

General Service in Malang, August 28, 2016 (Sunday Morning)

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

Revelation 4:5

4:5 And from the throne proceeded lightnings, thunderings, and voices. Seven lamps of fire were burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God.

John the apostle in the Patmos island saw seven burning lamps of fire before the throne of Heaven.

Moses also saw the throne of Heaven on Mount Sinai, and there was the golden candlestick with seven burning lamps.

Now, the seven lamps of fire refer to the power of Holy Spirit.

The sound of thunder and lightning refer to the revival of Holy Spirit.

There are two kinds of the revival of Holy Spirit as follows.

1. Revival of Holy Spirit in the first rain, that is revival in the Gospel Word or Good News that preaches Jesus' first coming in the world to die on the cross to call sinful men to believe Jesus and be saved. It is called as the revival of salvation, and started in the upper room of Jerusalem.

Acts 2:2-3

2:2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting.

2:3 Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them.

Holy Spirit is poured as of a rushing mighty wind that cannot be obstructed by anything.

Holy Spirit also appears as divided tongues, as of fire, meaning being in light.

2. Revival of Holy Spirit in the last rain, that is revival in the teaching Word that is sharper than any two-edged sword or Bride Tidings.

Hebrews 4:12

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.

Matthew 25:6

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

Bride Tidings preaches Jesus' second coming in glory as the King of kings and Heavenly Bridegroom, to call saved lives to be sanctified up to perfection as Jesus and ready to welcome His second coming on the glorious clouds.

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It is the revival of lightnings, meaning we must be fast and frank. It is also the revival of thunderings, meaning it cannot be obstructed by anything.

Be watchful, many are called but few are chosen. It means that many will fall on the journey.

When the Israelites left Egypt, there were 603,550 men from twenty years old and above. They experienced miracles, but at the end there were only two men who reached Canaan.

Genesis 19:15-17,26

19:15 When the morning dawned, the angels urged Lot to hurry, saying, "Arise, take your wife and your two daughters who are here, lest you be consumed in the punishment of the city."

19:16 And while he lingered, the men took hold of his hand, his wife's hand, and the hands of his two daughters, the Lord being merciful to him, and they brought him out and set him outside the city.

19:17 So it came to pass, when they had brought them outside, that he said, "Escape for your life! Do not look behind you nor stay anywhere in the plain. Escape to the mountains, lest you be destroyed."

19:26 But his wife looked back behind him, and she became a pillar of salt.

Lot and his family were saved from the judgment of fire and brimstone, but they were asked by God to run to the mountains. It

means that after being saved, we must go up for perfection, until we enter the New Jerusalem.

Revelation 21:9-10

21:9 Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls filled with the seven last plagues came to me and talked with me, saying, "Come, I will show you the bride, the Lamb's wife."

21:10 And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God,

Lot's wife looked back means she was disobedient in small matter. She became a pillar of salt, or a plain salt, meaning losing the saltiness or the anointing of Holy Spirit. It equals to being dry spiritually and never being satisfied. The proofs are as follows.

- There are only dry and useless words, lies, gossips, murmuring, slandering, and saying bad words about the others.
- Being rotten in sin up to its peak, that is sin concerning eating-drinking and marrying-being given in marriage. One does not want to repent until being unable to repent. One does want to change until being unable to change and being destroyed forever.

On the journey from salvation to perfection, we must become the salty salt.

The process to become the salty salt is as follows.

1. Reconciling one another by the encouragement of the Word that is sharper than any two-edged sword.

Mark 9:50

9:50 Salt is good, but if the salt loses its flavor, how will you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and have peace with one another."

We hear the Word solemnly until the Word pierces our heart and points our sins. Thus, we can realize and regret our sins. We confess and forgive one another.

We confess our sins to God (vertical) and the others (horizontal) honestly. If we are forgiven, we must not repeat the sins.

We forgive and forget the sins of the others sincerely.

If we confess and forgive one another, the blood of Jesus will forgive and pull out all the root of sins. Thus, the anointing of Holy Spirit will be poured.

2. We must always dwell in the Holy Place or the shepherding pen.

Leviticus 21:12

21:12 nor shall he go out of the sanctuary, nor profane the sanctuary of his God; for the consecration of the anointing oil of his God is upon him: I am the Lord.

We are already saved (the Court) but we have not been perfected yet (the Most Holy Place). Therefore, we must always dwell in the Holy Place.

Acts 2:41-42

2:41 Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them.

2:42 And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.

There are three types of equipment within the Holy Place as follows.

- Golden Candlestick refers to perseverance in General Service. We have fellowship with Holy Spirit God in His 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.

In the shepherding pen, our body, spirit, and soul cling to God the Trinity, so we experience calm and peace.

In the shepherding pen, we experience the sanctification of our body, spirit, and soul by God the Trinity, so we do not fall in sins but the oil of Holy Spirit keeps anointing our head. We keep becoming the salty salt. The holier we are, the more real the anointing of Holy Spirit.

3. Being obedient to God, starting from small matters, so we can be obedient until the flesh does not sound anymore.

Acts 5:32

5:32 And we are His witnesses to these things, and so also is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey Him."

If one is disobedient, there is no anointing of Holy Spirit, so he will be naked and humiliated as Adam and Eve. Judas Iscariot is also disobedient and rejects the true teaching Word, so he bursts open in the middle and all his entrails gush out.

He is really humiliated and destroyed forever.

The usefulness of the anointing of Holy Spirit is as follows.

1. Holy Spirit is able to care our physical life miraculously, outside human's logic.

Romans 8:11

8:11 But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

If we are let to die, Holy Spirit is able to raise our physical body to the spiritual one as Jesus.

Holy Spirit is able to solve all impossible problems.

2. Holy Spirit is the Comforter.

John 15:25-27

15:25 But this happened that the word might be fulfilled which is written in their law, 'They hated Me without a cause.'

15:26 "But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me.

15:27 And you also will bear witness, because you have been with Me from the beginning.

John 16:1-2

16:1 "These things I have spoken to you, that you should not be made to stumble.

16:2 They will put you out of the synagogues; yes, the time is coming that whoever kills you will think that he offers God service.

Holy Spirit gives us extra power when we face problems, difficulties, sufferings, tears, or hatred without any reasons. We will not be disappointed or desperate. We do not leave God or hate the others, but we can love them. We can testify and become a dissolved salt to give nice taste to the others.

3. Holy Spirit is able to sanctify the Gentiles from the character of dog and swine, so we can live in righteousness and holiness. We become a sweet aroma before God.

Romans 15:16

15:16 that I might be a minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God, that the offering of the Gentiles might be acceptable, sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

We are sanctified continually until we become the salt of the world and are worthy to welcome His second coming on the glorious clouds.

God blesses us.