

Youth Service in Malang, March 12, 2016 (Saturday Evening)

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

Luke 9:28-36 is about Jesus Transfigured on the Mount. It is about the worship.

Luke 9:36

9:36. When the voice had ceased, Jesus was found alone. But they kept quiet, and told no one in those days any of the things they had seen.

Jesus is found alone means the center of worship is Jesus Himself. He is glorified on the Mount as the king and heavenly bridegroom.

2 Peter 1:16-18

1:16. For we did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of His majesty.

1:17. For He received from God the Father honor and glory when such a voice came to Him from the Excellent Glory: "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

1:18. And we heard this voice which came from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain.

The center of the true worship is Jesus in His glory as the king and heavenly bridegroom.

1. Jesus as the king.

1 Corinthians 15:25-26

15:25. For He must reign till He has put all enemies under His feet.

15:26. The last enemy that will be destroyed is death.

Jesus as the king has the power to destroy the enemy.

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If we worship Jesus as the king we will also have the power to destroy the enemies as follows:

○ **The death or sin.**

The proof that we win over death is repenting. It means we stop sinning and return to God or have died to sins and live for righteousness.

Repenting is started from not lying or covering anything.

Jeremiah 9:5

9:5. Everyone will deceive his neighbor, And will not speak the truth; They have taught their tongue to speak lies; They weary themselves to commit iniquity.

If one lies, he wears himself to commit iniquity, even he does not want to repent until someday he cannot repent like Satan.

○ **The world with all of its influences.**

It means the world with all of its activities, joy, and worry that make us unfaithful in our ministry to God.

James 4:4

4:4. Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

Unfaithful man makes himself an enemy of God.

The proof that we win over the world with all of its influences is we can minister God faithfully.

○ **The flesh with all of its lust.**

The flesh makes us disobedient.

Romans 8:6-7

8:6. For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

8:7. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be.

Disobeying the word or taking our own way is the same as dead end and perdition.

If we obey the word, it is the same as following the way of God and our life will become successful and beautiful.

If we worship Jesus the King, we receive the power of winning over the enemies, so we will become the priests and kings or the servant of God who is true, holy, obedient, faithful and fervent in ministering to Him. It is the same as the servant of God who is like a flame of fire.

Hebrews 1:7

1:7. And of the angels He says: "Who makes His angels spirits And His ministers a flame of fire."

Revelation 1:14

1:14. His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and His eyes like a flame of fire;

The servant of God is like a flame of fire. God's eyes are like a flame of fire. So, the servant of God who is true, holy, obedient, faithful and fervent is the same as God's apple of eye and His favorite.

God determines our life, death and future.

God gives the best thing in our life.

2. Jesus as the heavenly bridegroom.

Ephesians 5:25-27

5:25. Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her,

5:26. that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word,

5:27. that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.

Jesus as the heavenly bridegroom loves us to the point of death on the cross, and He purifies us up to being spotless. We become perfect like Jesus.

If we worship Jesus as the heavenly bridegroom, we experience the double power of purification as follows:

- The purification in the water baptism.
We must enter the water baptism because of loving God, not being forced.
- The purification by the rain of true teaching word.

Deuteronomy 32:2

32:2. Let my teaching drop as the rain, My speech distill as the dew, As raindrops on the tender herb, And as showers on the grass.

Leviticus 14:8-9

14:8. "He who is to be cleansed shall wash his clothes, shave off all his hair, and wash himself in water, that he may be clean. After that he shall come into the camp, and shall stay outside his tent seven days.

14:9. "But on the seventh day he shall shave all the hair off his head and his beard and his eyebrows -- all his hair he shall shave off. He shall wash his clothes and wash his body in water, and he shall be clean.

The double power of purification through water baptism and the rain of true teaching is useful to purify us from spiritual leprosy. It means as follows:

- **The sin of uncleanness, namely the one of eating-drinking and marrying-giving in marriage.**

Leviticus 13:45-46

13:45. "Now the leper on whom the sore is, his clothes shall be torn and his head bare; and he shall cover his mustache, and cry, 'Unclean! Unclean!'

13:46. "He shall be unclean. All the days he has the sore he shall be unclean. He is unclean, and he shall dwell alone; his dwelling shall be outside the camp.

The sin of eating-drinking is smoking, getting drunk and drugs abuse.

The sin of marrying-giving in marriage is sexual sin with all of its kinds, sexual deviation, sexuality to oneself, wrong marriage, mixed-marriage, marrying after divorce until marrying-giving in marriage.

We must dive in the water (water baptism), and the true teaching, so we do not fall into the sin of uncleanness.

- **The sin of self-truth.**

It means covering sin by blaming others or pretending to do good things.

If we worship Jesus as the king and heavenly bridegroom, we will experience **the power of winning and purification**. It is like the two hands of God which are stretched out to hug us.

The results are as follows:

1. God's hand is able to open the door of heaven.

Zechariah 14:17

14:17. And it shall be that whichever of the families of the earth do not come up to Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, on them there will be no rain.

God pours out the rain of mercy from the heaven. It means the rain of blessing to take care of us physically in the middle of the world's desolation.

The rain of mercy also takes care of our spiritual life, so we do not experience spiritual dryness and death, but peace and everything becomes easy and light.

2. God's hand is able to make a way in the sea.

Isaiah 43:15-17

43:15. I am the LORD, your Holy One, The Creator of Israel, your King."

43:16. Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea And a path through the mighty waters,

43:17. Who brings forth the chariot and horse, The army and the power (They shall lie down together, they shall not rise; They are extinguished, they are quenched like a wick):

Without God, the great Pharaoh died in the sea.

God can open a way in the sea for the Israelites who are powerless.

God gives the way out from all problems up to the impossible ones. We have beautiful and successful future, and we are used by God.

3. God's hand is able to open the door of Paradise.

Luke 23:42-43

23:42. Then he said to Jesus, "Lord, remember me when You come into Your kingdom."

23:43. And Jesus said to him, "Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise."

The criminal who is wicked and unclean can be changed to become the priests or the servant of God.

Spiritual miracle happens, namely we are changed starting from obedience.

Until when God comes a second time, we are changed to become as glorious as God to greet His coming on the glorious clouds.

God blesses us.