

Bible Study Service in Malang, February 28, 2019 (Thursday Evening)

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

Revelation 3:21

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.*

There are two things which we must pay attention to in following and ministering to God seriously as follows.

1. We must always be victorious like Jesus.

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 has defeated the death, Satan, or the sins as the last enemy, so we must also defeat all enemies.

2. The main purpose of following and ministering to God seriously is sitting together with Jesus on the heavenly throne forever.

All physical things, finance, and so on are only the bonuses in our following God. More than all the physical things, our purpose in following the Lord is sitting together with Jesus on the heavenly throne forever. All physical things in our life like the blessings should not affect our following God.

Psalm 47:8

47:8 *God reigns over the nations; God sits on His holy throne.*

The throne of God is holy.

To sit together with Jesus on the heavenly throne, we must live in holiness.

1 Peter 1:15-16

1:15 *but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct,*

1:16 *because it is written, "Be holy, for I am holy."*

Our whole life or our body, soul, spirit, as well as the past, present, and future life must be as holy and perfect as Jesus is. Jesus is the holy Head or Heavenly Bridegroom. We are the perfect body of Christ or heavenly bride.

By what can we be sanctified until we are as perfect as Jesus is?

Hebrews 4:12-13

4:12 *For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.*

4:13 *And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.*

We are sanctified by the true teaching Word which is sharper than any two-edged sword. Such Word means as follows.

1. Being written in the Bible.
2. Being revealed through a verse that explains other verses in the Bible.
3. Being done.

There are two kinds of the preaching of the Word as follows.

1. The gospel of salvation, the gospel Word, the Good News, or the milk.

Ephesians 1:13

1:13 *In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise,*

Proverbs 25:25

25:25 *As cold water to a weary soul, So is good news from a far country.*

It refers to the gospel that preaches Jesus' first coming as the only sinless man who must die on the cross to save the sinful men.

The signs of being saved are believing Jesus, repenting, and being baptized of water and Holy Spirit. As a result, we have the new life or live in righteousness.

2. The light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, the teaching Word, the Bride Tidings, or the solid food.

2 Corinthians 4:3-4

4:3 But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing,

4:4 whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.

Matthew 25:6

25:6 "And at midnight a cry was heard: 'Behold, the bridegroom is coming; go out to meet him!'

It means the gospel that preaches Jesus' second coming in the glory as the Heavenly Bridegroom to choose the saved people to be sanctified and perfected as He is. We can welcome Jesus' second coming on the glorious clouds and sit with Him on the heavenly throne forever.

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The sword refers to Thummim.

'*there is no creature hidden from His sight*' means that all things are opened. It refers to Urim.

Exodus 28:30

28:30 "And you shall put in the breastplate of judgment the Urim and the Thummim, and they shall be over Aaron's heart when he goes in before the LORD. So Aaron shall bear the judgment of the children of Israel over his heart before the LORD continually.

In the Old Testament, the Urim and the Thummim are over Aaron's heart as the High Priest. In the New Testament, Jesus is the High Priest. Thus, in every preaching of the true teaching Word which is sharper than any two-edged sword, Jesus is dwelling in the midst of us.

What is sanctified by the Urim and the Thummim?

1. The sanctification to our heart and mind or the core of our spiritual life.

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Matthew 15:19

15:19 "For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts⁽¹⁾, murders⁽²⁾, adulteries⁽³⁾, fornications⁽⁴⁾, thefts⁽⁵⁾, false witness⁽⁶⁾, blasphemies⁽⁷⁾.

The sword of the Word is able to sanctify the seven evil, unclean, and bitter things in the heart.

The number seven refers to the seven lamps of the Golden Candlestick.

If the heart is filled by the seven evil, unclean, and bitter things, the candlestick will be quenched. It means that the life and eyes become dark. There is no control to the deeds like the dog and swine's.

If the heart is sanctified from the seven evil, unclean, and bitter things, the candlestick is burning. It means that the eye of the heart is bright to see the Lord. We can prioritize God more than anything.

