

General Service in Malang, October 15, 2017 (Sunday Morning)

The child submission

One of the meanings of "Abigail" is the joy of heaven.

Psalms 32:1

32:1 <<A Psalm of David. A Contemplation.>> Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, Whose sin is covered.

We receive the joy of heaven through the process of reconciliation by sacrifice of Jesus, namely Confessing and forgiving each other. The person who is wrong must confess his mistake or sin, and the other who is right must forgive and forget it. So, the blood of Jesus will wash the sins and give the joy of heaven.

1 Samuel 25:23-24

25:23 Now when Abigail saw David, she hastened to dismount from the donkey, fell on her face before David, and bowed down to the ground.

25:24 So she fell at his feet and said: "On me, my lord, on me let this iniquity be! And please let your maidservant speak in your ears, and hear the words of your maidservant."

Abigail was used to become the minister of reconciliation. It is the same as bringing the joy and salvation of heaven for family and other people.

2 Corinthians 5:18,17

5:18 Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation,

5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

Experiencing the reconciliation is the same as experiencing the steps of renewal until being as perfect as Jesus is. We are worthy to welcome His second coming on the glorious clouds.

God blesses you.

General Service

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

Revelation 6:7-8

6:7 When He opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature saying, "Come and see."

6:8 So I looked, and behold, a pale horse. And the name of him who sat on it was Death, and Hades followed with him. And power was given to them over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword, with hunger, with death, and by the beasts of the earth.

The fourth condemnation of Holy Spirit God is the revival of a pale horse or grey horse. The death and the Hades have power over a fourth of the earth to kill man in many ways such as with sword, hunger, pestilence, beast, *et cetera*.

There are three kinds of death that threatens every step of man as follows:

1. The physical death through passing away. There are two kinds of the end of man, namely passing away and living until Jesus comes for the second time. Being dead or alive is not important. The more important is that as long as we live, we must hear the sound of trumpet. So we always experience the sanctification and the renewal from the fleshly man to the spiritual one as Jesus is. When Jesus comes for the second time or when the last trumpet is sounded, the people who die in Jesus will be resurrected in the glorious body, and the people who live in Jesus will be changed immediately in the glorious body. Both of them become one in the perfect body of Christ to welcome His second coming on the glorious clouds.
2. The spiritual death or living in sin up to the peak, namely the sin of eating drinking and the sin of marrying-being given in marriage. Maybe the body is healthy, but dead in spirituality. The spiritual death also happens when one is deceived by the false teaching, or when one is not faithful in service and ministry to God. One who die in spirituality will be separated from God, so he faces difficulties, tears, *et cetera*.
3. The second death, namely the lake of fire and brimstone or hell forever.

Revelation 20:14

20:14 Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

1 Corinthians 15:25-26

15:25 For He must reign till He has put all enemies under His feet.

15:26 The last enemy that will be destroyed is death.

Praise God, Jesus died on the cross to save the sinful man, but He raised and ascended to heaven to sit on the right side of Father God and become the High priest and the King of all kings, the Bridegroom of heaven who will come back for the second time. Jesus is victorious over the death and we must be victorious over the death too.

1 Corinthians 15:55-58

15:55 "O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?"

15:56 The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law.

15:57 But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

15:58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

The proofs of being victorious over the death are as follows:

1. Being standfast and immovable.
2. Always abounding in the work of the Lord.
3. Your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

We will learn the third point.

We live in the world with many labors. How great our labors in the world, all of them are useless, namely only going to the tomb.

Revelation 22:3

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,

The only labor which is not useless is the service and ministry to God that bring us to the throne of heaven.

Mark 10:28-30

10:28 Then Peter began to say to Him, "See, we have left all and followed You."

10:29 So Jesus answered and said, "Assuredly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My sake and the gospel's,

10:30 "who shall not receive a hundredfold now in this time--houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions--and in the age to come, eternal life.

In the service and ministry to God, we get the double promise from God, namely the preservation for the present and the eternal life in heaven.

The requirements are as follows:

1. We must have the number one hundred = ten multiplied with ten.

Number ten refers to the ten laws of God or two tablets of stone.

The first ten refers to hearing the word of God.

The second ten refers to obeying the word of God until the flesh does not speak anymore.

If we hear but we do not obey the word of God, ten multiplied with zero equals to zero. If we hear the word of God but we against it, ten multiplied with minus one equals minus ten. The more we are against it, the more minus we get, until we enter the hell forever.

1 Peter 3:20-21

3:20 who formerly were disobedient, when once the Divine longsuffering waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight souls, were saved through water.

3:21 There is also an antitype which now saves us--baptism (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,

In the age of Noah, men have the evil conscience and disobey the word of God, so they only sin up to the peak. Men are condemned with the great flood, so they perish forever. In the last age, the condition of men are like in the age of Noah. They have bad conscience that tends to evil.

We must have good conscience through water baptism. In water baptism, one who has repented must be buried in water to arise together with Jesus in new life. We get new life and we have good conscience and obedient heart.

