

General Service in Malang, July 08, 2018 (Sunday Morning)

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

Revelation 7:13-15

7:13 Then one of the elders answered, saying to me, "Who are these arrayed in white robes, and where did they come from?"

7:14 And I said to him, "Sir, you know." So he said to me, "These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

7:15 "Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple. And He who sits on the throne will dwell among them.

Ones who have experienced the sprinkling of blood and bear the cross with Jesus will deserve to be arrayed in white robes, stand before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in the holy place. The ministry which is done day and night is the same as the ministry "where I am, there My servant will be also". It means that we will not be separated with Him forever.

John 12:26

12:26 "If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also. If anyone serves Me, him My Father will honor.

"Where I am, there My servant will be also" refers to the ministry of the bride or the top of our ministry to God.

John 12:20-26

12:20 Now there were certain Greeks among those who came up to worship at the feast.

12:21 Then they came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida of Galilee, and asked him, saying, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus."

12:22 Philip came and told Andrew, and in turn Andrew and Philip told Jesus.

12:23 But Jesus answered them, saying, "The hour has come that the Son of Man should be glorified.

12:24 "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain.

12:25 "He who loves his life will lose it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life.

12:26 "If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also. If anyone serves Me, him My Father will honor.

The Greeks refer to the Gentiles who wish to serve and minister to God or meet Him.

Who are actually the people who deserve to serve and minister to God or become the priests and kings?

Exodus 19:6

19:6 'And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words which you shall speak to the children of Israel."

They are the house of Israel and their descendants. According to the genealogy, the Gentiles cannot or are not worthy to serve and minister to God and they cannot become the priests and kings.

1 Peter 2:9-10

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;

2:10 who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.

But, God gives the opportunity for the Gentiles by His mercy and grace. Jesus willingly dies on the cross, so the Gentiles are worthy to serve Him and become the priests and kings. So, the service and ministry of the Gentiles are worth the blood of Jesus. If the Gentiles who have been lifted to be the priest and king and worthy to serve and minister to God get bored, unfaithful, and not fervent in spirit, even leaving the service and ministry, it is the debt of blood which cannot be paid by anything even the hell.

John 12:21-22

12:21 Then they came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida of Galilee, and asked him, saying, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus."

12:22 Philip came and told Andrew, and in turn Andrew and Philip told Jesus.

The sign of the true service and ministry of the Gentiles is wishing to see Jesus or the true teaching word.

The gentile might see Jesus physically through His disciples, namely Andrew and Philip.

1. Andrew.

John 1:35-40

1:35 Again, the next day, John stood with two of his disciples.

1:36 And looking at Jesus as He walked, he said, "Behold the Lamb of God!"

1:37 The two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus.

1:38 Then Jesus turned, and seeing them following, said to them, "What do you seek? " They said to Him, "Rabbi" (which is to say, when translated, Teacher), "where are You staying?"

1:39 He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where He was staying, and remained with Him that day (now it was about the tenth hour).

1:40 One of the two who heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother.

Andrew refers to one who wishes to look for the dwelling place of God.

Exodus 25:8

25:8 "And let them make Me a sanctuary, that I may dwell among them.

The dwelling place of God on the earth is Tabernacle or the miniature of the kingdom of heaven on the earth.

Tabernacle which had been built by Moses was already ruined. Now the spiritual Tabernacle refers to the teaching of Tabernacle. So, Andrew refers to the Tabernacle teaching whose center is the will of God.

2. Philip

John 1:45

1:45 Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found Him of whom Moses in the law, and also the prophets, wrote--Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."

Philip learned the law but he confessed and believed Jesus. He related with the law, the two tablets of stone, or the love of God.

Now, the love is the center of the bride teaching.

Now, the Gentiles can meet Jesus through the Tabernacle and bride teaching, the Bride Tidings in the light of the Tabernacle, or the true teaching Word which is sharper than any two-edged sword which can sanctify us. We can meet Jesus and experience the touching of His hand until someday we can meet Him on the glorious clouds in the glory as the King of all kings and the heavenly Bridegroom. The more we are sanctified, the clearer we can feel the touching of His hand until seeing Him face to face forever.

The levels of the true service and ministry are as follows:

1. Acts 2:41-42

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

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

The revival of the early rain refers to the three kinds of perseverance. At the age of Moses, there were three instruments in the Holy Place, namely the Golden of Candlestick, the Table of Showbread, and the Golden Altar of Incense that refer to the three kinds of perseverance at the age of the early rain church about two thousand years ago as follows:

- The Golden of Candlestick refers to the perseverance in fellowship.
- The Table of Showbread refers to the perseverance in the teaching and the breaking of the bread.
- The Golden Altar of Incense refers to the perseverance in prayer.

