from twelve evil and unclean spirits, they will be filled with twelve cakes set in two rows (six in a row). They refer to 66 books in the Holy Bible.

For a pastor, it means that he receives the revelation of the Word that sanctifies or satiates the congregation, as well as grows them to perfection.

For the congregation, it means that they will like to read and hear the true teaching Word, although it is hard or needs long time for the preaching. They will be able to understand, believe, and practice the true teaching Word. They will experience satisfaction from God.

Romans 15:5-6

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.

If our heart and mind are filled with one true teaching Word, we will become one heart and one mouth, that is one worship. We become a house of prayer starting from within marriage, shepherding, inter shepherding, until we become one body of Christ to welcome His second coming on the glorious clouds.

2. The sanctification of the joints or relation between two bones. It means that the relation with the others must be sanctified so we can work together.

2 Corinthians 12:20

12:20 For I fear lest, when I come, I shall not find you such as I wish, and that I shall be found by you such as you do not wish; lest there be contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, backbitings, whisperings, conceits, tumults;

The sanctification of the joints is the sanctification from contention and jealousy. If it is because of sins, we must confess and forgive one another. If it is because of the teaching, we must return to the Holy Bible.

The sanctification of the joints is also sanctification from outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, backbitings, whisperings, conceits, and tumults. If one makes a mess of the work of God, he will lead to the Babylon.

3. The sanctification of the marrow.

Proverbs 17:22

17:22 A merry heart does good, like medicine, But a broken spirit dries the bones.

The sanctification of the marrow is the sanctification from dry bone, that is being desperate and disappointed. If one is desperate and disappointed, there will be no more resistance to sin, and he will leave God. If we always give thanks to God, it will become our strength in facing everything.

4. The sanctification of the gall and kidney.

Job 16:13

16:13 His archers surround me. He pierces my heart and does not pity; He pours out my gall on the ground.

The sanctification of the gall refers to the sanctification from hatred and bitterness. We must love the others as loving ourselves even love the others who hate us.

Psalms 73:21

73:21 Thus my heart was grieved, And I was vexed in my mind.

The sanctification of the kidney refers to the sanctification from perpetual sadness.

5. The sanctification of the character.

1 Chronicles 21:1-2,7,16,26-27

21:1 Now Satan stood up against Israel, and moved David to number Israel.

21:2 So David said to Joab and to the leaders of the people, "Go, number Israel from Beersheba to Dan, and bring the number of them to me that I may know it."

21:7 And God was displeased with this thing; therefore He struck Israel.

21:16 Then David lifted his eyes and saw the angel of the Lord standing between earth and heaven, having in his hand a drawn sword stretched out over Jerusalem. So David and the elders, clothed in sackcloth, fell on their faces.

21:26 And David built there an altar to the Lord, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings, and called on the Lord; and He answered him from heaven by fire on the altar of burnt offering.

21:27 So the Lord commanded the angel, and he returned his sword to its sheath.

David was proud of something more than God, so he was dealing with a drawn sword.

It is better to face the sword of the Word. We are sanctified up to the sanctification of the character, so we will not be judged but blessed by God. We can prioritize God more than everything.

The outward sanctifications are as follows.

1. The sanctification of the deeds.

The Word that is sharper than any two-edged sword is a brake so we do not do sin up to its peak. We can do good, right, and holy deeds.

2. The sanctification of the words.

We are sanctified from useless words, that is lie, gossip, unclean word, slander, and blasphemy. Be careful, gossip will weaken the faith and dry the spirituality. Blasphemy means blaming God or the true teaching Word and justifying the false teaching.

If we are sanctified from useless words, we will be able to say good and right words. We will be able to be honest and testify to the others until we do not stumble in word anymore.

James 3:2

3:2 For we all stumble in many things. If anyone does not stumble in word, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle the

whole body.

Exodus 32:25-28

32:25 Now when Moses saw that the people were unrestrained (for Aaron had not restrained them, to their shame among their enemies),

32:26 then Moses stood in the entrance of the camp, and said, "Whoever is on the Lord's side--come to me!" And all the sons of Levi gathered themselves together to him.

32:27 And he said to them, "Thus says the Lord God of Israel: 'Let every man put his sword on his side, and go in and out from entrance to entrance throughout the camp, and let every man kill his brother, every man his companion, and every man his neighbor.'"

32:28 So the sons of Levi did according to the word of Moses. And about three thousand men of the people fell that day.

The proof of experiencing inward and outward sanctification by the teaching Word that is sharper than any two-edged sword is we are on God's side. It equals to bearing the sword of the Word. We hold fast and obey the true teaching Word, so we get the figure three thousand.

The meanings of figure three thousand are as follows.

1. Entering the true water baptism.

Acts 2:41

2:41 Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them.

The true water baptism is according to the Holy Bible. We are baptized as Jesus was.

Colossians 2:11-12

2:11 In Him you were also circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the sins of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ,

2:12 buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.

Water baptism equals to circumcision. It is our covenant with God to die and live in new life together with Him. If God lets us die, we will be raised in the body of glory when He comes a second time. If we live until He comes a second time, we will be renewed in the body of glory.

Water baptism is also a covenant with ourselves not to return to the old life. We keep living in new life together with Jesus.

2. The Holy Place and the Most Holy Place.

The Holy Place has 20 cubits in length, 10 cubits in width, and 10 cubits in height. Thus, the volume is $20 \times 10 \times 10 = 2000$ cubits cubic.

The Most Holy Place has 10 cubits in length, 10 cubits in width, and 10 cubits in height. Thus, the volume is $10 \times 10 \times 10 = 1000$ cubits cubic.

Acts 2:42

2:42 And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.

The Holy Place (figure 2000) refers to perseverance in three main services as follows.

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

In the shepherding pen, our body, spirit, and soul cling to God the Trinity as a branch that abides on the true vine. We are sanctified up to perfection (figure 1000). Clinging means that we are firm (sitting) in the shepherding. We also lie down in the shepherding so we are not weary and heavy laden. We enjoy the shepherding.

If we are on God's side, He will also be on our side. God will stretch out His hands to us. We are embraced by the hands of the Great Shepherd. Jesus must be stricken by the sword of judgment on the cross to be on our side.

The results are as follows.

1. The great merciful hands of God are able to unite us in the unity of the body of Christ, starting from within marriage.

Isaiah 40:11

40:11 He will feed His flock like a shepherd; He will gather the lambs with His arm, And carry them in His bosom, And gently lead those who are with young.

2. The great merciful hands of God carry us, meaning bearing all our weariness and heavy burden, sadness and bitterness, so we are in peace. Everything becomes easy and light.
3. The great merciful hands of God guide us to the last shepherding pen in the New Jerusalem. We experience renewal from the fleshly man to the spiritual one as Jesus. When He comes a second time, we will be renewed to become perfect as Him.

God blesses us.