General Service in Malang, May 16, 2021 (Sunday Morning)

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

Revelation 13:3-4
13:3. And I saw one of his heads as if it had been mortally wounded, and his deadly wound was healed. And all the world marveled and followed the beast.
13:4. So they worshiped the dragon who gave authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast? Who is able to make war with him?"

The sign of the Antichrist is that one of his heads was as if it had been mortally wounded, and his deadly wound was healed.
It refers to the false death and resurrection, so the glory is also false. It is the same as not experiencing the renewal of life, so he cannot be lifted up to the Heaven but being destroyed in the lake of fire and brimstone forever.

'*all the world marveled*' means that there are many churches of God that marvel to the sign of the Antichrist. If the son of God just looks for the physical signs such as healing, physical blessing, and so on, but without the purification and renewal of life, he is actually ministering and worshiping Satan or the Antichrist. He will not be lifted up to the Heaven but drowning and being destroyed with the Antichrist in the lake of fire and brimstone forever.

That is why we must know the sign of Jesus Christ. He dies on the cross and rises in the body of glory (renewal of life), so He is lifted up to the Heaven.

The church of God on the last days must marvel to the sign of Jesus Christ. It means marveling to the sign of purification and renewal of life.

We should not just marvel to the physical signs such as riches, healing, and so on, because people who have not known God have more.

Matthew 7:28-29
7:28. And so it was, when Jesus had ended these sayings, that the people were astonished at His teaching,
7:29. for He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.

Marveling to the sign of Jesus is the same as being astonished at the teaching Word or the sword of the Word which has the power to purify and renew us up to perfection like Jesus. The church of God on the last days must prioritize the true teaching Word that is sharper than any two-edged sword in the ministry. We must hear the true teaching Word delightfully, so we experience the purification and renewal of life which is the same as the power of lifting up.

If we prioritize the Word in our ministry, namely hearing and obeying the Word, we will not drown in the tempestuous sea until we experience the power of lifting up to the Heaven when Jesus comes a second time. We do not drown in the hell, but being with Jesus forever.

For example, Peter experienced the power of lifting up in the true teaching Word three times.
Peter was a great servant of God but he experienced drowning.

1. **Jesus lifted Peter up from fisherman to fisher of men**. It is the same as becoming the priest and king or living stone.
   Mark 1:16-18
   1:16. And as He walked by the Sea of Galilee, He saw Simon and Andrew his brother casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen.
   1:17. Then Jesus said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men."
   1:18. They immediately left their nets and followed Him.

   The priest and king are the holy man or one who has ministry and ministers to God according to the ministry that He gives to him.

   1 Peter 2:9
   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;

   The process of lifting up is as follows:

- Being called out of darkness into His marvelous light.
  We believe in Jesus as the only one Savior (the Gate). Further, we repent (the Altar of Burnt Offerings), enter into water baptism (the Brazen Laver), and Holy Spirit baptism (the Door of Tabernacle).
  Entering the court of heaven is the same as living in righteousness.
  Living in righteousness is the miracle of God.

- Being chosen.
  Exodus 29:1
  29:1. "And this is what you shall do to them to hallow them for ministering to Me as priests: Take one young bull and two rams without blemish,

  Being chosen means that from among the people in the world, one is taken to be purified and appointed as the priests and kings, living stones, or the servants of God.
  We must be in the Holy Place.

  Leviticus 21:12
  21:12. 'nor shall he go out of the sanctuary, nor profane the sanctuary of his God; for the consecration of the anointing oil of his God is upon him: I am the LORD.

  The Holy Place refers to the sheepfold, namely the perseverance in committing the three kinds of main service to God.
  We attach to the Trinity of God
  We hear and obey or eat the shepherding Word, so we are stable and increasing in righteousness and salvation.
  The righteousness increases until we are righteous, just as Jesus is righteous. The holiness increases until we are holy, just as Jesus is holy.

