

# General Service in Malang, May 28, 2017 (Sunday Morning)

## CHILD SUBMISSION SERVICE

### **John 15:1**

*15:1 "I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser.*

Lord Jesus appears as the true vine to give us chance to appear as the branches. No matter how great a man in this world is, he is just as a small branch or powerless child. The only way out is that the branch must be attached to the true vine. It means that we must cling to Jesus or the true vine. The practices are as follows.

1. Being shepherded, namely being faithful and persevering in three main services.
2. Being sanctified intensively from evil and unclean sins, as well as from bitterness.

Thus, we will bear a lot of fruits. We will live in the hands of the Great Shepherd. Although we are small, we live within the great merciful hands of God that are able to care our powerless life, up to the eternal one. The Great Shepherd gives protection and pleading as to the apple of His eyes.

3. Being pressed to obtain the sweet wine, namely to renew our life from the fleshly man to the spiritual one as Jesus. Life renewal is started from our mouth can say good and right words. There is no lie. Ezekiel is used by God to testify about the right shepherding and the building of the body of Christ. The peak of sweet word is worshiping God. We fully surrender our life to Him. It is until we will shout for joy on the glorious clouds with God forever.

God blesses us.

## GENERAL SERVICE

Grace and peace in the love of our Lord Jesus Christ.

### **Revelation 6:1-2**

*6:1 Now I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals; and I heard one of the four living creatures saying with a voice like thunder, "Come and see."*

*6:2 And I looked, and behold, a white horse. He who sat on it had a bow; and a crown was given to him, and he went out conquering and to conquer.*

The opening of the first seal is the first judgment of Holy Spirit to the world, namely the judgment over sins.

The opening of the first seal is witnessed by two witnesses as follows.

1. The lamb which has been slain.

#### **Revelation 5:6**

*5:6 And I looked, and behold, in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as though it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent out into all the earth.*

It refers to Jesus who has died on the cross and been raised to overcome the death, to save sinful men. We will not be drowned in the lake of burning sulfur. We will not be destroyed forever.

The process to receive salvation is as follows.

- Believing and having faith to Jesus as the only Savior, through hearing the Gospel of Salvation or Gospel Word or Good News. If our heart believes, our mouth will confess our sins to God and the others. If we are forgiven, we must not repeat the sins.
- Encountering the death and resurrection experience with Jesus through water baptism.

#### **Romans 6:4**

*6:4 Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.*

The true water baptism is that we must die to old life or sins. We are buried in water together with Jesus, to be raised with Him and receive new life or glorious life or Heavenly life, namely having a good conscience. A good

conscience is a sincere heart as the one of the dove. We can differ the right and the wrong matters, the good and the bad ones. We can live in righteousness and goodness. It means that we are saved and blessed by God.

2. The first of the four living creatures that is like a lion.

**Revelation 4:7**

*4:7 The first living creature was like a lion, the second living creature like a calf, the third living creature had a face like a man, and the fourth living creature was like a flying eagle.*

**Revelation 5:5**

*5:5 But one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep. Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals."*

It refers to the Lion of the tribe of Judah or Lord Jesus.

**Amos 3:7-8**

*3:7 Surely the Lord God does nothing, Unless He reveals His secret to His servants the prophets.*

*3:8 A lion has roared! Who will not fear? The Lord God has spoken! Who can but prophesy?*

The roar of the Lion of the tribe of Judah refers to the prophecy Word or the true teaching Word, namely the Word that preaches and reveals about everything that has not happened yet, but surely will happen. Especially, it is about the two things as follows.

- About Jesus' second coming in glory as the King of kings and Heavenly Bridegroom to perfect us as His bride.
- About the judgment that is to come to the world.

Why must we pay attention to the roar of the Lion of the tribe of Judah or the true teaching Word?

**1 Peter 5:8**

*5:8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.*

Because we also face the roar of the lion of devil that defiles and devastates.

