# Prayer Service in Malang, February 13, 2018 (Tuesday Evening)

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

**Psalm 31:15**
*31:15. My times are in Your hand; Deliver me from the hand of my enemies, And from those who persecute me.*

"*My times are in Your hand*" is the statement of king David, a great, rich, clever, strong king.

There are two things that can be learned from "*My times are in Your hand*" as follows:

1. Our life does not depend on intelligence, riches, *et cetera*, but God totally.
   **Luke 12:15**
   *12:15. And He said to them, "Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses."*

   We may have intelligence, riches, *et cetera*, but we must not rely on it.
   We must use intelligence, riches, *et cetera*to become blessing for the work of God and others in need. It is the same as becoming the blessing in the building of the body of Christ.
   As a result, we will be rich before God or we have the riches in eternal heaven.

   If we rely on riches*, et cetera*, we will become greedy and stingy. We sin up to the peak, so all things become in vain and perish forever.

   The matter of we are not rich becomes the biggest chance for us to totally depend on God.

2. If one does not live in God's hand, he surely lives in the one of Satan. It means that he experiences sorrow and tears up to perishing forever.

**Romans 3:23**
*3:23. for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,*

The fact is all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God (be naked) so we are separated from God. We are out of the hands of God.

**Genesis 3:7-10**
*3:7. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings.*
*3:8. And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.*
*3:9. Then the LORD God called to Adam and said to him, "Where are you?"*
*3:10. So he said, "I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself."*

The sinner is in fear, worry, toil, sorrow, and not experience peace/calm.
If it continues, he will be separated from God forever up to perdition in the hell forever.

**Romans 3:24-25**
*3:24. being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,*
*3:25. whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed,*

As for God the way out is that Jesus must die on the cross to become atonement offering, so He can redeem and forgive the sinner with His blood. As a result, the sinner can be reconciled and reunited with God, and he lives in HIs hands.

**Psalm 103:8-14**
*103:8. The LORD is merciful and gracious, Slow to anger, and abounding in mercy.*
*103:9. He will not always strive with us, Nor will He keep His anger forever.*
*103:10. He has not dealt with us according to our sins, Nor punished us according to our iniquities.*
*103:11. For as the heavens are high above the earth, So great is His mercy toward those who fear Him;*
*103:12. As far as the east is from the west, So far has He removed our transgressions from us.*

*103:13. As a father pities his children, So the LORD pities those who fear Him.*
*103:14. For He knows our frame; He remembers that we are dust.*

God does not punish the sinner, but He willingly dies on the cross to redeem him.
God is merciful and gracious for He remembers that we are weak like the dust.

As for us, the way out is that we must always remember that we are just dust no matter our physical condition is great, strong, clever, rich, successful, *et cetera*. We must always remember that we are weak. We are unworthy, incapable, and worthless, so we can always humble our life at Jesus' feet. We always honor Christ's sacrifice.

The facts found in honoring Christ's sacrifice is confessing and forgiving one another.
We confess our sin to God and others. Do not sin anymore after being forgiven!

**Psalm 51:1, 16, 17**
*51:1. <<To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David when Nathan the prophet went to him, after he had gone in to Bathsheba.>> Have mercy upon me, O God, According to Your lovingkindness; According to the multitude of Your tender mercies, Blot out my transgressions.*
*51:16. For You do not desire sacrifice, or else I would give it; You do not delight in burnt offering.*
*51:17. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, A broken and a contrite heart--These, O God, You will not despise.*

King David was great, rich, and clever, but he fell into the sin of uncleanness with Bathsheba and the one of wickedness, namely he killed Bathsheba's husband. But, he received the rebuke from the Word through Nathan the prophet. He willingly humbled himself. He realized and confessed his sin to God and others. He confessed that he was just dust. David did not sin anymore after being forgiven.

**Job 42:5-6**
*42:5. "I have heard of You by the hearing of the ear, But now my eye sees You.*
*42:6. Therefore I abhor myself, And repent in dust and ashes."*

Job fell into the sin of self-truth.
To have self-truth means covering sin by blaming others and God.
God allowed Job to experience the total test until he confessed that he was dust and abhored himself.
Job was forgiven by God and he did not sin anymore, but returned to the hands of God.

**Jeremiah 18:6**
*18:6. "O house of Israel, can I not do with you as this potter?" says the LORD. "Look, as the clay is in the potter's hand, so are you in My hand, O house of uIsrael!*

If we have finished our sin, we will return to the hands of God as the Creator.
The results are as follows:

1. God is able to create us to become the vessel of glory, namely becoming the servants of God who are used in the building of the body of Christ according to our own ministry to glorify Him.
   **Romans 9:23-24**
   *9:23. and that He might make known the riches of His glory on the vessels of mercy, which He had prepared beforehand for glory,*
   *9:24. even us whom He called, not of the Jews only, but also of the Gentiles?*

   If we glorify God, we will live in His merciful hands that are able to take care of us miraculously.

   **Jeremiah 18:4**
   *18:4. And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter; so he made it again into another vessel, as it seemed good to the potter to make.*

   If we willingly humble ourselves, confess our sin, and repent, God will create us to become the new vessel although we have been ruined because of sin, temptation, wickedness, and uncleanness.
   God still uses us for His glory.

   Jonah has drownd, but he can be lifted up and used by God.

2. God recovers Job doubly. It means that God lifts us up from falling, so we can live in righteousness and holiness.

God is also able to lift us up from failure to become success for the glory of the name of Jesus.

God is able to finish all problems up to the impossible ones in His time.

Do not despair and be proud! All things come from the hand of God's great mercy to us.

3. God gives good future and all things become good.
   **Genesis 1:31**
   *1:31. Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good. So the evening and the morning were the sixth day.*

   it continues until Jesus comes a second time that we are changed to become as perfect as He is. We are worthy to greet Him when He comes a second time on the glorious clouds.

God blesses us.