

Youth Service in Malang, January 21, 2017 (Saturday Evening)

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

Luke 11 is about "The Model Prayer".

In the Tabernacle, it refers to the golden altar of incense.

Actually, **there are two kinds of altar in the Tabernacle** as follows:

1. **The altar of burnt offerings in the court.** The offering animals are burnt for the remission of sin of Israelites.

If the offering animals are burnt, it will produce fragrance that comes up before God, and the ash comes down.

1 Timothy 2:1-2

2:1. Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men,

2:2. for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence.

Now, the facts found in the altar of burnt offerings are as follows:

○ The prayers.

The centrality is our physical and spiritual need.

The spiritual need refers to the remission of sin we get from God. We need it because a sinner will suffer and be cursed and destroyed forever.

Do not sin anymore after being forgiven. We must repent. It is the same as producing fragrance that comes up before God.

The physical need refers to the care, healing, and help of God to us about our impossible problem, future, mate, *et cetera*.

If we produce fragrance before God, the ash surely comes, namely the blessing will come to us.

Proverbs 10:2-3

10:2. Treasures of wickedness profit nothing, But righteousness delivers from death.

10:3. The LORD will not allow the righteous soul to famish, But He casts away the desire of the wicked.

After repenting, we live in righteousness.

Living in righteousness means the blessing of salvation that is more than any treasures in this world.

God also gives physical blessings.

○ The intercession prayer.

The centrality is others' physical and spiritual need.

We can pray for our family, church, and country.

○ The giving of thanks prayer.

The centrality is the blessing that we have received or the work of God that we have experienced.

Giving of thanks is the same as producing fragrance before God, so the blessing will come again.

Be watchful because we often grumble when we have not been helped or blessed yet.

If we have not been helped or blessed, we have to keep giving thanks, so the blessing will surely come to us.

2. **The golden altar of incense in the holy place.**

The incense is burnt to produce fragrance before God, namely praise, honor and glory for God. As a result, the ash surely comes to us.

1 Timothy 2:8

2:8. I desire therefore that the men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting;

Psalm 141:2

141:2. Let my prayer be set before You as incense, The lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

Now, the fact found in the golden altar of incense is worship.

The centrality is God Himself, so we can worship Him anywhere, anytime and in any situation.

The terms to worship God are as follows:

- The holy hands
[1 Timothy 2:8]. It means holy deed.
- Without wrath and doubting[1 Timothy 2:8]. It means holy heart and mouth.

The more we are holy, the more our worship prayer is increased, until the veil is torn, namely the flesh does not sound anymore.

It means that we can give all praise, honor and glory only to God. We feel unworthy and nothing. We can surrender our whole life only to God. We love God more than anything.

The example is Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego.

Daniel 3:16-18,24-25

3:16. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego answered and said to the king, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter.

3:17. "If that is the case, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and He will deliver us from your hand, O king.

3:18. "But if not, let it be known to you, O king, that we do not serve your gods, nor will we worship the gold image which you have set up."

3:24. Then King Nebuchadnezzar was astonished; and he rose in haste and spoke, saying to his counselors, "Did we not cast three men bound into the midst of the fire?" They answered and said to the king, "True, O king."

3:25. "Look!" he answered, "I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire; and they are not hurt, and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God."

Either being helped or not, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego keep worshipping God, because the centrality is God Himself, not the helping.

We love God more than anything and surrender our whole life to Him. It is the same as stretching out of our hands to God and He will stretch out His hands to us.

The results are as follows:

- The hands of great mercy of God take care of and protect us from now on in the midst of difficulties in the world up to the age of antichrist.

Daniel 3:26

3:26. Then Nebuchadnezzar went near the mouth of the burning fiery furnace and spoke, saying, "Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego, servants of the Most High God, come out, and come here." Then Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego came from the midst of the fire.

- The hands of great mercy of God are able to give us the way out and finish all impossible problems in due time.
- The hands of great mercy of God give successful and beautiful future.

Daniel 3:30

3:30. Then the king promoted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego in the province of Babylon.

- The hands of great mercy of God are able to use us in the building of the body of Christ in the last rain and make us as His witness.

Daniel 3:28

3:28. Nebuchadnezzar spoke, saying, "Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego, who sent His Angel and delivered His servants who trusted in Him, and they have frustrated the king's word, and yielded their bodies, that they should not serve nor worship any god except their own God!

- The hands of great mercy of God are able to change us from fleshly men to spiritual ones like Jesus. The renewal of life starts from beaming face, namely **honesty and having trust**.

If spiritual miracle happens, the physical one will happen too. We are changed continuously up to perfection like Him, so we are worthy to greet when He comes a second time on the glorious clouds.

God blesses us.