

Prayer Service in Malang, August 30, 2018 (Thursday Evening)

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

Revelation 7:15b-17

7:15 ...And He who sits on the throne will dwell among them.

7:16 "They shall neither hunger anymore nor thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any heat;

7:17 "for the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to living fountains of waters. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

The activities of God on the heavenly throne are as follows:

1. Dwelling among them or spreading His wings and giving His covering to us from now on in the dry world which is like the wilderness up to the eternal covering on the heavenly throne.
2. Shepherding and leading us to the living fountains of water or the heavenly throne and the everlasting New Jerusalem.
Our life must be shepherded well and correctly from now on in the world up to the last shepherding pen on the heavenly throne forever.

John 10:3-4

10:3 "To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice; and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.

10:4 "And when he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them; and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice."

We must follow the guidance of the hands of God, the Great Shepherd, through the voice of the shepherd, the shepherding Word, or the true teaching Word which is preached repetitively. We must not hear our own voice or the strange one which can deceive us.

Matthew 8:19

8:19 Then a certain scribe came and said to Him, "Teacher, I will follow You wherever You go."

The shepherding Word is preached repetitively so that we can grow. It is able to increase our following God until we can follow Him wherever He goes like the body follows the Head or the bride follows the Bridegroom. We cannot be separated from Him.

The bride's following the Bridegroom is signified by the neck. This is the closest relationship between the body and the head.

There are three meanings of the neck as follows:

1. The sign of sanctification.

Proverbs 23:1-3

23:1. When you sit down to eat with a ruler, Consider carefully what is before you;

23:2 And put a knife to your throat If you are a man given to appetite.

23:3 Do not desire his delicacies, For they are deceptive food.

"put a knife to your throat" refers to the sanctification.

We are sanctified from the unclean spirit that aims at the sins concerning eating-drinking such as smoking, getting drunk, and drugs abuse as well as the ones concerning marrying-being given in marriage such as adultery and wrong marriage or mixed marriage, divorce-remarrying, sexual affairs, and free sex. The adultery happens between a man and a woman who are not legal spouse. It may happen anywhere, even by the people who have received the Bride Tidings like Hophni and Phinehas. It may happen between a man and another man or between a woman and another woman. We are sanctified, so we can live in holiness and our marriage can be holy.

We are also sanctified from the evil lusts, namely the love of money which causes the stinginess and greediness. The stinginess means that one cannot give. The greediness means that one steals the possession of others and God, namely the tithes and offerings. We are sanctified, so we can live in holiness and return the possession of God and give to the work of God and others who are in need.

We are sanctified from the spirit of bitterness, namely envy, hatred without a cause, revenge, and so on. We can live in holiness and love one another; even we can love our enemy.

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,

After we live in holiness, we will be equipped with the ministries and the gifts of Holy Spirit to be used in the ministry for edifying the perfect body of Christ. It starts from the marriage, the shepherding, inter-shepherding, until the Israelites and the Gentiles become one perfect body of Christ.

The way to be equipped with the ministries and the gifts of Holy Spirit is by the laying on of the hands of a pastor.

2 Timothy 1:6

1:6. Therefore I remind you to stir up the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands.

The laying on of the hands refers to the opening of the door of heaven. If the requirement is fulfilled, the hands of God will be stretched out or the blessings are poured. If the requirement is not fulfilled or there is no holiness, the hands of God will be stretched out to perform the judgment.

We must be faithful and fervent in spirit in serving and ministering to God until the end line, namely we pass away or Jesus comes a second time.

2. **The sign of submission or obedience to the true teaching Word**until the flesh does not speak. We take the example of Jesus, who willingly died on the cross although he was sinless.

The obedience means doing the will of God according to the true teaching Word.

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 measure of the success of the ministry to God is obedience to the Word until the flesh does not speak. As a result, the door of heaven is opened and the other doors in the world are too. We have the beautiful and successful future life.

The servants of God must be obedient and faithful in the service and ministry to God to please Him.

Being obedient is the same as opening the door of heaven.

Being disobedient is the same as closing the door of heaven.

John 4:34

4:34 Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work.

Ministering to God in faithfulness and obedience is the same as feeding Him. It means pleasing or satisfying Him. As a result, our drink and food become the concerning of God. He helps and preserves us.

In exodus 28, God will command the blessings abundantly to preserve our life if we are obedient and faithful. We can always give thanks and get the heavenly satisfaction and joy until someday the door of heaven is opened for us.

3. **The sign of worship.**

Song of Solomon 4:4

4:4 Your neck is like the tower of David, Built for an armory, On which hang a thousand bucklers, All shields of mighty men.

There are a thousand bucklers hung on the neck. It means that **the worship prayer results in two things as follows:**

- a. The shield of faith or the protection of God from the fiery darts of the wicked one.

Ephesians 6:16

6:16 above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one.

The fiery darts of the wicked one means as follows:

- i. The sins up to the peak. If we worship God more, we will be able to live in righteousness and holiness.
- ii. The false teachings. If we worship God more, we will be able to hold fast or obey the true teaching Word. The false teachings will deceive people for sure. The sign is that it makes the flesh comfortable without the cross. On the contrary, the true teaching is like a sharp sword which makes the flesh uncomfortable.

iii. The impossible temptations or problems. If we worship God more, we will be able to keep strong and of good courage. We keep on believing, hoping, and ministering to God. We are not hopeless. We do not leave God.

b. The number one thousand.

It means that the worship prayer aims at the heavenly throne or the One Thousand Years Kingdom of Peace. It gives us peaceful heart, namely the heart that does not feel anything that the flesh feels. We only feel the great love of God, so all things become easy and light. God bears all of our weariness and heavy burdens. He makes war instead of us. All impossible problems are solved and the miracle happens.

Romans 16:20

16:20 And the God of peace will crush Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.

1 Thessalonians 5:23

5:23. Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus, the Great Shepherd, is able to sanctify and perfect us until we can be as glorious as He is. It starts from not lying until we do not stumble in words. We are blameless and worthy to welcome Jesus' second coming on the glorious clouds and enter the everlasting New Jerusalem.

God blesses you.