

General Service in Malang, August 24, 2014 (Sunday Morning)

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

Revelation 1:17-18

1:17 And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, "Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last.

1:18 I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death.

John the Apostle was exiled to Patmos Island to suffer in the flesh, not because of sinning but the Word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ, so he could fall at His feet. Falling at Jesus's feet means worshiping with a contrite heart and worshiping until the flesh does not sound anymore.

As a result, Jesus laid His right hand on John the Apostle, and he experienced three things as follows.

1. "Do not be afraid", meaning the renewal of the feeling so there is no more fear but only confidence toward God.
2. "I am the First and the Last", meaning receiving the love of God that increases from the first love to the perfect one.
3. "I am He who was dead and lives", meaning experiencing the victory power over death. It equals to receiving the key of the Kingdom of Heaven.

ad. 3. I am He who was dead and lives.

Jesus was dead and lives to win over the death, so He holds the keys of Hades and of Death to close the door of Hades for us. Thus, we are not destroyed but win over the death together with Jesus.

Matthew 16:18-19

16:18 And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

16:19 And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

Jesus also gives the keys of the kingdom of Heaven to us who win over the death. Thus, we can enter the eternal kingdom of Heaven.

We learn the practice of receiving the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven from Tabernacle. God has shown the Kingdom of Heaven to Moses and asked him to make it on the earth. It was the Tabernacle.

1. Opening the gate of Tabernacle/ the Kingdom of Heaven.

John 14:6

14:6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

Jesus is the only way or door to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. We can enter the door of Heaven through believing or having faith to Jesus as the only Savior.

Thus, the key of the Kingdom of Heaven is the key of faith.

Romans 10:17

10:17 So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Faith comes by hearing the word of God, that is the Word anointed by Holy Spirit or the true teaching Word.

The main aim of ministering God is to listen to the Word. Holy Spirit helps us to be able to hear the Word solemnly, understand, believe and have faith on the Word.

There are two things that must be watched to be able to enter the gate of Heaven as follows.

- There must be the revelation of the Word of God or the true teaching Word. **Psalm 118:19-21**
118:19 Open to me the gates of righteousness; I will go through them, And I will praise the Lord.
118:20 This is the gate of the Lord, Through which the righteous shall enter.
118:21 I will praise You, For You have answered me, And have become my salvation.

A pastor must struggle solemnly to get the revelation of the Word through reading the Holy Bible and praying to God (fasting prayer, all night prayer), and also through having fellowship with other servant of God used by Him in the true teaching Word.

The congregation must pray and long for the revelation of the Word of God. They must also be grateful for the revelation of the Word of God although it is sharp and hard for the flesh. If one grumbles, criticizes, and rejects the true teaching Word, the door of Heaven will be closed, and all the doors in the world will also be closed.

- The attitude to the revelation of the Word.

2 Corinthians 6:11-13

6:11 O Corinthians! We have spoken openly to you, our heart is wide open.

6:12 You are not restricted by us, but you are restricted by your own affections.

6:13 Now in return for the same (I speak as to children), you also be open.

The attitude of a pastor is he must widely open his heart and mouth. It means he must speak openly according to the revelation of the Word from God. He must not be afraid of anything. If a pastor does not speak openly, the door of Heaven will be closed and he will enter perdition forever.

The attitude of the congregation is opening their heart widely to receive the revelation of the Word of God, no matter how sharp or how hard it is. Thus, the mouth will also be opened to confess the hidden sins honestly to God (vertical) and the others (horizontal). If one is forgiven, he must not repeat the sins again. It equals to repentance.

Matthew 3:13-16

3:13 Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him.

3:14 And John tried to prevent Him, saying, "I need to be baptized by You, and are You coming to me?"

3:15 But Jesus answered and said to him, "Permit it to be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he allowed Him.

3:16 When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him.

After repenting and dying to sins, our feeling will also be opened. Jesus' feeling was opened so He could humble Himself to enter the true water baptism according to the will of God. The true water baptism is one who has died to sins must be buried in water together with Jesus. Afterwards, He is raised together with Him to receive new life or Heavenly life, that is living in righteousness.

2 Corinthians 6:14-17

6:14 Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness?

6:15 And what accord has Christ with Belial? Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever?

6:16 And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will dwell in them and walk among them. I will be their God, and they shall be My people."

6:17 Therefore, "Come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, and I will receive you."

The practices of living in righteousness are as follows.

- a. There is clear separation between righteousness and lawlessness, so our whole life is in righteousness.
- b. There is clear separation between light and dark, so our marriage is right.
- c. There is clear separation between the house of God and idol, so we have true ministry.

If everything is right, the heaven will be opened for us. It means all physical and spiritual blessings will be poured. There will be a way out from every problem, and the door of salvation will also be opened.

2. Opening the door of Tabernacle.

It equals to experiencing the infilling of Holy Spirit. After being baptized, Holy Spirit as the dove was descending upon Jesus. It means Holy Spirit anoints, infills, and commands our life, so the flesh has no power anymore. The proof is we can enter the Holy Place in Tabernacle or the Kingdom of Heaven. There are three types of equipment within it. They denote perseverance in three main services in the shepherding pen.

