

General Service in Malang, April 06, 2014 (Sunday Morning)

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

Revelation 1:13-16

1:13 and in the midst of the seven lampstands One like the Son of Man, clothed with a garment down to the feet and girded about the chest with a golden band.

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

1:15 His feet were like fine brass, as if refined in a furnace, and His voice as the sound of many waters;

1:16 He had in His right hand seven stars, out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword, and His countenance was like the sun shining in its strength.

John the apostle was on Patmos island and experienced flesh suffering, not because of doing sins, but the Word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ. Thus, he could hear and see a loud voice as of a trumpet that became two manifestations as follows.

1. Seven golden lampstands that refer to the perfect church of God or the Heavenly bride.
2. Jesus in glory as the High Priest, King of kings, and Heavenly bridegroom.

Likewise, if our life, marriage, and ministry are marked with flesh suffering without any sins, we will be able to hear and see the loud voice of the trumpet, that is the shepherding Word which is true, hard, and sharper than any two-edged sword. It is preached repetitively to sanctify and renew the church of God until we become His perfect bride (the shining golden lampstand).

There are four appearances or real manifestations of Jesus Himself in His glory as follows.

1. [verse 13] The appearance of Jesus in His glory as The High Priest.
2. [verse 14] The appearance of Jesus in His glory as The King of kings.
3. [verse 15] The appearance of Jesus in His glory as The Just Judge.
4. [verse 16] The appearance of Jesus in His glory as The Heavenly Bridegroom.

ad. 1. The appearance of Jesus in His glory as The High Priest.

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The signs are as follows.

- a. Being clothed with a garment down to the feet.
- b. Being girded about the chest with a golden band.

We are still discussing the first sign, that is being clothed with a garment down to the feet. It means as follows.

- Righteous and good deed.
- The cloth of the High Priest to conduct the ministry of reconciliation.

Leviticus 16:1-4

16:1 Now the Lord spoke to Moses after the death of the two sons of Aaron, when they offered profane fire before the Lord, and died;

16:2 and the Lord said to Moses: Tell Aaron your brother not to come at just any time into the Holy Place inside the veil, before the mercy seat which is on the ark, lest he die; for I will appear in the cloud above the mercy seat.

16:3 Thus Aaron shall come into the Holy Place with the blood of a young bull as a sin offering, and of a ram as a burnt offering.

16:4 He shall put the holy linen tunic and the linen trousers on his body; he shall be girded with a linen sash, and with the linen turban he shall be attired. These are holy garments. Therefore he shall wash his body in water, and put them on.

Exodus 28:39

28:39 You shall skillfully weave the tunic of fine linen thread, you shall make the turban of fine linen, and you shall make the sash of woven work.

The garment down to the feet equals to the garment of ministry. It is a skillfully woven tunic that refers to the garment of holiness in the anointing of Holy Spirit.

Jesus as the High Priest wears the skillfully woven tunic and sits on the right side of Father God's throne. It is the highest place to monitor every servant of God and watch them with merciful sight. God helps, cares, lifts up, and does everything for our life.

If we, as the priests and kings, use the skillfully woven tunic, that is living in holiness in the anointing of Holy Spirit, our sight will only direct to Jesus as the High Priest who sits on the right side of Father God's throne.

Matthew 6:31-34

6:31 *Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?'*

6:32 *For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things.*

6:33 *But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.*

6:34 *Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.*

The proof of only seeing Jesus is having no worries anymore.

There are two types of worry as follows.

1. Worry about physical matters, daily needs, and future.

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.*

Also worry about mate. The time before marriage is the chance to focus our attention only to Jesus.

Luke 21:25-26

21:25 *And there will be signs in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars; and on the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring;*

21:26 *men's hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken.*

Also worry in facing crisis in the world and temptation in every field.

Worry causes physical death. Later, the major killer in the world is fear or worry or stress. It also causes spiritual death and dryness, up to the second death in the hell.

2. Worry about spiritual matters.

Matthew 10:17-19

10:17 *But beware of men, for they will deliver you up to councils and scourge you in their synagogues.*

10:18 *You will be brought before governors and kings for My sake, as a testimony to them and to the Gentiles.*

10:19 *But when they deliver you up, do not worry about how or what you should speak. For it will be given to you in that hour what you should speak;*

It is worry about suffering that we will face because of God. We must not be afraid of that, but we must testify to help the others.

John 14:1-2

14:1 *Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me.*

14:2 *In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.*

Also worry about the possibility to enter the Heaven. The sign is worry about place to live in the world.