  There are many servants of God who decrease, not increasing.
  The decadence happens because of not being shepherded.

  Further, in the Holy Place we are more stable and increasing in the anointing of Holy Spirit.
  We always minister to God faithfully and fervently until He comes a second time. Holy Spirit is our extra power, so we do not depend on fleshly power anymore and our ministry can increase.

- Being specialized.
  We are specialized to become the apple of God's eye. We are loved as God's chosen people. We also love, glorify, and glamorize His name anywhere and anytime.

  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.'"

  Testifying also means glorifying and glamorizing the name of God. We can testify in words and deeds wherever we are.

  We can do all ministries because of Holy Spirit.
  As a result, our reward and work are in the hand of God. We live in the hand of God's great mercy and His miraculous merciful hand. We have the certainty. He never breaks His promises.
  God will take care of us abundantly in the midst of the difficulties of the world, so we always give thanks.
  The living stone in the hand of God will surely live although the Antichrist reigns for three and a half years.
  We keep living in righteousness and holiness in the world. We minister to God faithfully and fervently until the finish line.

  As the apple of God's eye, we cannot be charged against by anything until we live forever in heaven.
  The salary, diploma, *et cetera*are just a medium but only God's great mercy determines everything. God gives the certainty for us.

2. **<u>The true teaching Word is able to lift Peter or us who begin to sink in the sea of the world</u>**.
   Matthew 14:25,29-33
   14:25. Now in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went to them, walking on the sea.
   14:29. So He said, "Come." And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus.

14:30. But when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!"
14:31. And immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?"
14:32. And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased.
14:33. Then those who were in the boat came and worshiped Him, saying, "Truly You are the Son of God."

'*Come*' refers to the hard Word, so we come to Jesus in the midst of winds and waves.

Be watchful! There are many servants of God (the apple of God's eye) who sink on the last days. Why? Because of being doubtful.

Actually, one who is shepherded cannot sink or be charged against by anything. But if he doubts, he will sink.
One doubts to the teaching Word (God Himself) because he opens his ear and feeling (skin) to the false teaching.

The character of the false teaching is forcing, giving advantage for the flesh, and hearing gossips, *et cetera*, but without the cross. We must be careful.
The false teaching makes us doubt and not believe in Jesus, even we trust shaman more than God.
Consequently, all things decrease including righteousness and holiness. The physical thing and marriage also decrease.
Satan does not only take our happiness, but also our life and salvation up to perdition forever.
If we minister doubtfully, we will start failing, decreasing, and falling into sins up to the peak. Unwittingly, we are used in the building of the Babylon.

Philippians 3:1b
3:1b. For me to write the same things to you is not tedious, but for you it is safe.

That is why the Word needs to be repeated, so we can be stable. We can receive the Word in live streaming, recording, Manna magazine, *et cetera*.
Why does the Word need to be repeated? For us it is safe, so we do not doubt to the other teaching, and we will not sink.

The shepherding Word is the Word which is repeated by a shepherd. It is the longsuffering of God. God is waiting to give a chance for helping us until we can be set free from sin and doubt.
The repeated Word is also able to remind us to God or the true teaching Word and the power of God, especially in drowning. For example, the younger son in the swine field only remembered the food at his father's house.

God waits for us until we can stretch out our hands to Him.
Matthew 14:30, 33
14:30. But when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!"
14:33. Then those who were in the boat came and worshiped Him, saying, "Truly You are the Son of God."

One who sinks will surely stretch out his hands. We say "*Lord, save me!*" It means that we return to hold fast the true teaching Word. We just trust and cry to God. We confess that He is the Christ and powerful Son of God.
As a result, God will stretch out His merciful hands to us. He lifts us up from drowning, restores us from decadence, and brings us to live in righteousness and holiness, so we can be used to become the rock. It is the strong base for the building of the perfect body of Christ.

