

General Service in Malang, September 09, 2012 (Sunday Morning)

Peace and grace in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Matthew 27 refers to seven sprinklings of blood upon the Ark of Covenant. Now it means the suffering experienced by Jesus up to His death on the cross to save, purify, and perfect us.

In Matthew 27, there are seven passages that refer to seven sprinklings of blood experienced by Jesus.

We learn about the fifth passage, namely **miracles that happen at the time of Jesus' death** [Matthew 27:51-56].

Matthew 27:51

27:51 Then, behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth quaked, and the rocks were split,

The miracles that happen at the time of Jesus' death are as follows.

1. The veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom.
2. The earth quaked and the rocks were split.

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It means the happening of spiritual revivals.

John 2:19-21

2:19 Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."

2:20 Then the Jews said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will You raise it up in three days?"

2:21 But He was speaking of the temple of His body.

Jesus' death (three days) results in the revival of Holy Spirit in the last rain, that is the revival of building the perfect body of Christ, the perfect heavenly bride who is ready to welcome Jesus' second coming.

Revelation 19:9

19:9 Then he said to me, "Write: Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!" And he said to me, "These are the true sayings of God."

We will be exalted on the glorious clouds and enter the marriage supper of the Lamb. It will be continued by entering the future Paradise, until entering the eternal Kingdom of Heaven [Revelation 21-22].

Starting from the beginning of marriage, the journey of marriage, up to the end of marriage must be watched so it is always in righteousness and holiness, until we are perfect and enter the marriage supper of the Lamb of God.

There are two kinds of supper as follows.

1. Marriage supper of the Lamb on the glorious clouds.
2. Massive slaughter supper which happens in the earth for the congregation who preserves sins.

Revelation 19:17-18,21

19:17 Then I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the birds that fly in the midst of heaven, "Come and gather together for the supper of the great God,

19:18 that you may eat the flesh of kings, the flesh of captains, the flesh of mighty men, the flesh of horses and of those who sit on them, and the flesh of all people, free and slave, both small and great."

19:21 And the rest were killed with the sword which proceeded from the mouth of Him who sat on the horse. And all the birds were filled with their flesh.

The revival of building the body of Christ is the invitation to enter the marriage supper of the Lamb. Our attitude is we must be active in the revival, starting from within marriage, within shepherding, between shepherding, up to the perfect body of Christ.

The practice of entering the building of the body of Christ is ministry and unity.

Nowadays, we must take heed to the invitation. If we reject the invitation, we will enter the massive slaughter and be left on Jesus' second coming.

Who may enter the ministry of building the body of Christ?

1. Jesus Himself.
2. Priests and kings from the Israelites.

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.

Exodus 19:5-6

19:5 Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people; for all the earth is Mine.

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

Actually Jesus Himself is able to build the spiritual body of Christ, but if the Israelites are involved, it is the love and trust from God to them.

3. Priests and kings from the Gentiles.

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.

Genealogically, the Gentiles cannot be priests and kings, but God opens the merciful way in the price of His blood to lift up the Gentiles to become priests and kings. Because a part of the Israelites rejects Jesus, there is an opportunity for the Gentiles to serve Him. This is the mercy and trust of God to us.

If the Gentiles still reject it, there is only judgment and perdition forever.

The spiritual meanings of priest are as follows.

- One who is holy.
- One who stands between men and God, to take part in the ministry of reconciliation.
- One who holds the ministry.

If a priest is holy, he will take part in the ministry of reconciliation and will not provoke the fellow. A holy priest will hold the ministry.

Leviticus 21:12

21:12 nor shall he go out of the sanctuary, nor profane the sanctuary of his God; for the consecration of the anointing oil of his God is upon him: I am the Lord.

To be able to live in holiness, a priest must stay inside the Holy Place, that is the shepherding pen. There are three types of equipment inside the Holy Place, which refer to three main services as follows.

- Golden Candlestick, perseverance in General Service [?] sanctification by God the Holy Spirit in His anointing.
- Table of Showbread, perseverance in Bible Study Service and Holy Communion [?] sanctification by the Son of God in His Word and the Holy Communion.
- Golden Altar of Incense, perseverance in Prayer Service [?] sanctification by God the Father in His love.

