Prayer Service in Malang, March 22, 2016 (Tuesday Evening)

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

Revelation 3:21-22

3:21 To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.

3:22 "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches."""

Our main purpose in following and ministering God is not the physical things but sitting on the throne of heaven together with Jesus forever. The Bride sits together with the Bridegroom on the throne of heaven forever. The relation between the Bride and the Bridegroom is like the relation between Body and Head that is the neck.

There are three meanings about the neck, as follows:

1. The neck is the connection of holiness by the work of the teaching Word. Proverbs 23:2-4

23:2 And put a knife to your throatif you area man given to appetite.23:3 Do not desire his delicacies, for they aredeceptive food.23:4 Do not overwork to be rich; because of your own understanding, cease!

What must be purified?

 a. <u>The evil will or the love of money that makes one greedy and stingy</u>. Being stingy means one cannot give for the work of God and others who are in need. Being greedy means one steals God's and other's.

Being stingy and greedy means that one has too much calculation with God like Judas Iscariot. The result is he is not counted by God or he is out from the body of Christ and perishes forever.

On the contrary, Abraham gives Isaac, his only son, so he meets Jehovah Jireh, namely God provides something that does not exist yet. The things that we sacrifice for God and others who are in need will not vanish as long as we give by the encouragement of the Word and holiness. Moreover, we will meet Jehovah Jireh.

b. <u>The sin of eating-drinking (smoking, getting drunk, and drug abuse) and marrying-being given in marriage (the sexual sin and its kinds, sexual deviation, and the wrong marriage).</u>

The physical and spiritual food must be healthy and right.

If we are purified and live in holiness, we are equipped with ministry and the gift of Holy Spirit [Ephesians 4:11-12], so we can serve in the building of the perfect body of Christ.

If we refuse the sword of purification in our neck, the sword of Antichrist will torture us until behead our neck.

2. The neck is the connection of worship prayer.

Song of Solomon 4:4

4:4 Your neck islike the towerof David, built for an armory, on which hang a thousand bucklers, all shields of mighty men.

The tower means the high place - it refers to an altar that means the worship prayer. The worship prayer is an armory of God to protect us from enemies (Satan trinity) and to give victory so we experience the peace. Everything becomes light and easy.

3. The neck is the connection of the lovingkindness of God.

Proverbs 3:3

3:3 Let not mercy and truth forsake you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart,

If we live in holiness and worship, He will pour His lovingkindness. The results are as follows:

a. The marvelous lovingkindness of God is able to shadow us as the apple of His eye.

Psalm 17:7-8

17:7 Show Your marvelous lovingkindness by Your right hand, O You who save those who trust in Youfrom those

who rise up against them. 17:8 Keep me as the apple of Your eye;Hide me under the shadow of Your wings,

It means the lovingkindness of God is able to protect and care us in the midst of difficulties in the wilderness of the world until the days of Antichrist reigning for three and a half years. The shadow of the two wings of great eagle flies us to wilderness that is far from the eye of Antichrist.

The lovingkindness of God is able to protect us from the sins up to the peak of sins, the false teaching, and temptations.

b. <u>The lovingkindness of God is able to protect us from the punishment of God for the world or the doomsday and the punishment of hell</u>.

Isaiah 54:8-10

54:8 With a little wrath I hid My face from you for a moment; But with everlasting kindness I will have mercy on you," says the Lord, your Redeemer.

54:9 "For this islike the waters of Noah to Me; for as I have swornthat the waters of Noah would no longer cover the earth, so have I swornthat I would not be angry with you, nor rebuke you.

54:10 For the mountains shall departand the hills be removed,but My kindness shall not depart from you,nor shall My covenant of peace be removed, "says the Lord, who has mercy on you.

The lovingkindness of God is able to change us from carnal man to spiritual one like Jesus. It starts from being strong and of good courage, holding fast the true teaching Word, and we are not easily doubted by the false teaching or gossip. We still live in holiness in the midst of evil, uncleanness, and the bitterness of the world. We still worship God.

For example is Joseph, who was shaken by the wife of Potiphar (it refers to the sin of eating-drinking and marryingbeing given in marriage). Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego are also shaken by the false teaching.

Genesis 39:21-23

39:21 But the Lordwas with Joseph and showed him mercy, and He gave him favor in the sight of the keeper of the prison.

39:22 And the keeper of the prison committed to Joseph's hand all the prisoners who werein the prison; whatever they did there, it was his doing.

39:23 The keeper of the prison did not look into anything that wasunder Joseph'sauthority, because the Lordwas with him; and whatever he did, the Lordmade itprosper.

If we are strong and of good courage, the lovingkindness of God is able to finish all problems even the impossible ones. The lovingkindness of God is able to make everything successful and beautiful in time although we are powerless.

When God comes a second time we are changed to become as glorious as He is. We are ready to greet His second coming on the glorious clouds until we sit together with Jesus on the throne of heaven forever.

God blesses us.