We must be ready to welcome Jesus' second coming by directing our sight only to Him.

Luke 10:40-41

10:40 *But Martha was distracted with much serving, and she approached Him and said, 'Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Therefore tell her to help me.'*

10:41 *And Jesus answered and said to her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things.'*

Worry does not only attack people outside Jesus, but also attacks the children of God because of the things as follows.

- Ministering without eating the true teaching Word (Jesus' word).
- Not placing Jesus as the Head.
Martha places herself as the head. She relies on her smartness, richness, and strength.

The practices of a worried servant of God are as follows.

1. Being busy looking for earthly matters until being unfaithful and leaving the ministry.
2. Cannot live in righteousness, cannot live according to the Word.
3. Living in the ambience of curse, that is being weary and heavy laden, living in sadness and bitterness, weeping, being depressed, up to being destroyed forever.

Luke 13:11

13:11 And behold, there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bent over and could in no way raise herself up.

The condition of the servant of God who is worried is as the woman who was bent over for 18 years in the house of God. Her life was always in question and there was no certainty especially about Jesus or the true teaching Word. If we question the true teaching Word, there will be many tears.

The consequence of being worried is being marked with number 666 by antichrist. It means the body is flesh, the soul is flesh, and the spirit is flesh. He does not experience life renewal until being destroyed together with antichrist forever.

The true attitude as the servant of God is wearing the skillfully woven tunic, meaning living in holiness in the anointing of Holy Spirit. Thus, our eyes only direct to Jesus as the High Priest who sits on the right side of the throne of Father God. It equals to surrendering our whole life to God so there are no more worries.

1 Peter 5:7

5:7 casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.

Surrendering all our worries to God equals to seeking first the kingdom of Heaven and its truth. It means as follows.

1. Prioritizing the ministry more than everything, meaning being faithful and righteous in ministry, being faithful and fervent in spirit in ministry.
2. Being well and right shepherded, always dwelling in the shepherding pen (the Holy Place). There are three types of equipment within it as follows.
 - o Golden Candlestick refers to perseverance in General Service. We have fellowship with Holy Spirit God in His gifts.
 - o Table of Showbread refers to perseverance in Bible Study Service with Holy Communion. We have fellowship with the Son of God in the true teaching Word and the sacrifice of Christ.
 - o Golden Altar of Incense refers to perseverance in Prayer Service. We have fellowship with Father God in His love.

Through perseverance in three main services, our body, spirit, and soul attach to God the Trinity so there is no place for Satan to touch our life.

If we are shepherded, Jesus as the Good Shepherd surrenders His soul for us. He cares our body, spirit, and soul. Everything will be added through the cross, until we live abundantly and give thanks to Him. He also cares our spirit and soul so we live in calm and peace.

Jesus, who is glorious, is marred on the cross, so we, who are bad, can be renewed as glorious as Him.

Matthew 6:27

6:27 Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature?

If God prolongs our age, let us use every beat of our life to be active in the building of the body of Christ, whatever we must sacrifice.

Psalms 37:5

37:5 Commit your way to the Lord, Trust also in Him, And He shall bring it to pass.

Exodus 2:6

2:6 And when she opened it, she saw the child, and behold, the baby wept. So she had compassion on him, and said, "This is one of the Hebrews' children."

The position of the servant of God who is used by Him in the revival of the building of the body of Christ is as the baby of Moses within the hand of the daughter of Pharaoh. It means we are always faced to death, sins up the peak of sins, something bad, something impossible, and suffering.

A baby is powerless and can only cry. He can do nothing and only put his hope to the mercy of God. The result is God will stretch out His hands.

1. The merciful hands of God lift up Moses from the river. It means the merciful hands of God are able to care our life in the middle of impossibilities.
2. The merciful hands of God lift up Moses to become the son of king. It means He gives us beautiful, successful, and joyful future. We are also used in the revival of Holy Spirit in the last rain.
3. The merciful hands of God sanctify and renew us little by little.

Deuteronomy 34:6

34:6 And He buried him in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth Peor; but no one knows his grave to this day.

Jude 1:9

1:9 Yet Michael the archangel, in contending with the devil, when he disputed about the body of Moses, dared not bring against him a reviling accusation, but said, "The Lord rebuke you!"

We are sanctified and renewed until we are as glorious as Him on His second coming. The dead will be raised in the body of glory; the living will be renewed in a blink of an eye. They will become one body and welcome Jesus' second coming on the glorious clouds.

God blesses us.