

General Service in Malang, July 23, 2023 (Sunday Morning)

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

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Revelation 19:16

19:16 And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

The appearance of Jesus as the High Priest is that on His robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

Malachi 1:6

1:6 "A son honors his father, And a servant his master. If then I am the Father, Where is My honor? And if I am a Master, Where is My reverence? Says the LORD of hosts To you priests who despise My name. Yet you say, 'In what way have we despised Your name?'

As the servants of God or priests, we must honor the name of God, the Lord of lords through having the fear of the Lord as follows:

1. The fear of committing sin. It means hating sins up to lies.
2. Serving and ministering to God in faithfulness and sincerity.

Joshua 24:14

24:14 " Now therefore, fear the LORD, serve Him in sincerity and in truth, and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the River and in Egypt. Serve the LORD!

It means without any intention to get money, but with sacrifice.

3. Being sanctified continually.

Malachi 3:1-3

3:1 "Behold, I send My messenger, And he will prepare the way before Me. And the Lord, whom you seek, Will suddenly come to His temple, Even the Messenger of the covenant, In whom you delight. Behold, He is coming," Says the LORD of hosts.

3:2 "But who can endure the day of His coming? And who can stand when He appears? For He is like a refiner's fire And like launderer's soap.

3:3 He will sit as a refiner and a purifier of silver; He will purify the sons of Levi, And purge them as gold and silver, That they may offer to the LORD An offering in righteousness.

- By the soap of the launderer or repeated teaching Word that is preached by a pastor for sanctifying the spots in the garments of ministry or the outward sins.
- By the fire of the refiner or the fiery trial, namely the suffering in the flesh because of Jesus to sanctify the heart or inward man.

As a result, we become the servants of God that are like the silver (honesty) and gold (obedience).

Proverbs 10:20

10:20 The tongue of the righteous is choice silver; The heart of the wicked is worth little.

Isaiah 49:3-4

49:3 "And He said to me, 'You are My servant, O Israel, In whom I will be glorified.'

49:4 Then I said, 'I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and in vain; Yet surely my just reward is with the LORD, And my work with my God.'"

Our reward and work are in the hands of God for our present life in the world up to the eternal one. God never deceives us.

Haggai 2:8

2:8 'The silver is Mine, and the gold is Mine,' says the LORD of hosts.

We become His possession which cannot be charged against by anyone.

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1:7 "You offer defiled food on My altar. But say, 'In what way have we defiled You?' By saying, 'The table of the LORD is contemptible.'

Nevertheless, many priests despise the name of God by **offering defiled food on the altar as follows**:

1. **Bringing the unclean life or serving and ministering to God in uncleanness as follows**:

○ **Unclean heart.**

Matthew 15:19-20

15:19 "For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies.

15:20 "These are the things which defile a man, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile a man."

It contains the seven evil and unclean desires until the lamp is quenched or one lives in the darkness. There is no control anymore in his life, but hardness of heart and disobedience.

○ **Unclean deeds.**

Isaiah 59:1-3

59:1 Behold, the LORD'S hand is not shortened, That it cannot save; Nor His ear heavy, That it cannot hear.

59:2 But your iniquities have separated you from your God; And your sins have hidden His face from you, So that He will not hear.

59:3 For your hands are defiled with blood, And your fingers with iniquity; Your lips have spoken lies, Your tongue has muttered perversity.

The sinful deeds separate us from God.

○ **The unclean words** refer to the meaningless words, lies, gossips, slanders, and blasphemy.

For example, Cain killed and lied.

2. **Ministering with the unclean marriage.**

From the beginning, the marriage must not be unclean. There must be no fall in sin or problems, mix marriage, or the marriage with man or woman whose faith and baptism are different. Do not keep the divorce-remarrying, marrying-being given in marriage, sexual affairs, and violence in the household!

For example, Hophni and Phinehas liked committing violence and uncleanness.

3. **Ministering with the unclean ordination.**

Luke 16:13-14

16:13 "No servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon."

16:14 Now the Pharisees, who were lovers of money, also heard all these things, and they derided Him.

All ministries are valued with money or physical things. Ministering to God without the sword of the Word or sanctification, one must only look for the physical things, so there are selling-buying spirits in the church.

Luke 16:15

16:15 And He said to them, "You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is highly esteemed among men is an abomination in the sight of God.

It also means ministering with the self-truth or not in line with the Bible, namely covering sins by blaming at others and God or the true teachings.

Be careful, the servants of God who serve with the unclean ordination are often praised by men, but hated by God.

For example, Judas Iscariot stole the possession of the Lord and always avoided the Word.

Malachi 2:2-3

2:2 If you will not hear, And if you will not take it to heart, To give glory to My name," Says the LORD of hosts, "I will send a curse upon you, And I will curse your blessings. Yes, I have cursed them already, Because you do not take it to heart.

2:3 "Behold, I will rebuke your descendants And spread refuse on your faces, The refuse of your solemn feasts; And one will take you away with it.

The consequences of bringing the defiled food are as follows:

1. Losing the blessings of God, but receiving the curses, weariness, heavy burden, sorrow, and tears.
2. The arm is broken, namely being unfaithful and leaving the service and ministry until not being able to minister anymore like Judas who was replaced by Matthias. It also means not being complete or not reaching the perfection.
3. The face was spread by refuse or the entrails gushed out. All rotten things which are hidden will be opened.

