

General Service in Malang, October 13, 2024 (Sunday Morning)

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

Revelation 22:5

22:5 There shall be no night there: They need no lamp nor light of the sun, for the Lord God gives them light. And they shall reign forever and ever.

To enter the New Jerusalem, there must be no night. It means that it is always day.

John 9:4

9:4 "I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work.

It means that we must always be active for doing the work of God or there is no retirement.

John 14:12

14:12 "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father.

There are two kinds of the work of the Lord we must do as follows:

1. **The works that Jesus does**, namely the work of salvation or finishing sins. This is the revival of Holy Spirit at the early rain or the revival on the Gospel Word that preaches Jesus' first coming for saving the sinners.

Why must sins be finished? It is because sin is the heaviest burden of men from now on in the world until entering the hell.

All great things in the world such as intelligence, riches, and position cannot finish sins; moreover they encourage men to commit sin. Therefore, Jesus must come to the world as the only sinless Man who must die on the cross for finishing sins and saving the sinners.

The signs of salvation are as follows:

- Having faith or believing in Jesus as the only savior.
- Repenting, stopping sinning, or returning to God.
The faith becomes a brake so that we do not commit sin as well as a gas pedal so that we are encouraged to do good things.
- Being renewed of water and Spirit or being baptized of water and Holy Spirit.

Matthew 26:24

26:24 "The Son of Man indeed goes just as it is written of Him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been good for that man if he had not been born."

How great a man who is born in the world is, his life or birth is useless when he has no life renewal and righteous life.

For example, Judas Iscariot was not renewed. He did not have righteous life, so it would have been good for him if he had not been born. He kept the sin of stealing, lying, and hypocrisy or pretense.

Psalms 37:25-26

37:25 I have been young, and now am old; Yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken, Nor his descendants begging bread.

37:26 He is ever merciful, and lends; And his descendants are blessed.

Righteousness is the heritage for the descendants as well as the guarantee for our life now up to the eternal life. The righteous will never be left by God.

The righteous or the people who have been saved will say "It is better not to than not being righteous".

We must testify about the Gospel of Salvation or Good News to the sinners so that they believe in Jesus and get the

salvation.

2. The work which is greater than the salvation.

Ephesians 4:12

4:12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,

It refers to the work for the edification of the perfect Christ's body, the heavenly bride, or the revival of Holy Spirit at the latter rain. It is the revival in the teaching Word that preaches Jesus' second coming in the glory as the Heavenly Bridegroom on the glorious clouds for sanctifying and renewing us up to the perfection.

The fact found in the edification of Christ's body is the true fellowship in the true teaching Word. It is signified by the sacrifice of time, energy, thought, money, up to our whole life.

It starts from the marriage, shepherding, inter-shepherding, up to the perfect body of Christ.

Matthew 21:18-19

21:18 Now in the morning, as He returned to the city, He was hungry.

21:19 And seeing a fig tree by the road, He came to it and found nothing on it but leaves, and said to it, "Let no fruit grow on you ever again." Immediately the fig tree withered away.

In the last journey of Jesus to Jerusalem or in the revival of Holy Spirit at the latter rain to the New Jerusalem, it has happened that the fig tree had many leaves but there was no fruit until being cursed by Jesus. It means that many people are active in in the edification of Christ's body, but not yielding fruits. The service and ministry cannot satisfy or please God's. The consequences are as follows:

- There is dissatisfaction or dry spirituality. The signs are murmuring, grumbling, and blaming at one another. One looks for the satisfaction in the world until falling in sins up to the peak, namely the sins concerning eating-drinking such as smoking, getting drunk, and drugs abuse and the ones concerning marrying-being given in marriage. The satisfaction of the world is also brought into the church.
- There is atmosphere of curses, namely weariness, heavy burden, sorrow, tears, and perdition.

Why does one get dry and cursed although he has served and ministered to God?

- **Serving and ministering to God without faith** or the Table of Showbread.