The results are as follows.

1. We experience sanctification of our body, soul, and spirit intensively by God the Trinity until we are blameless. We also receive the anointing of Holy Spirit that gives the gift of Holy Spirit, that is miraculous ability from Holy Spirit so we can do God's work. The anointing of Holy Spirit also pours the love of God, so we minister with the encouragement of eternal God's love, and our ministry will also last eternally.
2. We experience accompaniment of God the Trinity or Lord Jesus Christ as the Great Shepherd and Heavenly Bridegroom.

Haggai 2:6-7,21

2:6âââ For thus says the Lord of hosts: âââ Once more (it is a little while) I will shake heaven and earth, the sea and dry land; 2:7 and I will shake all nations, and they shall come to the Desire of All Nations, and I will fill this temple with glory,âââ says the Lord of hosts.

2:21 âââ Speak to Zerubbabel, governor of Judah, saying: âââ I will shake heaven and earth.

The situation of building the body of Christ is when shakes and crises in every field happen. It is written twice in the book of Haggai means that the shake surely will happen.

When shake happens, we should not leave the ministry. Even we must minister Him.

There are three types of shake as follows.

1. Shake on the heaven, that is Satan with evil and unclean spirit who wants to destroy marriage.
2. Shake on the earth, that is false prophet with the power of lie and deceit which causes false teaching and gossips whose truth cannot be accounted.
3. Shake on the sea, that is antichrist with the financial power which causes financial crises.

Thus, it is Satan the trinity who prevents the ministry of building the body of Christ. They can only be defeated by God the Trinity. Therefore, we must be shepherded so we have relation with God the Trinity.

The attitudes in the ministry of building the body of Christ are as follows.

1. Being fervent in spirit through the voice of the true teaching Word.

Haggai 1:14

1:14 So the Lord stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and the spirit of Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and the spirit of all the remnant of the people; and they came and worked on the house of the Lord of hosts, their God,

Isaiah 50:4

50:4 The Lord God has given Me The tongue of the learned, That I should know how to speak A word in season to him who is weary. He awakens Me morning by morning, He awakens My ear To hear as the learned.

Nowadays, we must awake our ear to the true teaching Word, so we can be fervent in spirit in the true teaching Word.

Be careful to the profane fire and strange voice. Nadab and Abihu serve with profane fire and they die.

2. Being strong and of good courage.

Haggai 2:4

2:4 Yet now be strong, Zerubbabel, says the Lord; and be strong, Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest; and be strong, all you people of the land, says the Lord, and work; for I am with you, says the Lord of hosts.

It means as follows.

- Holding on the true teaching Word.
- Not doing sins willfully.
- Not being desperate or disappointed in facing anything, but keeping giving thanks to God.

2 Chronicles 15:7

15:7 But you, be strong and do not let your hands be weak, for your work shall be rewarded!

If we are fervent in spirit and strong, we will receive reward of silver, gold, and signet ring.

Haggai 2:8

2:8 The silver is Mine, and the gold is Mine, says the Lord of hosts.

Proverbs 10:20

10:20 The tongue of the righteous is choice silver; The heart of the wicked is worth little.

Silver is righteous words, saying *yes* for *yes* and *no* for *no*.
Gold is godly character, that is being obedient.

John 10:27-28

10:27 My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.

10:28 And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand.

Silver and gold are within the hands of God. There is sureness guarantee from God over our life.

Haggai 2:23

2:23 In that day, I says the Lord of hosts, I will take you, Zerubbabel My servant, the son of Shealtiel, I says the Lord, I and will make you like a signet ring; for I have chosen you, I says the Lord of hosts.

The signet ring represents the love of God.

Song of Solomon 8:6

8:6 Set me as a seal upon your heart, As a seal upon your arm; For love is as strong as death, Jealousy as cruel as the grave; Its flames are flames of fire, A most vehement flame.

The love of God which is as strong as death is able to beat anything, even the impossible one. Death has been beaten.

The loving hands of God which are as strong as death are able to do the things we cannot do. The things we have never heard nor thought, can be done by the loving hands of God.

1 Corinthians 2:8-9

2:8 which none of the rulers of this age knew; for had they known, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

2:9 But as it is written: Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him.

God blesses us.