

General Service in Malang, September 04, 2016 (Sunday Morning)

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

Revelation 4:5

4:5 And from the throne proceeded lightnings, thunderings, and voices. Seven lamps of fire were burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God.

Seven lamps of fire were burning before the throne = Seven lamps of golden candlestick = Seven hair braids of Samson = the seven Spirits of God. They refer to the Holy Spirit with 7 manifestations in the persona of Jesus.

Isaiah 11:1-3

11:1 There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse, And a Branch shall grow out of his roots.

11:2 (1)The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him, (2)The Spirit of wisdom and (3)understanding, (4)The Spirit of counsel and (5)might, (6)The Spirit of knowledge and (7)of the fear of the Lord.

11:3 His delight is in the fear of the Lord, And He shall not judge by the sight of His eyes, Nor decide by the hearing of His ears;

The peak of Holy Spirit ointment is the fear of the Lord.

Ecclesiastes 12:13

12:13 Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, For this is man's all.

One of the practices of the fear of God is holding on to His commandments, and being obedient to His Words whatever the risk we may face.

From age to age, there are examples of living in the fear of God.

1. Noah from the first age that is counted from Adam to Abraham.

Genesis 6:22

6:22 Thus Noah did; according to all that God commanded him, so he did.

Genesis 7:5

7:5 And Noah did according to all that the Lord commanded him.

Noah was obedient to God. He made an ark and came in according to His commands. It means as follows:

- o Being obedient to be baptized in the true water baptism.

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,

For example, Jesus was baptized to fulfill God's commandments.

Matthew 3:15-16

3:15 But Jesus answered and said to him, "Permit it to be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he allowed Him.

3:16 When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him.

One of the signs of the true baptism is coming up immediately from water, and then the heavens are opened to us.

Romans 6:4

6:4 Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

Colossians 2:12

2:12 buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who

raised Him from the dead.

Coming up from water means to be out from the water burial. One who has repented life must be buried with Jesus in water and raised with Him to walk in newness of life or the heavenly life that is living in righteousness.

1 Timothy 4:1-2

4:1 Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons,

4:2 speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron,

We should expressly hold on to The True Teaching and refuse other false teachings / doctrines. Expressly refusing means not giving any chances to hear any false teachings even only once.

- Being obedient to enter the shepherding pen (The Holy Place).

Genesis 6:16

6:16 You shall make a window for the ark, and you shall finish it to a cubit from above; and set the door of the ark in its side. You shall make it with lower, second, and third decks.

The ark has 3 chambers, namely lower, second, and third decks. Tabernacle also has 3 rooms that is the court, the holy place, and the holy of holiest.

We have been saved (the court) but not yet been perfect (the holy of holiest). Right now, our place is in the holy place with 3 kinds of equipment. It refers to perseverance in 3 kinds of main service as follows:

- Golden candlestick refers to the perseverance in doing General Service, the fellowship with Holy Spirit God in the spiritual gifts.
- Table of Showbread refers to the perseverance in doing Bible Study Service with Holy Communion, the fellowship with the Son of God in true teaching Word and the sacrifice of Christ.
- Golden Altar of Incense refers to the perseverance in doing Worship Prayer Service, in fellowship with Father God in His love.

In the shepherding pen, our body, soul, spirit are in the fellowship with God the trinity, so Satan the trinity cannot touch us. Thus:

- We will stand firmly to live in righteousness. We will not be let fall by Satan the trinity.
- We will hold fast to the true teaching. We will not be deceived by other teachings.

The results are as follows:

- The righteousness will deliver us from death.

Proverbs 10:2

10:2 Treasures of wickedness profit nothing, but righteousness delivers from death.

- There are serenity and peace in the midst of the waves in the world. Everything becomes easy and light. That is the atmosphere of the Heavenly throne.

Isaiah 32:17

32:17 The work of righteousness will be peace, and the effect of righteousness, quietness and assurance forever.

1 Samuel 14:43,45

14:43 Then Saul said to Jonathan, "Tell me what you have done." And Jonathan told him, and said, "I only tasted a little honey with the end of the rod that was in my hand. So now I must die!"

14:45 But the people said to Saul, "Shall Jonathan die, who has accomplished this great deliverance in Israel? Certainly not! As the Lord lives, not one hair of his head shall fall to the ground, for he has worked with God this day." So the people rescued Jonathan, and he did not die.

