

General Service in Malang, June 12, 2016 (Sunday Morning)

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

Revelation 4:2

4:2 Immediately I was in the Spirit; and behold, a throne set in heaven, and One sat on the throne.

John the apostle was in the Spirit, so he could see the throne of Heaven and Lord through a sight. Now, all of us can see the throne of Heaven and Lord through the revelation of the Word of God and the anointing of Holy Spirit.

Why does God show His throne and Himself to us?

1. It is so that we receive the attention or visit of God.

Psalm 11:4

11:4 The Lord is in His holy temple, The Lord's throne is in heaven; His eyes behold, His eyelids test the sons of men.

2. It is so that we experience the power of the train of His robe.

Isaiah 6:1

6:1 In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the temple.

3. It is so that we may live in holiness.

Psalm 47:8

47:8 God reigns over the nations; God sits on His holy throne.

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1 Peter 1:15-16

1:15 but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct,

1:16 because it is written, "Be holy, for I am holy."

The will of God is so that we are holy in all our conduct, until we are holy and perfect as He is. "In all our conduct" means our body, spirit, and soul must be sanctified. It also means that our past, present, and future life must be sanctified. Thus, we can sit together with Jesus on the throne of Heaven forever. The Bridegroom unites with the bride. The Head unites with the body forever.

How can we be sanctified up to perfection as Jesus?

Hebrews 4:12-13

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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.

By the work of the Word that is sharper than any two-edged sword, that is the true teaching Word.

There are two types of the preaching of the Word as follows.

1. Gospel Word/ milk/ Good News. It brings sinful lives to believe Jesus and be saved. After being saved, we must continue to the teaching Word.
2. The teaching Word that is sharper than any two-edged sword/ solid food/ Bride Tidings. It sanctifies saved lives up to perfection as Jesus, so they are worthy to sit together with Jesus on the throne of Heaven forever.

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In the teaching of Tabernacle, the sword equals to the Thummim.

"Open to the eyes of Him" = the light = the Urim.

Thus, the true teaching Word equals to the Urim and the Thummim.

Exodus 28:30

28:30 And you shall put in the breastplate of judgment the Urim and the Thummim, and they shall be over Aaron's heart when he goes in before the Lord. So Aaron shall bear the judgment of the children of Israel over his heart before the Lord continually.

The position of the Urim and the Thummim is over the heart of Aaron as the High Priest. Now, the sword of the true teaching Word is over the heart of Jesus as the High Priest. If there is the sword of the Word in the church, there will be the presence of Jesus as the High Priest.

What is sanctified by the sword of the Word or the Urim and the Thummim?

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1. It sanctifies our heart and thought.

Matthew 15:19

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

The heart and thought of men are filled with seven evil and unclean desires. The consequence is the lamp is quenched. It equals to the dark eyes, meaning acting blindly and living in sin up to its peak, that is sin concerning eating-drinking (smoking, getting drunk, consuming drugs) and marrying-being given in marriage (sexuality sin with all its variety, sexual deviations, mix marriage, marrying-divorcing). This kind of life leads to Babylon and will be destroyed forever.

If the heart and thought are sanctified from seven evil and unclean desires by the sword of the Word, the lamp will shine and the eyes will be bright. We only see God so we can live in righteousness and holiness, until we are perfect as Him.

Psalms 84:10

84:10 For a day in Your courts is better than a thousand. "I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God Than dwell in the tents of wickedness."

The practice is prioritizing God and ministry more than everything.

2. It sanctifies the joints and marrow.

The joint is the connection between two bones. It refers to our relation with the others and God.

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;

Jealousy means not appreciating the blessing and appointment from God, as well as His mercy that is in the price of the sacrifice of Christ on the cross.

If we are sanctified from jealousy, we can always give thanks for the blessing, appointment, and His mercy that we have received.

We must also be sanctified from contention. If it happens because of sins, we must be reconciled. If it happens because of the teaching, we must return to the Holy Bible. If one hardens his heart and preserves the sin and false teaching, he will always quarrel.

If we are sanctified from jealousy and contention, there will be no outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, backbitings, whisperings, conceits, and tumults. There is only peace.

Proverbs 17:22

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

The sanctification of marrow refers to the sanctification of the broken spirit, being disappointed and desperate. We are sanctified so we can be strong and of good courage. We keep believing Jesus whatever we face.

The practice of experiencing the sanctification of the joints and marrow is we love God more than everything. We only

believe and put our hope in Him. We love the others as loving ourselves, even we love the one who hates us. We repay evil with good.

3. The sanctification of the belly that is filled with fat.

Judges 3:16-17,21-22

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.

3:22 Even the hilt went in after the blade, and the fat closed over the blade, for he did not draw the dagger out of his belly; and his entrails came out.

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 belongs to God. Now, the spiritual meaning is the tithe and special offering that belong to God. They must be returned to God and not be stolen. If a pastor steals the tithe and special offering, there will be no spiritual food in the church. If the congregation steals the tithe and special offering, they will not be able to eat the Word or understand it. They will dry and die spiritually.

Returning the tithe and special offering equals to burning the fat, so we can be healthy physically and spiritually. The burnt fat has a sweet smelling aroma that pleases God, so He will also please us.

Acts 20:33-35

20:33 I have coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel.

20:34 Yes, you yourselves know that these hands have provided for my necessities, and for those who were with me.

20:35 I have shown you in every way, by laboring like this, that you must support the weak. And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

The practice of experiencing the sanctification of the belly from fat is feeling more blessed to give than to receive.

4. The sanctification of the mouth.

Psalms 149:6

149:6 Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, and a two-edged sword in their hand,

The sword of the Word sanctifies the mouth to the throat, so we can say good and right words.

Lying equals to inviting Satan to come, so none even God can touch. Lying means making a covenant with death.

Isaiah 28:15

28:15 Because you have said, "We have made a covenant with death, and with Sheol we are in agreement. When the overflowing scourge passes through, it will not come to us, For we have made lies our refuge, and under falsehood we have hidden ourselves."

Mouth is also sanctified so we can testify and worship God.

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.

Until sometime we do not stumble in word. We only cry out "Alleluia".

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28:30 And you shall put in the breastplate of judgment the Urim and the Thummim, and they shall be over Aaron's heart when he goes in before the Lord. So Aaron shall bear the judgment of the children of Israel over his heart before the Lord continually.

The position of one who is willing to be sanctified by the sword of the Word is over the heart of Jesus, meaning within the embrace of His merciful hands as the High Priest who sits on the throne of Heaven.

Isaiah 46:4

46:4 Even to your old age, I am He, and I will carry you! I have made, and I will

bear;~"Even I will carry, and will deliver you.

The results are as follows.

1. Jesus bears us, meaning He, as the High Priest, is responsible for our life. Our death and life are within His hands. He decides everything in our life. Remember, He always gives the best for us.
2. Jesus carries us, meaning bearing all weariness and heavy burden in our life, so we experience peace and calmness. Everything is finished and beautiful in His time.
3. Jesus delivers us, meaning He sanctifies us until we are perfect as Him. When Jesus comes a second time, we can welcome Him on the glorious clouds with the saying "Alleluia". It is until we sit together with Him on the throne of Heaven forever.

Daniel 7:9

7:9 "I watched till thrones were put in place,~"And the Ancient of Days was seated;~"His garment was white as snow,~"And the hair of His head was like pure wool.~"His throne was a fiery flame,~"Its wheels a burning fire;

God blesses us.