

Prayer Service in Malang, October 31, 2023 (Tuesday Evening)

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

Revelation 21:1

21:1. Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea.

John the apostle saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. It refers to the renewal of attention.

1 Corinthians 7:29-32

7:29. But this I say, brethren, the time is short, so that from now on even those who have wives should be as though they had none,

7:30. those who weep as though they did not weep, those who rejoice as though they did not rejoice, those who buy as though they did not possess,

7:31. and those who use this world as not misusing it. For the form of this world is passing away.

7:32. But I want you to be without care. He who is unmarried cares for the things of the Lord--how he may please the Lord.

The time is short, so we must care for the things of the Lord more than anything in the world. The things of the Lord will not pass away, but be eternal.

Psalm 107:43

107:43. Whoever is wise will observe these things, And they will understand the lovingkindness of the LORD.

It is the same as understanding the lovingkindness of the LORD. We may not depend on the worldly things such as intelligence, riches, position, and so on although we have it. It is just a medium. But we must depend on God's lovingkindness.

The facts of understanding or depending on God's lovingkindness are as follows:

1. We are shepherded well and correctly.

Psalm 23:1,6

23:1. <<A Psalm of David.>> The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

23:6. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the LORD Forever.

We are always in the sheepfold, namely the perseverance in committing the three kinds of main service to God. We just hear and obey the voice of the Shepherd.

As a result, our steps of life are the ones of God's goodness and mercy, so we can live abundantly anywhere, anytime, and in any circumstances until we can say: '*I shall not want.*' We always give thanks to God. If we need a thing, God will give it to us. We also become the blessing for others.

2. We do not get disappointed, desperate, and bored in the ministry in facing anything.

2 Corinthians 4:1

4:1. Therefore, since we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we do not lose heart.

2 Peter 1:10-11

1:10. Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble;

1:11. for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

The Gentiles can minister to God because of His mercy only. If we realize it, we will never be made stumble by sin, gossip, men, *et cetera*. But we make our call and election sure. We keep ministering faithfully and fervently until the finish line; even receiving an entrance abundantly into the heavenly kingdom. The door of heavens is opened for us, so the ones in the world are also opened for us. It means that we live in the cursed world, but we experience the heavenly bliss until we enter the heavenly kingdom.

3. We always worship God.

Psalm 123:1-3

123:1. <<A Song of Ascents.>> Unto You I lift up my eyes, O You who dwell in the heavens.

123:2. Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, As the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress, So our eyes look to the LORD our God, Until He has mercy on us.

123:3. Have mercy on us, O LORD, have mercy on us! For we are exceedingly filled with contempt.

Our eyes only see God. We just hope His mercy.

Our mouth cries out Jesus' name or 'Alleluia'. Not willingly opening the mouth to worship God is the same as opening the lion's mouth. Opening mouth to worship God is the same as shutting the lion's mouth.

We stretch out our hand to God. We trust and commit our whole life to God.

Mark 5:39-43

5:39. When He came in, He said to them, "Why make this commotion and weep? The child is not dead, but sleeping."

5:40. And they ridiculed Him. But when He had put them all outside, He took the father and the mother of the child, and those who were with Him, and entered where the child was lying.

5:41. Then He took the child by the hand, and said to her, "Talitha, cumi," which is translated, "Little girl, I say to you, arise."

5:42. Immediately the girl arose and walked, for she was twelve years of age. And they were overcome with great amazement.

5:43. But He commanded them strictly that no one should know it, and said that something should be given her to eat.

God sees us. God says: 'Talitha, cumi.' God stretches out His hand. Eyes to eyes, mouth to mouth, and hand to hand happen.

The result is that the twelve years old child is risen. It means as follows:

- God's merciful hand is able to change from the fleshly men to the spiritual ones, namely hypocrisy becomes honesty just the way we are. Do not pretend!

1 Corinthians 7:32

7:32. But I want you to be without care. He who is unmarried cares for the things of the Lord--how he may please the Lord.

The anxiety becomes trusting and obedience. We become the house of prayer.

- God's merciful hand is able to take care of our physical life in the midst of the difficulties and impossibilities of the world.
Spiritually, being unable to eat becomes being able to eat the shepherding Word, so we can be shepherded well and correctly. We experience the spiritual satisfaction. We can testify and worship God, not gossip or become dry.
- The number twelve refers to the fellowship. We are used in the revival of the building of the perfect body of Christ, starting from marriage, shepherding, and so on.
- The impossible thing becomes possible. God's merciful hand is able to finish all of impossible problems. He gives us the beautiful and successful future.
It continues until Jesus comes a second time that we are changed to become as perfect as He is. We become the heavenly bride to enter the marriage supper of the Lamb of God, Paradise, and the New Jerusalem.

God blesses us.