

General Service in Malang, November 03, 2024 (Sunday Morning)

Revelation 22:5c, 3

22:5 ..., And they shall reign forever and ever.

22:3 And there shall be no more curse, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His servants shall serve Him.

We become the priests and kings until reaching the heavenly kingdom. The inhabitants of the heavenly kingdom are the priests and kings. Therefore, we must be the priests and kings from now on in the world until reaching the New Jerusalem. Do not stop on the way or retire!

The duties of the priests are as follows:

1. Testifying.

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;

2. Offering up the spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God.

1 Peter 2:5

2:5 you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

The physical and spiritual life are different. The physical one is based on the intelligence or skill, but the spiritual one is based on the holiness and the anointing of Holy Spirit.

3. [1 Peter 2:5a] Being used in the edification of the spiritual house or the perfect body of Christ.

We are worthy to welcome Jesus' second coming on the glorious clouds.

John 4:35-36

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.

The time for working is four months = 4x30 days = 120 days.

Numbers 14:34

14:34 'According to the number of the days in which you spied out the land, forty days, for each day you shall bear your guilt one year, namely forty years, and you shall know My rejection.

1 day = 1 year. 120 days = 120 years of Jubilee = 120 x 50 years = 6000 years.

Thus, the time for working in the world is 6000 years = 2000 years of the age of Father God + 2000 years of the age of the Son of God + 2000 years of the last age. Thus, it should have been no time anymore to work in the field of God as the priests and kings.

2 Peter 3:9

3:9 The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

Nevertheless, God gives the time of His longsuffering, so we are still able to work for Him. Therefore, we must use the time as well as possible for doing the following three things:

1. Repenting. It means that we stop sinning and return to God.

Romans 2:4

2:4 Or do you despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance?

God gives us tools for repenting as follows:

- His longsuffering, namely He has not come a second time yet. We are still given the long age.
- His goodness, namely we still have the body, soul, and spirit. Jesus redeems our sin with the fleshly body on the cross. As long as human has the fleshly body, he can be redeemed and set free by the blood of Jesus. Man can repent and he needs to repent.
- His forbearance. It means that all sins, no matter what its kind is and how long it has been done, can be forgiven by God.

Romans 2:5

2:5 But in accordance with your hardness and your impenitent heart you are treasuring up for yourself wrath in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God,

Only the hard-hearted man does not want to repent, so he keeps the sin until throwing away the service and ministry to God and treasuring up for himself wrath.

Revelation 9:20-21

9:20 But the rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands, that they should not worship demons, and idols of gold, silver, brass, stone, and wood, which can neither see nor hear nor walk.

9:21 And they did not repent of their murders or their sorceries or their sexual immorality or their thefts.

If it continues, one who does not want to repent will someday have the heart which is as hard as Satan, who cannot repent. Consequently, he must receive the punishment of God up to the everlasting perdition.

On the contrary, one who is gentle until being able to repent and he willingly repents will someday cannot commit sin like Jesus.

2. Working in the field of God.

John 4:36

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."

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

- Sowing= the revival of Holy Spirit at the early rain = the revival in the Gospel Word that preaches the first coming of Jesus to die on the cross for saving the sinners.

Romans 11:25-30

11:25 For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in.

11:26 And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written: "The Deliverer will come out of Zion, And He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob;

11:27 For this is My covenant with them, When I take away their sins."

11:28 Concerning the gospel they are enemies for your sake, but concerning the election they are beloved for the sake of the fathers.

11:29 For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.

11:30 For as you were once disobedient to God, yet have now obtained mercy through their disobedience,

Actually, the salvation is only for the natives of Israel. Nevertheless, the opportunity is opened for the Gentiles because a part of Israel has rejected Jesus. The sign of the salvation is believing in Jesus and repenting.

The function of the revival of the early rain is for adding the quantity in the body of Christ.

- Reaping= the revival in the teaching Word, namely preaching the second coming of Jesus in the glory as the King of all kings and the Heavenly Bridegroom for sanctifying the people who have been saved until being as perfect as Jesus is.

Romans 11:30-31

11:30 For as you were once disobedient to God, yet have now obtained mercy through their disobedience,

11:31 even so these also have now been disobedient, that through the mercy shown you they also may obtain mercy.

Matthew24:27

24:27 "For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes to the west, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.

The direction is from the east to the west to return to Samaria, Judea, and Jerusalem.

The activity of sowing is different from the one of reaping. Nevertheless, there must be the cooperation. The wage of sowing and reaping is the same as follows:

- The joy of heaven.

Matthew6:26

6:26 "Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?"

Matthew10:29-31

10:29 "Are not two sparrows sold for a copper coin? And not one of them falls to the ground apart from your Father's will.

10:30 "But the very hairs of your head are all numbered.

10:31 "Do not fear therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows.

- A piece of hair is counted by God. The priests and kings get the attention and mercy of God. He is able to protect and preserve us until the time when the Antichrist reigns over the world for three and a half years.

Matthew28:19-20

28:19 "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

28:20 "teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.

If we join the activity of sowing and reaping, God will be with us even to the end of the age.

3. **Waiting for Jesus' second coming on the glorious clouds in the glory as the King of all kings or the Heavenly Bridegroom.**

Psalm27:14

27:14 Wait on the LORD; Be of good courage, And He shall strengthen your heart; Wait, I say, on the LORD!

The requirement is being strong and of good courage.

1 Peter4:12-14

4:12 Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you;

4:13 but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy.

4:14 If you are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. On their part He is blasphemed, but on your part He is glorified.

We must endure in facing the sprinkling of blood. We rejoice in facing the cross or suffering. This is the proof that there is the spirit of glory or shekinah glory. We are not weary, heavy laden, or stumbling because of anything. We keep faithful and fervent in spirit until Jesus comes a second time. We also keep peaceful. All things become easy and light.

The results of the spirit of glory.

Psalm78:14

78:14 In the daytime also He led them with the cloud, And all the night with a light of fire.

It becomes the pillar of clouds and the pillar of fire that lead us in our journey in the wilderness of the world. Holy Spirit pours out the love of God, so we are not cold spiritually, but we keep faithful and fervent in spirit.

Exodus16:7

16:7 "And in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD; for He hears your complaints against the LORD. But what are we, that you complain against us?"

God is able to preserve our life in the midst of the wilderness of the world physically until we have abundant life and give thanks. Spiritually, we are blessed through the teaching Word and Holy Communion giving us the real satisfaction. We do not look for the other satisfaction in the world. The Spirit of glory changes us until we are as perfect and glorious as Jesus is.

God blesses you.