Matthew 7:21-23

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.

7:22 "Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?"

7:23 "And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!"

The true service and ministry to God are the same as doing the will of God or being obedient to the word of God until the flesh does not speak anymore. So, the door of heaven will be opened for us. It means that the doors in the world will be opened also.

If we are not obedient, the door of heaven will be closed. There is only the condemnation of God that will come for us.

2. Being in suffering and persecution because of Jesus. It becomes added value for us as the servant and the minister of God.

1 Peter 4:12-14

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

God allows us to bear the cross, so we have the Spirit of Glory.

2 Corinthians 4:3-4

4:3 But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing,

4:4 whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them

We will be used to practice the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ or the true teaching word which is sharper than any two-edged sword or the Bride Tidings. We can testify and tell the people who have been saved, so they can be sanctified until they become the bride of heaven.

Ephesians 3:16

3:16 that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man,

We become the servant and the minister of God who are strong and of a good courage, to endure. We are not disappointed and hopeless. We do not leave God whatever we face. We keep faithful and fervent in spirit in service and ministry until the end line, until we pass away or until the second coming of Jesus.

1 Peter 4:14

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 can be joyful in our following and ministering to God, although we face the reproach, persecution, lack, scorn, *et cetera* until the end line.

Romans 8:15

8:15 For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father."

We can be obedient until the flesh does not speak anymore.

Crying out "Abba, Father" is the same as being honest and obedient. It means that we become the house of prayer. We only lift up our hands to God, cry out and surrender to Him. God will stretch out His great merciful hand to perform miracles for us.

The results are as follows:

- **2 Samuel 12:7,11,13,24**

12:7 Then Nathan said to David, "You are the man! Thus says the LORD God of Israel: 'I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you from the hand of Saul.

12:11 "Thus says the LORD: 'Behold, I will raise up adversity against you from your own house; and I will take your wives before your eyes and give them to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this sun.

12:13 So David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the LORD." And Nathan said to David, "The LORD also has put away your sin; you shall not die.

12:24 Then David comforted Bathsheba his wife, and went in to her and lay with her. So she bore a son, and he called his name Solomon. Now the LORD loved him,

David was a great king, but he was powerless in facing the peak of sin, so he experienced the destruction in marriage.

He was honest and obedient. He honestly confessed his sin and he was obedient in doing the word of God. It is the same as stretching out the hand to God. God also stretched out His great merciful hand to lift and renew David life..

John 4:16-17,28-29

4:16 Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here."

4:17 The woman answered and said, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You have well said, 'I have no husband,'

4:28 The woman then left her waterpot, went her way into the city, and said to the men,

4:29 "Come, see a Man who told me all things that I ever did. Could this be the Christ?"

The Samaritan woman was honest and obedient, so her marriage was restored.

Mark 7:28

7:28 And she answered and said to Him, "Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs under the table eat from the children's crumbs."

The Canaan woman was honest and obedient, so her marriage was restored.

○ **John 4:46-53**

4:46 So Jesus came again to Cana of Galilee where He had made the water wine. And there was a certain nobleman whose son was sick at Capernaum.

4:47 When he heard that Jesus had come out of Judea into Galilee, he went to Him and implored Him to come down and heal his son, for he was at the point of death.

4:48 Then Jesus said to him, "Unless you people see signs and wonders, you will by no means believe."

4:49 The nobleman said to Him, "Sir, come down before my child dies!"

4:50 Jesus said to him, "Go your way; your son lives." So the man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him, and he went his way.

4:51 And as he was now going down, his servants met him and told him, saying, "Your son lives!"

4:52 Then he inquired of them the hour when he got better. And they said to him, "Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him."

4:53 So the father knew that it was at the same hour in which Jesus said to him, "Your son lives." And he himself believed, and his whole household

The nobleman refers to the Gentiles who are rich and clever, but he could not face the physical and spiritual sickness. The fever refers to the condition which is lukewarm, not peaceful, not faithful and not fervent in spirit in service and ministry to God.

Consequently, one will be vomited by God or separated from God.

If we are honest and obedient, God is able to heal us.

○ **Luke 5:4-5**

5:4 When He had stopped speaking, He said to Simon, "Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch."

5:5 But Simon answered and said to Him, "Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net."

Peter is failed physically.

John 21:3-6

21:3 Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We are going with you also." They went out

and immediately got into the boat, and that night they caught nothing.

21:4 But when the morning had now come, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus.

21:5 Then Jesus said to them, "Children, have you any food?" They answered Him, "No."

21:6 And He said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast, and now they were not able to draw it in because of the multitude of fish.

Peter also failed in the service and ministry, because from the fisher of men he returned to the fisherman.

Let us be honest and obedient, as well as lift up our hand to God. God is able to restore our service and ministry as well as our physical and spiritual life. All things become successful and beautiful. When Jesus comes for the second time, we are changed to be as glory as Him and we are worthy to welcome His second coming on the glorious clouds.

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