

General Service in Malang, October 27, 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.

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.

We become the priests and kings in the New Jerusalem.

Revelation 20:6

20:6 Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years.

We become the priests and kings in the paradise or the One-Thousand-Year Kingdom of Peace.

Thus, the inhabitants of the One-Thousand-Year Kingdom of Peace and heavenly kingdom are priests and kings.

It means as follows:

1. We must be the priests and kings from now on until being in the New Jerusalem. There must be no retirement.
2. The priests and kings cannot be hindered by anything or anyone; even Satan with the power of death cannot hinder. Being dead, they will be resurrected in the glory and keep on being the priests and kings in Paradise up to the New Jerusalem.

A priest refers to one who is holy and bears the ministry which God has entrusted or one who serves and ministers to God in righteousness and faithfulness.

Why are they said as the priests and kings?

Psalms 20:6, 9

20:6 Now I know that the LORD saves His anointed; He will answer him from His holy heaven With the saving strength of His right hand.

20:9 Save, LORD! May the King answer us when we call.

The kings refer to one who is anointed by Holy Spirit and always victorious.

Thus, they are said the priests and kings because God wants that a priest is anointed by Holy Spirit so that he can work in the ministry with the unlimited power of Holy Spirit. A priest is always victorious. As a result, God always answers our prayer. a.

Who are the priests and kings?

Exodus 19:6

19:6 'And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words which you shall speak to the children of Israel."

Actually, only the natives of Israel can be the priests and kings. According to the genealogy, the Gentiles cannot become the priests and kings.

1 Peter 2:9-10

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;

2:10 who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.

Nevertheless, God opens the way through His mercy by the sacrifice of Christ on the cross, so the Gentiles can be the priests and kings. Thus, our ministry costs the blood of Jesus. Not being faithful or serious is the same as trampling the blood of Jesus. That is the unforgivable sin.

The duties of the priests and kings are as follows:

1. [verse 9] **Testifying for glorifying God**, especially about the life renewal from the man of darkness to the light or about what God has done for helping us miraculously.

2. **Sacrificing the spiritual sacrifice that can satisfy 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.

Every service and ministry must have the spiritual value, namely in the holiness and anointing of Holy Spirit as well as regularity, faithfulness, and obedience. It is signified by the sacrifice of time, energy, thought, money, and so on. All things must be sacrificed except the true teaching Word. There is the sign of blood, so Satan cannot touch us. There is the sign of love, so the service and ministry can be eternal.

3. **Being active in the edification of the spiritual house or the perfect body of Christ.** That is the revival of Holy Spirit at the latter rain.

The fact found in it is being active in the fellowship of the body of Christ. It starts from the marriage, shepherding, inter-shepherding, and so on.

The true fellowship of the body of Christ is the same as a branch that abides in the true Vine.

John 15:3

15:3 "You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you.

We continually get the process of sanctification to the heart and mind, deeds, and saying until we can be honest or yield sweet fruits.

"My Father is the vinedresser" means that the Lord Himself takes the responsibility for our life.

Matthew 14:22

14:22 Immediately Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He sent the multitudes away.

The revival of the edification of the body of Christ is the same as crossing over the sea of the world to go to the harbor of peace, namely the Paradise up to the New Jerusalem.

The disciple refers to one who has received the salvation and the true teaching Word until being sanctified and able to be active in the edification of Christ's body.

Many people went home. It means that many are called, but few are chosen. They have been saved, but do not want to receive the teaching Word or enter the edification of Christ's body. Their life is like Judas who made a protest when a woman anointed the feet of Jesus with oil.

Going home is the same as returning to the old life or not being willing to get the sanctification. Consequently, they perish.

Matthew 26:23-25

26:23 He answered and said, "He who dipped his hand with Me in the dish will betray Me.

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."

26:25 Then Judas, who was betraying Him, answered and said, "Rabbi, is it I?" He said to him, "You have said it."

Departing to the other side means sacrificing and facing the hindrances as follows:

1. **The wind that was contrary.**

Matthew 14:24

14:24 But the boat was now in the middle of the sea, tossed by the waves, for the wind was contrary.

It refers to the wind of the false teaching that resists against or blocks the revival of the edification of the righteous Christ's body as well as supports the false one. The signs are as follows:

- Being supported by the power of mammon or money.

Revelation 17:3-4

17:3 So he carried me away in the Spirit into the wilderness. And I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast which

was full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.

17:4 The woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls, having in her hand a golden cup full of abominations and the filthiness of her fornication.

Consequently, there is the edification of Babylon, the false church, or the bride of Satan that will be destroyed.

- Envy, strife, gossip, and so on.

1 Corinthians 3:3

3:3 for you are still carnal. For where there are envy, strife, and divisions among you, are you not carnal and behaving like mere men?

- Working not according to the ministry.

2 Chronicles 26:16-19

26:16 But when he was strong his heart was lifted up, to his destruction, for he transgressed against the LORD his God by entering the temple of the LORD to burn incense on the altar of incense.

26:17 So Azariah the priest went in after him, and with him were eighty priests of the LORD--valiant men.

26:18 And they withstood King Uzziah, and said to him, "It is not for you, Uzziah, to burn incense to the LORD, but for the priests, the sons of Aaron, who are consecrated to burn incense. Get out of the sanctuary, for you have trespassed! You shall have no honor from the LORD God."

26:19 Then Uzziah became furious; and he had a censer in his hand to burn incense. And while he was angry with the priests, leprosy broke out on his forehead, before the priests in the house of the LORD, beside the incense altar

Consequently, the leprosy is the same as the self-truth and uncleanness sin.

2. The waves refer to sins or impossible problems.

It is blown by Satan with the power of death to make the doubt to God or the Word and His power. The doubt is the biggest wave that can drown our life or make our faith fall.

Matthew 14:29-30

14:29 So He said, "Come." And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus.

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!"

Consequently, there is no quietness in the life, but fear. The physical and spiritual life decreases. There is no hope, but total failure until being drowned in the sins of Babylon and the lake of fire and brimstone.

God lets the deterioration so that we can stretch out our hands to Him and our mouth can cry out to Him. We cry out and surrender to God.

As a result, God stretches out His merciful hands to lift us up from drowning, restore our physical and spiritual life, and solve all impossible problems, so we get peace in our life. All things become easy and light.

Matthew 14:33

14:33 Then those who were in the boat came and worshiped Him, saying, "Truly You are the Son of God."

Matthew 16:14-18

16:14 So they said, "Some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

16:15 He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"

16:16 Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

16:17 Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven.

16:18 "And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

Were used as the rock, namely being strong and of good courage. That is the foundation of the edification of the perfect Christ's body.

God blesses you.