

General Service in Malang, July 30, 2023 (Sunday Morning)

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

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.

Jesus appears as the High Priest with the name LORD OF LORDS.

Luke 10:2

10:2 Then He said to them, "The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest."

The Lord Jesus as the Lord of lords has the harvest or God's work and sends our laborers or calls and chooses the laborer, priests, or servants.

There are two kinds of the work of God as follows:

1. The sowing or work in the Gospel Word or Good News that preaches Jesus' first coming to the world to die on the cross for saving the sinners. It is to add or complete the quantity of the members of Christ's body.
2. The reaping or work in the teaching Word or Bride Tidings that preaches Jesus' second coming in the glory for perfecting the saved people. It is to fulfill the quality of the members of Christ's body. It is the reaping of the ripe wheat, the perfect life, or the heavenly bride for entering the barn of the heavenly kingdom.

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?'"

The duty of a priest is honoring or glorifying God's name as follows:

1. **Fearing the Lord.**

Proverbs 8:13

8:13 The fear of the LORD is to hate evil; Pride and arrogance and the evil way And the perverse mouth I hate.

It means hating sins up to lie. We live in righteousness and holiness.

2. **Feeding Jesus**, namely serving and ministering to God obediently and faithfully until the end line.

John 4:34-36

4:34 Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work."

4:35 "Do you not say, 'There are still four months and then comes the harvest'? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest!"

4:36 "And he who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, that both he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together."

It means pleasing or making God full or satisfied. As a result, He will satisfy or give us the heavenly joy, so we do not need to look for the worldly satisfaction that makes us fall in sin. We always give thanks.

The matter of physical eating and drinking becomes God's.

Malachi 1:8

1:8 And when you offer the blind as a sacrifice, Is it not evil? And when you offer the lame and sick, Is it not evil? Offer it then to your governor! Would he be pleased with you? Would he accept you favorably?" Says the LORD of hosts.

Be careful! Many priests despise the name of God by bringing the blind animal for being offered. It refers to the blind ministry or an evil.

Mark 10:46

10:46 Now they came to Jericho. As He went out of Jericho with His disciples and a great multitude, blind Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, sat by the road begging.

The blind Bartimaeus sat by the road. It means walking about or not being shepherded. The condition is as follows:

1. **Being like the sowing of the seed of the Word that falls by the wayside.**

Matthew 13:3-4

13:3 *Then He spoke many things to them in parables, saying: "Behold, a sower went out to sow.*

13:4 *"And as he sowed, some seed fell by the wayside; and the birds came and devoured them.*

It means that the heart likes walking or wandering when the Word is being preached or there is no concentration. The feet also walk about or wander to hear the strange voice, namely the false teachings gossips, and so on or not being shepherded.

The seed by the wayside is trampled. It means getting bored or sleepy, criticizing, or rejecting until despising the Word.

Matthew 13:19

13:19 *"When anyone hears the word of the kingdom, and does not understand it, then the wicked one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is he who received seed by the wayside.*

Consequently, Satan steals the seed of the Word until one cannot understand and believe it.

Luke 8:5,12

8:5 *"A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell by the wayside; and it was trampled down, and the birds of the air devoured it.*

8:12 *"Those by the wayside are the ones who hear; then the devil comes and takes away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved.*

The Word does not become faith in the heart anymore until there is no salvation, but perdition forever.

The sowing of the seed of the Word determines the destiny of our life. If we receive the sowing of the seed of the Word with a good heart, we can believe and obey it to result in fruits, one hundred fold, namely the fruit of perseverance or patience.

Luke 8:15

8:15 *"But the ones that fell on the good ground are those who, having heard the word with a noble and good heart, keep it and bear fruit with patience.*

This will determine the destiny of our life.

