

Prayer Service in Malang, July 26, 2016 (Tuesday Evening)

(To Coincide with Fasting Prayer Service Session III)

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

Revelation 4:3

4:3 And He who sat there was like a jasper and a sardius stone in appearance; and there was a rainbow around the throne, in appearance like an emerald.

The persona of Jesus is like a precious stone that radiates the light of glory to shine men who live in the darkness of the world, so they become perfect to sit together with Jesus on the throne of heaven.

1 Peter 2:6-7

2:6 Therefore it is also contained in the Scripture, "Behold, I lay in Zion a chief cornerstone, elect, precious, and he who believes on Him will by no means be put to shame."

2:7 Therefore, to you who believe, He is precious; but to those who are disobedient, "The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone,"

Jesus as the precious stone is rejected by the builders. It means Jesus is willing to die on the cross to do two things as follows:

1. *Becoming the chief cornerstone*, the base of the spiritual house, the perfect body of Christ.
2. *Making the hard stone (the Gentiles) become the living stone (the priests and kings)*. So they can be employed in the building of the perfect body of Christ. Until we become the precious stone, the life that is as glorious as God.

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.

The Gentiles can become the living stone or the priest and king because of the great grace of God which costs the sacrifice of Christ. For that reason, they must serve solemnly in the building of the perfect body of Christ or respect the sacrifice of Christ.

Being unfaithful in ministry means one is not appreciating God's grace.

The Gentiles minister in the building of the perfect body of Christ to place Jesus as the Head, or else, the head are foxes and birds.

Matthew 8:20

8:20 And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head."

Jesus' grievance is that the head of the Gentiles is foxes and birds or the spirit of evil and uncleanness. The result is entering the building of the body of Babylon that will perish.

Revelation 18:2

18:2 And he cried mightily with a loud voice, saying, "Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and has become a dwelling place of demons, a prison for every foul spirit, and a cage for every unclean and hated bird!"

Let us be active in the building of the body of Christ to place Jesus as the Head. It starts from marriage, shepherding, inter shepherding, up to the perfect body of Christ.

The practice of placing Jesus as the Head is as follows:

1. **We have the cross mind.**

1 Peter 4:1-2

4:1 Therefore, since Christ suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same mind, for he who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin,

4:2 that he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh for the lusts of men, but for the will of God.

It means that we willingly suffer in the flesh to stop sinning (repent, die from sin) and obey the will of God. It starts from entering the water baptism.

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.*

The true water baptism is one who dies from sin or repents must be buried in water together with Jesus and raised to receive the new life or the heavenly one. It means living in the righteousness and being the instrument of righteousness [Romans 6:13].

Psalms 5:12

5:12 *For You, O Lord, will bless the righteous; With favor You will surround him as with a shield.*

The result is we are surrounded with His blessing and great grace. We are moved from the ambience of curse to the heavenly one.

2. Setting our mind on and seeking the things above more than the things on earth.**Colossians 3:1-2**

3:1 *If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God.*

3:2 *Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.*

Matthew 6:31-34

6:31 *"Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?'"*

6:32 *For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things.*

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

6:34 *Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.*

We prioritize the ministry more than anything. We minister to God in righteousness and faithfulness.

The result is as follows:

- a. There is no more worry or fear to live now up to the future. We experience the peace. Everything becomes easy and light.
- b. Everything will be added. We live from the cross. Even though we are small and powerless, but we live from God's great mercy. We live in abundance until we can praise Him.
- c. We are employed in the revival of Holy Spirit at the last rain or the building of the perfect body of Christ.

Revelation 19:11

19:11 *Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war.*

3. Worshipping God.

The connection between the Body and the Head is in the neck that refers to the worship prayer.

John 9:34-35, 37-38

9:34 *They answered and said to him, "You were completely born in sins, and are you teaching us?" And they cast him out.*

9:35 *Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when He had found him, He said to him, "Do you believe in the Son of God?"*

9:37 *And Jesus said to him, "You have both seen Him and it is He who is talking with you."*

9:38 *Then he said, "Lord, I believe!" And he worshiped Him.*

When we are alone, no one helps or concerns us; it is the perfect time to enjoy worshipping God.

In worship prayer, our eyes only see Jesus and our mouth says to Him. We cry out His name and lift up our hands. We trust and entrust ourselves to God. Then, He stretches out His mercy hands to do the things as follows:

- a. **Helping us in due time.**

Hebrew 4:14-16

4:14 *Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God,*

let us hold fast our confession.

4:15 For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.

4:16 Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

God's hands are able to finish all problems in due time.

b. **Making everything successful and beautiful in time**[Ecclesiastes 3:11].

c. **Lifting up us in time.**

1 Peter 5:6

5:6 Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time,

We are sanctified and changed to become perfect as God is. Until we are worthy to sit together with Him on the throne of heaven.

Rut 3:18

3:18 Then she said, "Sit still, my daughter, until you know how the matter will turn out; for the man will not rest until he has concluded the matter this day."

Jesus will not stop before everything is finished in time.

God blesses us.