Matthew 16:16-18
16:16. Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."
16:17. Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven.
16:18. "And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rockI will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

Peter or the hard stone that was changed into the living stone could ever sink, but he was lifted up to become the rock that was used in the building of the temple of God because he was in the hand of the Son of the living God.

3. **The repeated shepherding Word is able to lift Peter or us up from drowning in the lake of fire and brimstone or the hell and perdition**.
   This conversation happened after Peter denied Jesus.
   John 21:15-17

21:15. So when they had eaten breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me more than these?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." He said to him, "Feed My lambs."
21:16. He said to him again a second time, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." He said to him, "Tend My sheep."
21:17. He said to him the thirdtime, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?" Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, "Do you love Me?" And he said to Him, "Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You." Jesus said to him, "Feed My sheep.

Jesus spoke three times about love and shepherding. It is the true teaching Word, namely the shepherding Word which is repeated by a shepherd in the three kinds of main service to God. It is able to correct us and our love up to the depth of the heart.
'*Peter was grieved*' means that the sword of the Word goes through our deepest heart, so we can realize if there is false thing. Others maybe do not know that, but Satan accuses us. There is big emptiness, namely being empty of the love of God.

The consequence of ministering without love is like Peter that denied God three times with his words.
Lying is the same as denying God, blaming the true teaching and justifying the false one, speaking dirty words, slandering, and speaking the words that weaken others' faith.

Denying God in works means that one is not faithful, but leaves the ministry. He harms others like Peter who cut off Malchus' right ear. He becomes a stumbling-block for others, so they do not want to hear the true teaching Word anymore. He does sinful deed, wickedness, up to the peak of sin. He returns evil for good. He becomes the same as Satan.

Titus 1:16
1:16. They profess to know God, but in works they deny Him,being abominable, disobedient, and disqualified for every good work.

We must correct our heart if there is a denial. We check if our heart is empty and we let a false thing.
The shepherding is important, so we can confess the Trinity of God. Do not feel great, but actually there is no love!

Matthew 10:32-33
10:32. "Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven.
10:33. "But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven.

'*whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father*' means perdition forever in the hell.
But, thanks to God. There is still a chance in the shepherding. It is like a fig tree in the vineyard that should have been cut but it received the defense and fertilizer (the extra food namely fasting prayer, all night-long prayer, and fellowship), so it can bore the fruits.

John 21:18-19
21:18. "Most assuredly, I say to you, when you were younger, you girded yourself and walked where you wished; but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will gird you and carry you where you do not wish."
21:19. This He spoke, signifying by what death he would glorify God. And when He had spoken this, He said to him, "Follow Me."

Peter should have been destroyed, but luckily there was the crow of rooster, namely the repeated shepherding Word.
We must experience the working of the shepherding Word until we grieve. We confess that there is the false thing in our life. We confess our weakness and infirmity. We confess that we do not have love. Let us confess everything to God, so we can be forgiven, and we can stretch out our hands to God.

Stretching out our hand to God is the same as being obedient. We trust and love God whatever thing we have to sacrifice
As a result, God stretches out His miraculous merciful hand to do the things as follows:

- Fixing the things that have not been fixed yet. The hard and impossible things become possible.
- All of our weariness, heavy burdens, bitterness, sour wine including the thing that is not good are changed into the sweet wine, namely the heavenly bliss.
  Surrender the sour wine to be drunk by God, so we can be satisfied, and we can worship Him.

- Perfecting us. We do not stumble in words.

We can be lifted up, so we enter the heaven forever when Jesus comes a second time.

Revelation 21:14,19
21:14. Now the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.
21:19. The foundations of the wall of the city were adorned with all kinds of precious stones: the first foundation was jasper, the second sapphire, the third chalcedony, the fourth emerald,

From the hard stone, Peter can become the living stone, the rock, and the precious stone in the New Jerusalem.
The shepherding is the most appropriate and promising place.
Let us pray, so we can be lifted up until we enter the New Jerusalem forever.

God blesses us.