Malachi 3:8-9

3:8 "Will a man rob God? Yet you have robbed Me! But you say, 'In what way have we robbed You?' In tithes and offerings.

3:9 You are cursed with a curse, For you have robbed Me, Even this whole nation.

It means serving and ministering to God, but stealing the tithes and offerings that belong to God because of feeling that he lives by money, not by faith.

Our salary and so on are only the tool from God. We live by faith that is able to cause the things which we cannot see to come.

- **Ministering to God without the hope, the anointing of Holy Spirit**, or the Golden Candlestick.

Jeremiah 48:10

48:10 Cursed is he who does the work of the LORD deceitfully, And cursed is he who keeps back his sword from blood.

It means ministering to God with the fleshly strength until being negligent or lazy, rejecting the work of the sword of the Word, and being not holy, but evil.

Matthew 25:26,30

25:26 "But his lord answered and said to him, 'You wicked and lazy servant, you knew that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I have not scattered seed.

25:30 'And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

It is the same as being the unprofitable servant and traitor like Judas Iscariot.
One who has no hope to God cannot be hoped.

- **Ministering to God without love** or the Golden Candlestick.

There is no obedience like Saul who was disobedient because of using the fleshly mind until losing his kingdom. Adam and Eve were disobedient until losing the paradise. It means losing the physical and spiritual things or having the total failure.

Not loving God and others, one is egoistic like a goat.

Matthew 25:41-43

25:41 "Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels:

25:42 'for I was hungry and you gave Me no food; I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink;

25:43 'I was a stranger and you did not take Me in, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.'

He does not want to give to and visit the other people who are in need.

It is the same as the service and ministry which are without the shepherding system, but by the wayside.

There are many Christians, pastors, and God's servants who are not shepherded, so they cannot satisfy God or there is no fruit although they have many ministries or there are many leaves.

Not to be dry, we must serve and minister to God with faith, hope, and love. The facts found in it are as follows:

- We must be shepherded well and correctly. We enter the sheepfold or persevere in the three main services to God.
- We minister to God with faith, namely returning the tithes as the confession that we have been blessed by God, our life comes from God, and we are His.

Ministering to God with hope is the same as ministering faithfully and well, in the anointing of Holy Spirit.

Matthew 25:21

25:21 "His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.'

We are entrusted with great work and used in the ministry for the edification of Christ's body. We get the heavenly joy.

We minister to God with love. The love to God is when we are obedient. As a result, the door of heaven is opened. The doors in the world are too. Moreover, the door of the womb will be opened.

Matthew 7:21

7:21 "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven.

The love to others is when we give to and visit the other people who are in need.

The faith refers to James. The hope refers to Peter. The love refers to John.

Ministering to God in the shepherding system with the faith, hope, and love is like James, Peter, and John who were invited by Jesus to go up to the high mountain or our ministry increases until we can worship God much more. This is the success of the service and ministry to God.

Matthew 17:1-2

17:1 Now after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, led them up on a high mountain by themselves;

17:2 and He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light.

We can see the Lord and cry out to Him as well as stretch out our hands to Him. We get the power of life renewal. Being renewed is the same as yielding fruits. The renewal to the face is the same as the five senses' being renewed.

The ears only hear and obey the teaching Word. The mouth is honest.

Being honest and obedient is the same as the sweet fruit. Such fruit is hoped by God.

As a result, God is able to preserve our life in the midst of the difficulties in the world.

Matthew 17:4

17:4 Then Peter answered and said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if You wish, let us make here three tabernacles: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

We get the heavenly joy and become the witness of God.

Mark 5:37,41-42

5:37 And He permitted no one to follow Him except Peter, James, and John the brother of James.

5:41 Then He took the child by the hand, and said to her, "Talitha, cumi," which is translated, "Little girl, I say to you, arise."

5:42 Immediately the girl arose and walked, for she was twelve years of age. And they were overcome with great amazement.

There is power to resurrect the dead man or solve the impossible problems in marriage and children.

God blesses you.