It is the same as the Israelites who worshiped the golden calf as follows:

1. Being stiff-necked or hard-hearted until the life is unclean.

Exodus 32:9

32:9 And the LORD said to Moses, "I have seen this people, and indeed it is a stiff-necked people!"

2. The marriage is unclean in the sins concerning eating-drinking and marrying-being given in marriage.

Exodus 32:18

32:18 But he said: "It is not the noise of the shout of victory, Nor the noise of the cry of defeat, But the sound of singing I hear."

Exodus 32:6

32:6 Then they rose early on the next day, offered burnt offerings, and brought peace offerings; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play.

3. The bond of money or ministering only to look for riches. It means the unclean ordination. The consequence is the everlasting perdition.

The solution is as follows:

1. The two tablets of stone must be broken. It means that Jesus must die on the cross for redeeming our sins.

Exodus 32:19

32:19 So it was, as soon as he came near the camp, that he saw the calf and the dancing. So Moses' anger became hot, and he cast the tablets out of his hands and broke them at the foot of the mountain.

2. Every priest must be on the Lord's side.

Exodus 32:26-29

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.

32:29 Then Moses said, "Consecrate yourselves today to the LORD, that He may bestow on you a blessing this day, for every man has opposed his son and his brother."

Putting the sword on the side means keeping on holding fast and obeying the true teaching Word until being sanctified and reaching the number 3000= 2000 (the Holy Place) + 1000 (the Most Holy Place). The sanctification by the sword of the Word brings us to enter the sheepfold or the Holy Place or have the perseverance in committing the three main services to God. We are sanctified continually until being perfect (the Most Holy Place).

[verse 39] To be able to be on the Lord's side, we must be firm and willingly sacrifice all things.

What must be sanctified?

- The sword of the Word sanctifies the defiled or unclean, evil, and heart bitter heart to be meek, obedient, holy, and pure. The unclean words are sanctified to be honest. The deeds and whole life are sanctified.

Hebrews 4:12-13

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 discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

4:13 And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.

As a result, we are worthy to serve to God.

- The sword of the Word sanctifies the unclean marriage.

1 Kings 3:16,22,24-26

3:16 Now two women who were harlots came to the king, and stood before him.

3:22 Then the other woman said, "No! But the living one is my son, and the dead one is your son." And the first woman said, "No! But the dead one is your son, and the living one is my son." Thus they spoke before the king.

3:24 Then the king said, "Bring me a sword." So they brought a sword before the king.

3:25 And the king said, "Divide the living child in two, and give half to one, and half to the other."

3:26 Then the woman whose son was living spoke to the king, for she yearned with compassion for her son; and she said, "O my lord, give her the living child, and by no means kill him!" But the other said, "Let him be neither mine nor yours, but divide him."

The marriage which is full of quarrels because of money, children, and so on as well as adultery or uncleanness can be sanctified until there is love, namely confessing and forgiving one another, being honest, and not using the self-truth nor blaming at others. As a result, the marriage can return to the holiness, oneness, and joy for entering the marriage supper of the Lamb.

Do not keep the false things in marriage. Reconcile quickly! The sanctification by the sword of the Word looks cruel or without love (*Divide the living child in two*), but there is mercy of God in it.

- The sword of the Word sanctifies the unclean ordination.

Judges 3:14,16-17,21

3:14 So the children of Israel served Eglon king of Moab eighteen years.

3:16 Now Ehud made himself a dagger (it was double-edged and a cubit in length) and fastened it under his clothes on his right thigh.

3:17 So he brought the tribute to Eglon king of Moab. (Now Eglon was a very fat man.)

3:21 Then Ehud reached with his left hand, took the dagger from his right thigh, and thrust it into his belly.

Eglon was very fat. His belly was full of fat, namely the possession of God or the tithes and offerings.

Leviticus 3:16

3:16 'and the priest shall burn them on the altar as food, an offering made by fire for a sweet aroma; all the fat is the LORD's.

The fat must be burnt. It means that the tithes and offerings must be returned to God to produce the sweet-smelling aroma before him.

The right tithe means one over ten of the blessings of God we have received. We live by the tithes we return to God.

As a result, our ministry can be fragrant before God to please and glorify Him. It means that we are on His side and He will be on our side to accompany us.

Romans 8:31-33

8:31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

8:32 He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?

8:33 Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies.

The results are as follows

- [verse 32] The Lord is able to provide all things we need through His sacrifice on the cross.
- [verse 33] The Lord is able to forgive all our sins and justify us.
- [verse 31] The Lord is able to give us victory over the enemies or solve all impossible problems. The sins are

defeated, so we can live in righteousness and holiness. We are used by God and accompanied by Him.

Jeremiah 1:8

Do not be afraid of their faces, For I am with you to deliver you," says the LORD.

- d. God is able to help us.

Psalms 118:5-9

118:5 I called on the LORD in distress; The LORD answered me and set me in a broad place.

118:6 The LORD is on my side; I will not fear. What can man do to me?

118:7 The LORD is for me among those who help me; Therefore I shall see my desire on those who hate me.

118:8 It is better to trust in the LORD Than to put confidence in man.

118:9 It is better to trust in the LORD Than to put confidence in princes.

He is able to set us free from curses and give us rest and peace. All things become easy and light.

God is able to protect us from disasters, accident, judgment, and doomsday.

We are sanctified and changed until being perfect and worthy to welcome Jesus' second coming on the glorious clouds.

God blesses you.