**Judges 14:5**

*14:5 So Samson went down to Timnah with his father and mother, and came to the vineyards of Timnah. Now to his surprise, a young lion came roaring against him.*

The roar of the lion of devil happens in the vineyard or the shepherding nurtured by the Bride Tidings.

The consequence of the roar of the lion of devil is as follows.

- Walking around or not being shepherded.

**1 Peter 5:8**

*5:8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.*

It is started with not persevering in three main services, as a branch detached from the true vine. As the consequence, one will be in weary, bear heavy burden, and labor. He will be neglected, meaning there is none who is responsible for the salvation of his soul.

- Being dry spiritually and not experiencing the Heavenly satisfaction.

The practices are as follows.

- a. Envy or not appreciating the blessing from God.

**Matthew 20:15**

*20:15 Is it not lawful for me to do what I wish with my own things? Or is your eye evil because I am good?*

Envy means not appreciating the blessing from God.

One denarius is God's mercy to pass the famine up to the days of antichrist. Thus, we can live wherever, whenever, under any situation, up to the eternal life.

Envy means not appreciating the appointment of God. All of us are used by God according to the ministry entrusted by Him. The appointment from God is different, but the value is the same. The salary is the same, namely one denarius. The weakest and smallest part of the body is the most needed one.

- b. Being dry spiritually, grumbling, gossiping, slandering, and blaspheming God.

**Matthew 20:11**

*20:11 And when they had received it, they complained against the landowner,*

- o Biting the ear and legs.

**Amos 3:12**

*3:12 Thus says the Lord: "As a shepherd takes from the mouth of a lion two legs or a piece of an ear, so shall the children of Israel be taken out who dwell in Samaria-- in the corner of a bed and on the edge of a couch!"*

The ear is bitten because of hearing the other teaching, tale, or joke that satisfy the flesh desire. One will get bored and not enjoy the Bride Tidings anymore.

The legs are bitten means that the foundation is shaken. One starts to doubt the true teaching Word. If it is continued, he will be paralysed. It is started with being inactive and unfaithful in the ministry, until leaving it. Being paralysed in the bed means experiencing problems in marriage, until falling in sin concerning eating-drinking and marrying-being given in marriage.

- o Being swallowed by the lion or failing from the faith. One will leave the true teaching Word and follow the false one.

**1 Peter 5:8**

*5:8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.*

The true water baptism decides whether we hear the roar of the Lion of the tribe of Judah or the lion of devil. If the water baptism is true, we will get a sincere conscience which can differ the true teaching Word from the false one. Thus, we can choose firmly the true or the false. We can choose firmly to be shepherded to the true teaching Word or the false one. Being shepherded equals to dwelling in the Holy Place. There are three types of equipment within it that refer to three main services as follows.

- o Golden Candlestick refers to perseverance in General Service. The sheep drink.
- o Table of Showbread refers to perseverance in Bible Study Service with Holy Communion. The sheep eat.
- o Golden Altar of Incense refers to perseverance in Prayer Service. The sheep breathe.

Persevering in three main services equals to sitting on the grass, namely being steady in the shepherding.

**1 Peter 5:9**

*5:9 Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.*

In the shepherding, there is suffering. However, we will be steadfast in faith.

**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."*

The steadfast faith is being submissive and obedient until the flesh does not sound anymore. We stretch out our hands to God. We believe and put our hope to God. We only worship and fully surrender our life to Him. Thus, He will stretch out His great merciful hands to us.

**1 Peter 5:5-6**

*5:5 Likewise you younger people, submit yourselves to your elders. Yes, all of you be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for "God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble."*

*5:6 Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time,*

God will care our life miraculously in the midst of difficulties in the world up to the days of antichrist. We always give thanks to Him.

God will lift us up from all downfalls and failures. Our life will be successful and beautiful.

We will be used in the revival of Holy Spirit in the last rain or the ministry of building the perfect body of Christ. The more we are renewed, the more beautiful our life will be. It is until we are renewed to become perfect as Him.

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