

Youth Service in Malang, October 25, 2014 (Saturday Evening)

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

We learn about Luke 8. In the Tabernacle arrangement, Luke 8 refers to **the Golden Candlestick**. The Golden Candlestick is hammered and its flax must be burned to shine (suffering in the flesh).

Luke 8:3

8:3. and Joanna the wife of Chuza, Herod's steward, and Susanna, and many others who provided for Him from their substance.

Ministering God must be with sacrifice.

The example of the sacrifice for us is Jesus.

John 2:19-21

2:19. Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."

2:20. Then the Jews said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will You raise it up in three days?"

2:21. But He was speaking of the temple of His body.

Jesus sacrifices everything up to His life, so the building of the perfect body of Christ happens. If we remember His sacrifice when we suffer, we will not grumble and insist our right because everything we sacrifice cannot be compared with His. On the contrary, we will always be thankful to God.

The direction of the sacrifice is the building of the perfect body of Christ to place Jesus as the Head and He is responsible for our whole life. He never lies.

What we sacrifice will not go away. God will return it in due time for present and everlasting life.

The building of the body of Christ is the building of perfect bride of the Heaven, so we are worthy to greet when Jesus comes a second time.

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2 Corinthians 8:1-2, 5

8:1. Moreover, brethren, we make known to you the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia:

8:2. that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded in the riches of their liberality.

8:5. And not only as we had hoped, but they first gave themselves to the Lord, and then to us by the will of God.

The base of the sacrifice is not determined by either riches or poverty, but by heart which is purified from wicked and unclean spirit.

Luke 8:2

8:2. and certain women who had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities—Mary called Magdalene, out of whom had come seven demons,

Unclean spirit guides to sin of eating-drinking (getting drunk, smoking and drugs abuse) and marrying-giving in marriage (fornications and sexual sins with all its kinds).

Wicked spirit guides to stinginess (one cannot give money, time, energy and mind) and greediness (robbing God's or others').

If we keep wicked and unclean spirit, we are like swine and dog, so we cannot sacrifice ourselves to God.

If we are purified from wicked and unclean spirit, we will experience two things as follows:

1. we can sacrifice time, money, energy, mind and feeling up to give ourselves to God.

We have to sacrifice everything for the building of the body of Christ, **except** true teaching Word, namely Jesus Himself.

If we sacrifice the teaching (Jesus Himself), it means that we insult and trample the sacrifice of Christ.

The building of the body of Christ starts from marriage.

We have to hold true teaching Word; starting from marriage, namely **one baptism and one teaching**.

If we are not in one teaching, the marriage will never become one forever.

Giving ourselves does not mean that we have to be full time servant of God, but we have to prioritize ministry.

2. We experience the anointing of Holy Spirit with seven manifestations.

Isaiah 11:1-3

11:1. There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse, And a Branch shall grow out of his roots.

11:2. The Spirit of the LORD⁽¹⁾ shall rest upon Him, The Spirit of wisdom⁽²⁾ and understanding⁽³⁾, The Spirit of counsel⁽⁴⁾ and might⁽⁵⁾, The Spirit of knowledge⁽⁶⁾ and of the fear of the LORD⁽⁷⁾.

11:3. His delight is in the fear of the LORD, And He shall not judge by the sight of His eyes, Nor decide by the hearing of His ears;

If we have the fear of God, we have already had Holy Spirit with seven manifestations.

It is like the candlestick with seven lamps.

The practice is as follows:

- Being obedient.

Ecclesiastes 12:13

12:13. Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, For this is manâ€™s all.

- Being faithful and sincere in ministry.

Joshua 24:14

24:14. " Now therefore, fear the LORD, serve Him in sincerity and in truth, and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the River and in Egypt. Serve the LORD!

Obedient and faithful person is like David; he holds **the key of David**.

Revelation 3:7-8

3:7. "And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write, 'These things says He who is holy, He who is true, "He who has the key of David, He who opens and no one shuts, and shuts and no one opens":

3:8. "I know your works. See, I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it; for you have a little strength, have kept My word, and have not denied My name.

Although we have a little strength but we have the key of David if we have the fear of God.

Although we are big physically and have riches *et cetera*, we have to become small and rely on the key of David.

The key of David is small but it has great mercy and kindness of God that are greater than anything in this world.

The results are as follows:

- The key of David is able to open the shut doors in the world and give successful and beautiful future. Our problems are finished by God.

- There is the protection or evacuation door.

Revelation 3:10

3:10. "Because you have kept My command to persevere, I also will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth.

Antichrist will reign the whole world for three and half years. If one does not worship antichrist, he will be tormented and killed.

The key of David opens the protection door. God's mercy and kindness are like two wings of a great eagle by which we may fly to the wilderness and be far from the eyes of serpent.

Revelation 12:13-14

12:13. Now when the dragon saw that he had been cast to the earth, he persecuted the woman who gave birth to the male Child.

12:14. But the woman was given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness to her place, where she is nourished for a time and times and half a time, from the presence of the serpent.

At the wilderness, we will be taken care directly by God through teaching Word and Holy Communion for three and half years.

Perseverance in committing Bible Study Service and Holy Communion is used to enlarge the wing to fly away.

- The key of David opens the door of Heaven and New Jerusalem for us.

Revelation 3:12

3:12. "He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go out no more. And I will write on him the name of My God and the name of the city of My God, the New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God. And I will write on him My new name.

We experience renewal of life, spiritual miracle from carnal men to spiritual ones like Jesus.

One who experiences the renewal of life is signified by the **confession of** his sins and failures.

And miracle surely happens.

Until the last miracle, we enter New Jerusalem; there is no more tear forever.

God blesses us.