The false thing, although the falseness is only a little, will cause messiness. But Jonathan could repent his sin and be saved by the works of the Urim and the Thummim, namely the sword of God's Word. Eventhough our lives are like a strand of hair, but God will plead for us.

2. David from the middle age that is counted from Abraham to the first coming of Jesus.

Acts 13:22

13:22 And when He had removed him, He raised up for them David as king, to whom also He gave testimony and said, 'I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after My own heart, who will do all My will.'

David was obedient to God's will, so He raised him up as a king.

Same things happen if we are obedient to His will, namely we will be raised as priests and kings.

1 Peter 1:22

1:22 Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart,

If we are obedient to God's will, the results are as follows:

- Our hearts will be purified to be sincere. The purification also happens to our deed until we can do the right, holy, and good deeds, and become a blessing for others. The purification also happens to the words until we produce the right, holy, and good words. There is no more lie.
- We are able to love others as we love ourselves, even to love enemies.

Ephesians 4:11-12

4:11 And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers,

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

A purified and loving life will be equipped with the ministry. They are raised to be priests and kings or the captive of Holy Spirit

Ministering as the captive of the spirit means as follows:

- A ministry that is marked with the cross or the flesh suffering with Jesus. A ministry that sacrifices time, strength, etc. The only thing that cannot be sacrificed is the true teaching Word.

Acts 20:22-23

20:22 And see, now I go bound in the spirit to Jerusalem, not knowing the things that will happen to me there,

20:23 except that the Holy Spirit testifies in every city, saying that chains and tribulations await me.

Remember that every sacrifice for building the body of Christ will not go in vain. God as Jehova Jireh is capable to create things that do not exist yet.

- To be faithful and responsible in ministry to the end line.

Acts 20:24

20:24 But none of these things move me; nor do I count my life dear to myself, so that I may finish my race with joy, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.

Acts 1:16-17,20

1:16 "Men and brethren, this Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke before by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus;

1:17 for he was numbered with us and obtained a part in this ministry."

1:20 "For it is written in the Book of Psalms: 'Let his dwelling place be desolate, and let no one live in it'; and, 'Let another take his office.'

God counts the priests and kings. Even a strand of hair is counted.

Judas Iscariot stopped his ministry on the way because he had too much calculation for God. In the end, he was not counted and his name was erased from the book of life.

- It is more blessed to give than to receive.

Acts 20:35

20:35 I have shown you in every way, by laboring like this, that you must support the weak. And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'

It refers to the righteous acts or the fine linen, clean and bright, namely the bride's clothes, until we can present all of

our lives to God. We will be moved to the atmosphere of Heavenly throne. We will be happy and God will take care of us miraculously.

3. The Lord Jesus Christ Himself from the last age that is counted from His first coming to the second one.

Philippians 2:8

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.

Jesus was obedient and faithful until he died upon the cross. It means that we also must be obedient and faithful until the flesh does not speak anymore. It is the same as stretching our hands to God, to surrender fully to and worship Him. So, He will also stretch His hands to us, and we will live in His merciful hands.

Revelation 3:8-10

3:8 "I know your works. See, I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it; for you have a little strength, have kept My word, and have not denied My name.

3:9 Indeed I will make those of the synagogue of Satan, who say they are Jews and are not, but lie--indeed I will make them come and worship before your feet, and to know that I have loved you.

3:10 Because you have kept My command to persevere, I also will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth.

The church of Philadelphia was little in facing the great trial. It describes our condition like a strand of hair in the midst of waves in the world.

Acts 27:34

27:34 Therefore I urge you to take nourishment, for this is for your survival, since not a hair will fall from the head of any of you."

If we are willing to stretch our hands to God, His merciful hands are capable to open any doors for us. There is a way-out of every problem even the impossible one. The sea is made calm. All things will be solved in His time, and there is a bright and beautiful future ahead. A strand of hair is small, but it is enough if it can be in the merciful hands of God. The merciful hands of God are capable to protect us from the antichrist who has power in earth for 3,5 years. It continues until His merciful hands open the door of Heaven for us. We are purified and changed continuously to be as perfect as Him, and sit in the Heavenly throne with Him forever.

God blesses you.