

General Service in Malang, December 04, 2016 (Sunday Morning)

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

Revelation 4:8-11

4:8 The four living creatures, each having six wings, were full of eyes around and within. And they do not rest day or night, saying: "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, Who was and is and is to come!"

4:9 Whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to Him who sits on the throne, who lives forever and ever,

4:10 the twenty-four elders fall down before Him who sits on the throne and worship Him who lives forever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying:

4:11 "You are worthy, O Lord, To receive glory and honor and power; For You created all things, And by Your will they exist and were created."

The four living creatures refer to four men who have been lifted up to the Heaven, that is Enoch, Moses, Elijah, and Lord Jesus. The requirements are as follows.

1. Having six wings or three sets of wings, meaning experiencing the covering of the wings of a hen, a dove, and an eagle.
2. Being full of eyes around and within.

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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."

It equals to the skillfully woven tunic of fine linen thread.

The tunic is white. It refers to holiness.

The tunic was skillfully woven, so it had many holes or eyes that refer to the anointing of Holy Spirit.

Thus, the skillfully woven tunic of fine linen thread refers to the garment of holiness in the anointing of Holy Spirit, or the garment of glory or the garment of the bride.

The white tunic was used by Aaron the high priest when he entered the Most Holy Place.

The white tunic was also used by Jesus when He went up to the high mountain, as well as when He was lifted up to the Heaven.

Sometime, the white tunic must be used by the church of God when they are lifted up on the glorious clouds, up to the throne of Heaven.

The process to get the skillfully woven tunic of fine linen thread is as follows.

1. The servants of God must always dwell in the Holy Place.

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.

There are three types of equipment within the Holy Place. They refer to perseverance in three main services as follows.

- Golden Candlestick refers to perseverance in General Service. We have fellowship with Holy Spirit God in His gifts. We drink so we are always fresh spiritually.
- 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. We eat so we are always strong in following and ministering God until He comes a second time.
- Golden Altar of Incense refers to perseverance in Prayer Service. We have fellowship with Father God in His love. Prayer is the breath of life. We feel God's love so our ministry will be eternal.

Through perseverance in three main services, our body, spirit, and soul cling to God the Trinity so we always live in holiness and experience the anointing of Holy Spirit.

2. The tunic of ministry must be washed in the blood of the Lamb.

Revelation 7:13-14

7:13 Then one of the elders answered, saying to me, "Who are these arrayed in white robes, and where did they come from?"

7:14 And I said to him, "Sir, you know." So he said to me, "These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

It equals to experiencing the sprinkling of blood in the Most Holy Place. We experience flesh suffering together with Jesus.

Genesis 37:3,31

37:3 Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his children, because he was the son of his old age. Also he made him a tunic of many colors.

37:31 So they took Joseph's tunic, killed a kid of the goats, and dipped the tunic in the blood.

Joseph represents the church in the last days or all of us, since he was born on the old days of Jacob.

We must have the tunic of ministry or the beautiful one. Before having it, our life is not beautiful yet.

The beautiful tunic must be washed in the blood, meaning we must experience suffering together with Jesus in the ministry. We can keep persevering and enduring when facing the cross. Perseverance and endurance depend on the heart. If we have a good heart, we will persevere and endure until the end line.

1 Peter 3:20-21

3:20 who formerly were disobedient, when once the Divine longsuffering waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight souls, were saved through water.

3:21 There is also an antitype which now saves us--baptism (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,

Water baptism equals to the ark of Noah. Thus, there is only one true water baptism that saves people.

The true baptism is as follows.

- It is according to the Bible or the will of God.
- We must be baptized as Jesus was.

Romans 6:2,4

6:2 Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it?

6:4 Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

Colossians 2:11-12

2:11 In Him you were also circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the sins of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ,

2:12 buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.

Matthew 3:16

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.

The practice of the true water baptism is one who has died to sins (repented) must be buried in water together with Jesus, to be raised with Him and receive new or Heavenly life that has an obedient heart.

The skillfully woven tunic of fine linen thread refers to holiness in the anointing of Holy Spirit.

What things that must be sanctified?

1. The stain in the garment of ministry, that is the one of wickedness and laziness.

Matthew 25:26

25:26 "But his lord answered and said to him, 'You wicked and lazy servant, you knew that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I have not scattered seed.

- The stain of laziness is being unfaithful in ministering God. If one is lazy, he will be wicked and unclean.

Proverbs 18:9

18:9 He who is slothful in his works is a brother to him who is a great destroyer.

- The stain of wickedness is the one of Cain, Korah, and Balaam.

Jude 1:11-12

1:11 Woe to them! For they have gone in the way of Cain, have run greedily in the error of Balaam for profit, and perished in the rebellion of Korah.

1:12 These are spots in your love feasts, while they feast with you without fear, serving only themselves. They are clouds without water, carried about by the winds; late autumn trees without fruit, twice dead, pulled up by the roots;

The stain of Cain is killing Abel because the ministry of Abel is accepted by God while his ministry is not. It refers to hatred without any reasons.