Psalm 84:10

84:10 For a day in Your courts is better than a thousand. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God Than dwell in the tents of wickedness.

The bright eye refers to the righteous and holy life.

2. The sanctification to the joints and marrow or the one between two bones.

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It means that our relationship with God and other people must be sanctified to be good.

2 Corinthians 12:20

12:20 For I fear lest, when I come, I shall not find you such as I wish, and that I shall be found by you such as you do not wish; lest there be contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, backbitings, whisperings, conceits, tumults;

The sanctification to the joints starts from the one to the contentions and jealousies.

The jealousy happens because of not appreciating the blessings of God. After being sanctified, we will always give thanks to God for all His blessings and mercy in our life.

The contentions because of the sins must be finished through making reconciliation or confessing and forgiving one another.

The contentions because of the teachings must be finished through going back to the Bible.

Proverbs 17:22

17:22 A merry heart does good, like medicine, But a broken spirit dries the bones.

The sanctification to the dry marrow means that we are sanctified from disappointment, hopelessness, and stumbling. As a result, we can keep strong and of good courage in facing all things. We can keep on believing and hoping fully to God. We can love other people like we love ourselves; even we can love our enemy.

3. The sanctification to the fat belly spiritually.

Judges 3:16-17,21-22

3:16 Now Ehud made himself a dagger (it was double-edged and a cubit in length) and fastened it under his clothes on his right thigh.

3:17 So he brought the tribute to Eglon king of Moab. (Now Eglon was a very fat man.)

3:21 Then Ehud reached with his left hand, took the dagger from his right thigh, and thrust it into his belly.

3:22 Even the hilt went in after the blade, and the fat closed over the blade, for he did not draw the dagger out of his belly; and his entrails came out.

Leviticus 3:16

3:16 'and the priest shall burn them on the altar as food, an offering made by fire for a sweet aroma; all the fat is the LORD's.

The fat refers to the possession of God, namely the tithes and offerings.

If a pastor steals the possession of God, there will be no revelation of the Word for the congregation. If the congregation steals the possession of God, he will not be able to eat the Word.

Acts 20:33-35

20:33 "I have coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel.

20:34 "Yes, you yourselves know that these hands have provided for my necessities, and for those who were with me.

20:35 "I have shown you in every way, by laboring like this, that you must support the weak. And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

The fact found in being sanctified from the fat is that we can feel more joyful to give than to receive. We can return the tithes and offerings. We can also give to the work of God and other people who are in need until we can give our whole life to Him.

4. The sanctification to the mouth.

Psalms 149:6

149:6 Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, And a two-edged sword in their hand,

We get the sanctification to the mouth, so we can say righteous and good words. We say "yes" if "yes" and "no" if "no". We can testify. We do not gossip. Our mouth is sanctified continually until we do not stumble in words. We only say "Alleluia" when Jesus comes a second time.

One who is sanctified by the sword of the Word or the Urim and the Thumim is on the heart of the High Priest like a baby in His embrace.

The word "being embraced" means that God as the High priest is paying attention to, caring, and struggling for all of us.

Isaiah 46:4

46:4 Even to your old age, I am He, And even to gray hairs I will carry you! I have made, and I will bear; Even I will carry, and will deliveryou.

The results are as follows.

1. God bears us. It means that he takes the responsibility for our life and death.
The merciful hands of God are able to preserve us who are powerless in the midst of the world.
The merciful hands of God are able to protect us from disasters, sins, false teachings, and the judgment.
The merciful hands of God are able to lead us to the beautiful successful future life.
2. God carries us. It means that He carries all heavy burdens, weariness, tears, and bitter things in our life.
All things become peaceful, easy, and light. All things are finished in His time.
3. God delivers us. It means that He sanctifies, washes, and changes our life continually until someday we can be as perfect as Jesus is. We do not stumble in words anymore.

James 3:2

3:2 For we all stumble in many things. If anyone does not stumble in word, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle the whole body.

God blesses you.