

General Service in Malang, October 02, 2016 (Sunday Morning)

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

Revelation 4:6

4:6 Before the throne there was a sea of glass, like crystal. And in the midst of the throne, and around the throne, were four living creatures full of eyes in front and in back.

We are still learning about four living creatures in the midst and around the throne. They are four men who ever lived in this evil, unclean, and cursed world but in the atmosphere of the Heavenly throne until being really lifted up to the throne of Heaven.

In order to be lifted up to the throne of Heaven, we need to learn from these four living creatures.

1. Enoch.

Genesis 5:24

5:24 And Enoch walked with God; and he was not, for God took him.

Enoch walked with God until he was truly lifted to the Heavenly throne.

Proverbs 3:32

3:32 For the perverse person is an abomination to the Lord, but His secret counsel is with the upright.

The practice of walking with God is being honest.

Titus 2:6-7

2:6 Likewise, exhort the young men to be sober-minded,

2:7 in all things showing yourself to be a pattern of good works; in doctrine showing integrity, reverence, incorruptibility,

The beginning of honesty is being honest in the true teaching Word. We say "yes" if yes and "no" if no. We have integrity to hold fast to the true teaching Word and refuse the wrong one.

If we are in doubt, we will choose wrongly. Saying God as a ghost means the true teaching Word is said wrong. This thing happened when His pupils were on the boat, facing waves. A doubtful heart will also conceal sin.

If we are honest in the true teaching Word, we must be honest too in repenting sins.

Furthermore, we are honest in marriage, starting from the beginning of marriage. And also being honest / truthful in finance, even being truthful in everything.

Titus is a young man. Young people must be brave to be honest in True teaching, marriage, and everything. They also must be a model for others.

2. Moses.

Deuteronomy 34:5-6

34:5 So Moses the servant of the Lord died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the Lord.

34:6 And He buried him in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth Peor; but no one knows his grave to this day.

Jude 1:9

1:9 Yet Michael the archangel, in contending with the devil, when he disputed about the body of Moses, dared not bring against him a reviling accusation, but said, "The Lord rebuke you!"

No one knows his grave, meaning Moses was resurrected by God in glorious body, so he was raised to Heaven. Even his dead body is still contested by Satan, therefore we should be cautious in life.

Moses died according to God's Word so he was raised to Heaven. Being dead according to His Word also means to always live in God's Word or living in righteousness in every aspect of our life. Therefore we will be raised like Moses. To live in righteousness is the same as having the heavenly atmosphere, but living in unrighteousness is the same as having the atmosphere of hell.

3. Elijah.

2 Kings 2:11

2:11 Then it happened, as they continued on and talked, that suddenly a chariot of fire appeared with horses of fire, and

separated the two of them; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.

Elijah went up into heaven with a chariot of fire with horses of fire. The fire means the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 12:11

12:11 not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord;

The fact found in it is faithfully and fervently in spirit in serving to the Lord until the end line, until we are raised to the throne of Heaven.

Faithfulness will cover all of our lacks and weaknesses.

Elijah was hopeless and disappointed facing the false teaching of Jezebel, until he asked to die. But the fire of Holy Spirit helped him to be strong and of good courage until he went up into heaven.

If we are being lazy and unfaithful, until leaving ministry, it is the same as being without the fire. Do not leave ministry whatever the reason is.

Exodus 14:28

14:28 Then the waters returned and covered the chariots, the horsemen, and all the army of Pharaoh that came into the sea after them. Not so much as one of them remained.

A chariot without fire is the one of Pharaoh which will be drowned in the sea of fire and brimstone.

4. Lord Jesus.

Philippians 2:8-9

2:8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.

2:9 Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name,

Jesus was obedient to the point of death upon the cross, therefore He was resurrected in the glorious body and He went up into the throne of Heaven.

We must be obedient until the flesh does not speak anymore. So there will be God's help to make impossible thing become possible, even we are used in the revival of building the perfect body of Christ.

If we are honest like Enoch, righteous like Moses, faithful and fervent in spirit like Elijah, and obedient like Jesus, we will live in the atmosphere of the throne of Heaven although we are still in this cursed and unclean world. We will experience the uplifting power of God, until sometime we are really lifted up to the Heavenly throne when Jesus comes second time.

The results are as follows :

1. The uplifting power of God lifts us from paralysis on bed.

John 5:8

5:8 Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your bed and walk."

To be paralyzed means being unfaithful and not fervent in spirit in ministry. It also means to always hope in others or something in this world, so one is easily proud or disappointed.

John 5:6-7

5:6 When Jesus saw him lying there, and knew that he already had been in that condition a long time, He said to him, "Do you want to be made well?"

5:7 The sick man answered Him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; but while I am coming, another steps down before me."

We must be changed from being paralyzed to hoping fully and giving thanks to God.

Paralysis in bed means the peak of sin that is sin of eating-drinking and marrying-giving in marriage. It also means a ruin in marriage and children. Being paralyzed for 38 years means impossibility. But there is no impossible thing for God.

2. The uplifting power of God lifts us up from sinking.

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!"

14:31 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."

Sinking means as follows:

- Falling in sin, even up to the peak of sin, will be restored.
- Failure in every field will be lifted to be successful in His time.
- Being doubtful to God, the True teaching, and the power of God. We are renewed so we can stretch our hands to God or trust and entrust our lives to as well as surrender and worship Him. Then God will also stretch His hands to lift us up. Being doubtful is the same as worry, so one must be in weariness and heavy burden. But the uplifting power of God will make our heart peaceful, everything is easy and light as well as clear and beautiful in His time. We are renewed to be as glorious as Jesus when He comes at the second time.

God blesses you.