The stain of Korah [Numbers 16:8-10] is disobedience to God and the true teaching Word, as well as to pastor and physical parents. The consequence is going down.

2 Peter 2:15

2:15 They have forsaken the right way and gone astray, following the way of Balaam the son of Beor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness;

The stain of Balaam is ministering God with aiming only for physical matters. Everything is counted with money, so he will not receive a denarius. A denarius is the grace of God to pass the days of antichrist, so we can reach eternal life in Heaven.

But there is also the stain of uncleanness, that is the one of Hophni and Phinehas.

1 Samuel 2:22

2:22 Now Eli was very old; and he heard everything his sons did to all Israel, and how they lay with the women who assembled at the door of the tabernacle of meeting.

The stain of uncleanness leads to sins concerning eating-drinking and marrying-being given in marriage.

Matthew 25:30

25:30 And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

If one serves God with the stains of laziness, wickedness, and uncleanness, he will become the unprofitable servant who will be cast into the outer darkness.

Matthew 25:21

25:21 His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.'

We must experience sanctification by washing the tunic in the blood. The stains of laziness, wickedness, and uncleanness are sanctified so we become the servant of God who is good and faithful, as well as good and fervent in spirit. It equals to wearing the skillfully woven tunic of fine linen thread. The results are as follows.

- We experience the Heavenly joy so our countenance will shine.
- We are used in the building of the perfect body of Christ.

2. The sanctification of the characters.

- Envy.

Matthew 20:11,15

20:11 And when they had received it, they complained against the landowner,

20:15 Is it not lawful for me to do what I wish with my own things? Or is your eye evil because I am good?'

Envy happens because one does not appreciate the blessing and usage from God. It also happens when one does not value God's mercy, so he grumbles, provokes, slanders, even blasphemes God.

Envy must be sanctified so we can do good and right deeds. We can testify about God and worship Him. It equals to wearing the skillfully woven tunic of fine linen thread.

- Worry about daily life and future.

Matthew 6:25-26,31-34

6:25 "Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing?"

6:26 *Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?*

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 consequences are as follows.

- Being unable to prioritize the ministry to God, and being unfaithful in ministering Him.
- Being unable to live in righteousness.

Proverbs 12:25

12:25 Anxiety in the heart of man causes depression, But a good word makes it glad.

A worried person is as a hunchback, meaning the outlook is only to physical matters. The consequence is having many questions to the true teaching Word, many unanswered questions about life, and many tears that cannot be wiped. If it is continued, he will be marked with the number 666 by antichrist.

Worry must be sanctified so we can seek first the Kingdom of Heaven and its righteousness. We can minister God with faithfulness and righteousness. The result is everything will be added to us [Matthew 6:33]. We live from His cross, so it will always be a surplus. We lack of nothing even we live in abundance so we always give thank to God. We can live wherever, whenever, under any situation, up to the eternal life.

Thus, the skillfully woven tunic of fine linen thread means that we minister God with holiness in the anointing of Holy Spirit. We serve Him with faithfulness and goodness, faithfulness and fervency in spirit, as well as faithfulness and righteousness. We testify about God and worship Him. It equals to having the opened eyes to see Jesus who sits on the right side of the throne of Father God. Thus, Jesus' eyes will be opened for all of us. He cares and struggles for all of us. The results are as follows.

1. God's eyes are on His servants who are powerless.

Matthew 14:13-14,16

14:13 When Jesus heard it, He departed from there by boat to a deserted place by Himself. But when the multitudes heard it, they followed Him on foot from the cities.

14:14 And when Jesus went out He saw a great multitude; and He was moved with compassion for them, and healed their sick.

14:16 But Jesus said to them, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat."

The merciful hands of God are able to care our life in the midst of difficulties, up to the days of antichrist.

The merciful hands of God are able to help us when facing impossibilities.

2. God's eyes are on the unfaithful person and the one who has not served Him yet.

Mark 10:20-21

10:20 And he answered and said to Him, "Teacher, all these things I have kept from my youth."

10:21 Then Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, "One thing you lack: Go your way, sell whatever you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, take up the cross, and follow Me."

3. God's eyes are on His servants who fall in sins and face total failure.

Luke 22:60-62

22:60 But Peter said, "Man, I do not know what you are saying!" Immediately, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed.

22:61 And the Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how He had said to him, "Before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times."

22:62 So Peter went out and wept bitterly.

God sees with His mercy, not with judgment. He sees through the crow of the rooster, that is the repeated shepherding Word. The result is renewal power.

John 21:18-19

21:18 Most assuredly, I say to you, when you were younger, you girded yourself and walked where you wished; but when

you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will gird you and carry you where you do not wish."
21:19 This He spoke, signifying by what death he would glorify God. And when He had spoken this, He said to him, "Follow Me."

We can stretch out our hands to God and love Him more than everything. We can be obedient until the flesh does not sound anymore. Thus, the merciful hands of God will be stretched out to help and recover our life. We are renewed little by little until we are perfect on His second coming, and we will be lifted up to the throne of Heaven forever.

God blesses us.