Now, the meanings for the later rain church are as follows:

- The Golden of Candlestick refers to the perseverance in doing General Service to get the fellowship with Holy Spirit God in the anointing and gifts of Holy Spirit.
- The Table of Showbread refers to the perseverance in doing Bible Study Service and Holy Communion to get the fellowship with the Son of God in the true teaching word and sacrifice of Jesus.
- The Golden Altar of Incense refers to the perseverance in doing Prayer Service to get the fellowship with Father God in His love.

These refer to perseverance in the shepherding pen. We are shepherded well and correctly.

In the shepherding pen, our body, soul, and spirit attach to the trinity of God, so we cannot be touched by the trinity of Satan. We will not stumble in the service and ministry to God. Actually, one may stumble not because of other people, but

himself, namely the hard heart which does not want to receive the piercing of the sword of the word or dwelling in the shepherding pen, but the heart is not with Jesus.

2. Acts 2:46

2:46 So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart.

It is about serving and ministering to God daily. Facing the double pressure and temptation, the service and ministry in the system of the shepherding must be doubled.

3. Revelation 7:15a

7:15 "Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple. And He who sits on the throne will dwell among them.

It is about serving and ministering to God day and night on the throne of heaven or "where I am, there My servant will be also"[John 12:26].

The process of the true service and ministry of the Gentiles are as follows

1. The grain of wheat must fall into the ground.

John 12:23-24

12:23 But Jesus answered them, saying, "The hour has come that the Son of Man should be glorified.

12:24 "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain.

It means humbling ourselves as low as we can. It is the same as confessing that we are only clay. We are not worthy. We have many mistakes and sins.

The proof of receiving the true teaching word is that we can confess our weakness, lack, powerlessness, and worthlessness.

Philippians 2:3

2:3 Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself.

We can also appreciate and esteem other people hope God.

2. It must die

It means denying ourselves. It is the same as being firm to say "no" to something which is not in line with the Bible. We willingly keep silent and introspect ourselves through the sharpness of the sword of the word and surrender ourselves fully to God.

If we willingly die with Jesus, we will rise with Him. It is the same as sprouting and bearing fruit, namely the love.

John 12:24-26

12:24 "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain.

12:25 "He who loves his life will lose it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life.

12:26 "If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also. If anyone serves Me, him My Father will honor.

It means that we can love God more than everything, even our life. We can be obedient until the flesh does not speak anymore like Jesus who is obedient until His death on the cross.

Being obedient until the flesh does not speak anymore is the same as the ministry of the bride, the one which is done day and night, and the ministry of "where I am, there My servant will be also" like John who leaned on Jesus' bosom.

John 13:23

13:23 Now there was leaning on Jesus' bosom one of His disciples, whom Jesus loved.

Only Jesus is the place to lean on, because He never changes in the past, now, and forever.

Leaning on means submitting our lack and weakness to God and hoping fully to Him. So, He will embrace us who are like a baby. It means that He is watching, caring, understanding, and struggling for us. God embraces the babies with His

miraculous, great, and never changing lovingkindness.

The results are as follows:

- The lovingkindness hand of God is able to protect and preserve us who are powerless in the midst of the great difficulties in the world until the age when Antichrist rules over the world for three and a half years up to the eternal life.

Isaiah 49:15-16

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 are continually before Me.

- The lovingkindness hand of God fights for us who are powerless.

2 Chronicles 14:9-12

14:9 Then Zerah the Ethiopian came out against them with an army of a million men and three hundred chariots, and he came to Mareshah.

14:10 So Asa went out against him, and they set the troops in battle array in the Valley of Zephathah at Mareshah.

14:11 And Asa cried out to the LORD his God, and said, "LORD, it is nothing for You to help, whether with many or with those who have no power; help us, O LORD our God, for we rest on You, and in Your name we go against this multitude. O LORD, You are our God; do not let man prevail against You!"

14:12 So the LORD struck the Ethiopians before Asa and Judah, and the Ethiopians fled.

The lovingkindness hand of God finishes all of our impossible problems and helps us so that we do not stumble or fall, but being faithful and fervent in spirit in the service and ministry to God until we are peaceful and all things become easy and light.

- Our life and death are in the lovingkindness hand of God. He determines every breath and step of our life.

John 21:20-23

21:20 Then Peter, turning around, saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following, who also had leaned on His breast at the supper, and said, "Lord, who is the one who betrays You?"

21:21 Peter, seeing him, said to Jesus, "But Lord, what about this man?"

21:22 Jesus said to him, "If I will that he remain till I come, what is that to you? You follow Me."

21:23 Then this saying went out among the brethren that this disciple would not die. Yet Jesus did not say to him that he would not die, but, "If I will that he remain till I come, what is that to you?"

It continues until the time when Jesus comes for the second time that all things are made perfect like Him. We are worthy to stand before the throne of heaven and serve Him day and night with our family.

God blesses you.