

Prayer Service in Malang, December 07, 2010 (Tuesday Evening)

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Matthew 6:33

6:33. "But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

We have to prioritize seeking kingdom of God and His righteousness in our life and all our needs will be given according to God's will.

Seeking the kingdom of God and His righteousness= positioning ourselves like newborn baby. If we do not put ourselves like little children, we may not enter the kingdom of Heaven.

Matthew 18:3-4

18:3. and said, "Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.

18:4. "Therefore whoever humbles himself as this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

Process of becoming as little children are:

1. Having the renewal of life.

Sign of having the renewal of life is **repenting**. Having lots of money, knowledge or position does not guarantee to enter Kingdom of Heaven.

Repenting is stopping doing sins and turning back to God.

After repenting, we must be **reborn/go to water and spirit baptism.**

John 3:5

3:5. Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.

Romans 6:3-4

6:3. Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?

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.

In water baptism, we receive good conscience like baby.

1 Peter 3:21

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,

With good conscience, we can pray diligently to God.

1 Peter 2:1-2

2:1. Therefore, laying aside all malice, all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and all evil speaking,

2:2. as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby,

Good conscience is heart without malice, all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and all evil speaking.

Usefulnesses of good conscience are as follows:

- To become base for receiving physically and spiritually God's blessing.

Deuteronomy 28:2-3

28:2. "And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, because you obey the voice of the LORD your God:

28:3. "Blessed shall you be in the city, and blessed shall you be in the country.

Physical blessing does not become burden for us, but we can be blessing for others in ministry and work. Spiritual blessing is given by God in the revelation of Word for us.

- God will set us high physically and spiritually to better direction, until set us high to Heaven

Deuteronomy 28:1

28:1. *"Now it shall come to pass, if you diligently obey the voice of the LORD your God, to observe carefully all His commandments which I command you today, that the LORD your God will set you high above all nations of the earth.*

2. Positioning ourselves in the shepherding system, desiring the pure milk.

1 Peter 2:2

2:2. *as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby,*

The practice is perseverance in 3 kinds of main service.

John 10:1-4

10:1. *"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door, but climbs up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber.*

10:2. *"But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep.*

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.*

Baby's characteristics are as follows:

- Not stealing, meaning not stealing belongings of God and others. His heart is fulfilled by love of God.
- Obedient life.
- Not drinking other milk beside mother's breast milk, which means being unwilling to hear other teachings.

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.*

Result of becoming as baby is getting special protection from God.

3. Having worship.

Matthew 21:16

21:16. *and said to Him, "Do You hear what these are saying?" And Jesus said to them, "Yes. Have you never read, 'Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants You have perfected praise'?"*

Signs of life having worship are as follows:

- Life who is only able to praise, worship and glorify God.
- Trusting and totally committing ourselves to God with all its risks.

Isaiah 46:4

46:4. *Even to your old age, I am He, And even to gray hairs I will carry you! I have made, and I will bear; Even I will carry, and will deliver you.*

Result of becoming as spiritual baby are as follows:

- God carries us, meaning God bears all burdens and our daily needs.
- God bears our heavy yoke like problems, dead end and sins that we cannot fix, until God gives us serenity.
- God saves us, meaning He purifies us until perfect.

God blesses us.