Hebrews 10:36-37

10:36 *For you have need of endurance, so that after you have done the will of God, you may receive the promise:*

10:37 *"For yet a little while, And He who is coming will come and will not tarry.*

There are many needs in the world which get more difficult to be reached, but all things have been included in the perseverance. If we persevere, Jesus as the High Priest or Great Shepherd will be responsible for our life to fulfill all things we need up to the eternal life.

2. **Being like the fig tree by the road that had many leaves, but without any fruit.**

Matthew 21:18-19

21:18 *Now in the morning, as He returned to the city, He was hungry.*

21:19 *And seeing a fig tree by the road, He came to it and found nothing on it but leaves, and said to it, "Let no fruit grow on you ever again." Immediately the fig tree withered away.*

It means being active in the service and ministry to God (the leaves refer to the activity of the plant), but not satisfying God. The consequence is being cursed and withered up to the root or being in total failure up to perdition.

The fig tree was used as shelter by Nathanael.

John 1:48-51

1:48 *Nathanael said to Him, "How do You know me?" Jesus answered and said to him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you."*

1:49 *Nathanael answered and said to Him, "Rabbi, You are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!"*

1:50 *Jesus answered and said to him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these."*

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."

It means the service and ministry for self-interest or comforting the flesh until rejecting the cross. It refers to ministering with the self-truth and self-will until there is no obedience. The ministry is made as a profession and valued with money.

Not seeing heaven = the Heaven is shut or there are dryness and perdition.

We must go out of being under the fig tree. It means being ready to get the sun heat or rain, namely willingly suffering or bearing the cross for ministering to God, especially for the edification of the perfect Christ's body.

As a result, the heavens are opened. The power of heaven comes down from heaven for protecting and preserving our life as well as sanctifying and changing our life, so we can produce the sweet fruits, namely the fruit of obedience. When Jesus comes a second time, we are perfected to be lifted up on the glorious clouds.

3. Being like sheep which is not shepherded.

Matthew 9:35-36

9:35 Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.

9:36 But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd.

The shepherded sheep = sitting on the green grass.

Not being willing to sit or not being firm in the shepherding = sitting by the road.

It may also happen when one is still in the shepherding, but his heart is outside like Judas. It means liking to get the fellowship with others who make hostility against Jesus.

The consequence is being in weariness and curses or heavy burden, sorrow, and tears in the marriage as well as service and ministry. Finally, one stops the ministry and gets divorce until being scattered or none pays attention or takes the responsibility especially over the salvation of the soul.

If the Gentiles are not shepherded, the condition is only like a dog licking the vomit, namely meaningless words, lies, gossips, slanders, blasphemies until being the target of Satan with the impossible problems for destroying the marriage. A mother must be responsible with the words of faith, so Jesus, the Great Shepherd, will come.

John 10:11

10:11 "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep.

The way of God to help is that Jesus, the Good Shepherd, willingly gives His soul on the cross for the sheep for redeeming sins or delivering from sins, destruction, and perdition, so the sheep can live in righteousness.

Mark 1:1,3

1:1 The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

1:3 "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the LORD; Make His paths straight.'"

We must believe, repent, and get the renewal of water and Spirit, so we can live in righteousness. We have the straight heart where Jesus passes.

Luke 6:12,17-19

6:12 Now it came to pass in those days that He went out to the mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God.

6:17 And He came down with them and stood on a level place with a crowd of His disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem, and from the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, who came to hear Him and be healed of their diseases,

6:18 as well as those who were tormented with unclean spirits. And they were healed.

6:19 And the whole multitude sought to touch Him, for power went out from Him and healed them all.

The straight heart is the same as the level place or the heart that appreciates the sacrifice of Christ (Golgotha). We confess that we are the clay that is not worthy and able, but only relies on the mercy of God. We can worship God or fully surrender to Him. When all things cannot work anymore, only the mercy of God which cannot be limited is able to do all things or solve

all impossible problems. The sick can be healed. The destroyed can be restored. The failed can be made successful. The sad can rejoice. It continues until we are perfect for welcoming Jesus' second coming on the glorious clouds.

God blesses you.