- Golden Candlestick refers to perseverance in General Service. We have fellowship with Holy Spirit God in His anointing and gifts.
- 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.
- Golden Altar of Incense refers to perseverance in Prayer Service. We have fellowship with Father God in His love.

Thus, the key of Heaven is the key of perseverance or the key of shepherding.

Psalm 92:12-15

92:12 *The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, He shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon.*

92:13 *Those who are planted in the house of the Lord Shall flourish in the courts of our God.*

92:14 *They shall still bear fruit in old age; They shall be fresh and flourishing,*

92:15 *To declare that the Lord is upright; He is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in Him.*

Being shepherded equals to being planted in the house of the Lord. The results are as follows.

- Being strong as a cedar, meaning enduring and not being desperate or disappointed in facing everything. We keep being grateful, faithful, and fervent in spirit in ministering God until the end line (until we die or until Jesus's second coming).
- Being sweet as a palm tree, meaning everything will be beautiful.
- Bearing fruit in the old age. Bearing fruit equals to being renewed from flesh man to become spiritual one as Jesus. It is started with being sincere and honest. We say "yes" for "yes" and "no" for "no". It is until we bear the fruit of perfection, that is becoming the Heavenly bride. Bearing fruit also means we become a blessing to the others, so we can testify that God never fools us.

3. Opening the veil.

Matthew 27:50-51

27:50 *And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, and yielded up His spirit.*

27:51 *Then, behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth quaked, and the rocks were split,*

Jesus is obedient until He dies on the cross so the veil is torn. There is the Ark of Covenant behind the veil. There is glory and beauty. Jesus is obedient until He dies to make everything glorious and beautiful on His time.

The torn veil means the crucifixion of the flesh with all its desire and lust, so we can be obedient until the flesh does not sound anymore. It equals to stretching out our hands to God, and He will stretch out His hands to us.

Thus, the key of the Heaven is the key of obedience.

The examples and results are as follows.

- Abraham who represents a father.

Genesis 22:11-14

22:11 *But the Angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" So he said, "Here I am."*

22:12 *And He said, "Do not lay your hand on the lad, or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me."*

22:13 *Then Abraham lifted his eyes and looked, and there behind him was a ram caught in a thicket by its horns. So Abraham went and took the ram, and offered it up for a burnt offering instead of his son.*

22:14 *And Abraham called the name of the place, "The-Lord-Will-Provide"; as it is said to this day, "In the Mount of the Lord it shall be provided."*

Abraham was obedient until the flesh did not sound anymore. He was willing to sacrifice His only son. He also experienced the tearing of the thought and feeling of the flesh, so he had the thought and feeling of Jesus.

The result is God provides the things that have not existed yet. God makes everything beautiful in His time. Solomon built the house of God in the place where Isaac was sacrificed. It means God uses us in the revival of the building of the body of Christ.

- A widow from Zarephath who represents a mother.

1 Kings 17:12-16

17:12 *So she said, "As the Lord your God lives, I do not have bread, only a handful of flour in a bin, and a little oil in a jar; and see, I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die."*

17:13 *And Elijah said to her, "Do not fear; go and do as you have said, but make me a small cake from it first, and bring it to me; and afterward make some for yourself and your son."*

17:14 *For thus says the Lord God of Israel: "The bin of flour shall not be used up, nor shall the jar of oil run dry, until the day the Lord sends rain on the earth."*

17:15 *So she went away and did according to the word of Elijah; and she and he and her household ate for many days.*

17:16 *The bin of flour was not used up, nor did the jar of oil run dry, according to the word of the Lord which He*

spoke by Elijah.

The widow from Zarephath was obedient until the flesh did not sound anymore. She was willing to sacrifice all things she needed for God. It means experiencing the tearing of the interest of the flesh (egoism). The result is God is able to care us in the crisis up to the days of antichrist.

1 Kings 17:17,23

17:17 Now it happened after these things that the son of the woman who owned the house became sick. And his sickness was so serious that there was no breath left in him.

17:23 And Elijah took the child and brought him down from the upper room into the house, and gave him to his mother. And Elijah said, "See, your son lives!"

God is able to raise the death, to erase all impossibilities, and to make everything beautiful.

- A young person.

1 Peter 5:5-6

5:5 Likewise you younger people, submit yourselves to your elders. Yes, all of you be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for "God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble."

5:6 Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time,

Young people must be obedient until the flesh does not sound anymore. It means we submit ourselves and being willing to be humiliated. We experience the tearing of flesh desire. Thus we will experience lifting power in His time, from failure to success. We are also used in the ministry of building the perfect body of Christ. Being willing to be humiliated equals to being willing to deny ourselves. We can say "no" for something that is not right.

Until sometime, we will be lifted up to the glorious clouds together with Him.

There is the light of glory behind the veil. Everything will be beautiful and there will be no more tears. We only wait for His time.

God blesses us.