

General Service in Malang, February 10, 2019 (Sunday Morning)

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

Revelation 8:12

8:12 Then the fourth angel sounded; And a third of the sun was struck, a third of the moon, and a third of the stars, so that a third of them were darkened. A third of the day did not shine, and likewise the night.

The fourth trumpet is sounded. It is the fourth condemnation of the Son of God to the world with all of creatures in it who reject the sound of the trumpet nowadays, namely the preaching of the shepherding word or the true teaching word which is hard, sharper than any two-edged sword or the sanctification one.

The sound of the fourth trumpet is signified by a third of the sun, moon, and stars that are dark. It means living in the darkness.

John 11:10

11:10 "But if one walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him."

The fact found in living in the darkness is that one does not become the witness of God, but the stumbling block. He easily stumbles or gets offended that makes him sin, get disappointed and hopeless, and leave God. He also becomes a stumbling block for other people that makes them sin and not want to come to God, specially to the true teaching word.

Mark 9:42

9:42 "But whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to stumble, it would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were thrown into the sea."

Revelation 18:21

18:21 Then a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone and threw it into the sea, saying, "Thus with violence the great city Babylon shall be thrown down, and shall not be found anymore."

In consequence, a millstone are hung around his neck and he is thrown into the sea. It means that his life is not beautiful, but in weariness, difficulties, and tears, until he is drowned in the sins of Babylon and the sea of the fire and brimstone to perish forever.

1 Peter 2:5

2:5 you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

The solution so that we do not become the stumbling block is that we must become the living stones, the holy priests and kings, or the servant and the minister of God.

1 Peter 2:4

2:4 Coming to Him as to a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God and precious.

Jesus is the living, beautiful, and precious stone who is rejected by men. It means that He willingly died on the cross so that the Gentiles or the hard and dead stones that are drowned in the sea of the fire and brimstone can become the living ones or the servant and the minister of God to receive the ministry and the gifts of Holy Spirit.

Ephesians 4:11-12

4:11 And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers,

4:12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ.

To live in holiness, the priest must be in the Holy Place, the shepherding pen, or he must have the perseverance in doing three main services to God.

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.

God commanded Moses to climb up the mount Sinai and showed the heavenly kingdom to him. Then, God commended him to make it in the earth. It is the Tabernacle or the sanctuary.

The Tabernacle has three rooms. They are the Court or the salvation, the Holy Place or the sanctification, and the Most Holy Place

or the perfection.

We have received the salvation, but not the perfection yet. So, we are in the Holy Place or the shepherding pen now or we must have the perseverance in doing three main services as follows:

1. The Golden Candlestick or the perseverance in doing General Service to get the fellowship with Holy Spirit God in the anointing and gifts of Holy Spirit.
2. The Table of Showbread or the perseverance in doing the Bible Study Service and Holy Communion to get the fellowship with the Son of God in the true teaching word and sacrifice of Christ.
3. The Golden Altar of Incense or the perseverance in doing the Prayer Service to get the fellowship with Father God in His love.

In the shepherding pen, our body, soul, and spirit attach to the Trinity of God, so we cannot be touched, deceived, and fallen by the trinity of Satan. We are sanctified continually, so we always live in the anointing of Holy Spirit and we can serve and minister to God faithfully, fervently in spirit, and regularly

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The duties of the priest are as follows:

1. Actively ministering to God in the spiritual house or the edifying the body of Christ.

Ephesians 4:12

4:12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ.

It starts from ministering in the marriage regularly and fervently in spirit, the shepherding pen, and inter-shepherding, until the Israelites and the Gentiles become one perfect body of Christ or the perfect bride of God to be ready to welcome the second coming of Jesus on the glorious clouds. We are with Him forever.

2. To offer the spiritual offerings which are acceptable before God.

At least, there are three kinds of spiritual offerings as follows:

1. Sacrificing the living, holy, and acceptable body. It starts from returning the possessions which belong to God or the tithe and the special offering.

Romans 12:1-2

12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.

12:2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

The requirements are as follows:

- The living body is powered by Holy Spirit through the perseverance in doing the General Service or the Golden Candlestick. Holy Spirit makes us righteous, active, faithful, and fervent in spirit in the service and ministry.
- The holy body is powered by the word through the perseverance in doing the Bible Study Service and Holy Communion or the Table of Showbread. The sword of the word sanctifies us continually until we are holy.
- The acceptable body is powered by the love of God through the perseverance in doing the Prayer Service or the Golden Altar of Incense. We can love God more than anything and we love other people like we love ourselves, even our enemy.

So, we can sacrifice the living, holy, and acceptable body through the shepherding pen.

The sign is that we experience the life renewal, so we do not be conformed to this world. [Romans 12:2].

It refers to the renewal of the conscience which tends to be wicked to be the good one which knows to differentiate between the good and the wicked, the correct and the wrong things. So, we can live in righteousness, holiness, and goodness, repay good for evil, until we are perfect.

2. Sacrificing the spiritual songs or the thanksgiving to God.

Ephesians 5:19-21

5:19 *speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord,*
5:20 *giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,*
5:21 *submitting to one another in the fear of God.*

Colossians 3:16

3:16 *Let the word of Christ dwell in your richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.*

The requirement is the accordance to the true teaching word or obeying the true teaching word.

The signs are as follows:

- [Ephesians 5:21] Submitting to one another, prioritizing the other people, or not having self-assertion.
- Fearing God, not sinning, and being faithful and responsible.

3. Praying in the Spirit or the prayer which has a spiritual value and does not follow the fleshly desires.

Ephesians 6:18

6:18 *praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints.*

The facts found in it are as follows:

- By the encouragement of the word, we can confess and forgive one another. The blood of Jesus cleanses our sins, so we can live in righteousness. The prayer of a righteous man avails much.

James 5:16

5:16 *Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.*

- The prayer in the anointing of Holy Spirit.

Romans 8:26-28

8:26 *Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.*

8:27 *Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.*

8:28 *And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.*

We pray with groanings which cannot be uttered. It means that we pray with a broken heart. We confess our weaknesses spiritually and physically. So, God will stretch out His hand to do the best things in our life and all things become good, beautiful, until perfect.

The examples of the prayer with a broken heart are as follows:

- Peter.

Matthew 14:29-31

14:29 *So He said, "Come." And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus.*

14:30 *But when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!"*

14:31 *And immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?"*

He started to be drowned because he was doubtful to the true teaching word, God, and His power.

But, he could pray with a broken heart and confess his doubt, so God stretched out His hand to lift him up.

He was healed and used by God.

- A mother.

Mark 7:27-29

7:27 *But Jesus said to her, "Let the children be filled first, for it is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the little dogs."*

7:28 And she answered and said to Him, "Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs under the table eat from the children's crumbs."

7:29 Then He said to her, "For this saying go your way; the demon has gone out of your daughter."

The mother had many wrong words like a dog which licked the vomit, but she could pray with a broken heart like a dog licking the crumbs. There were the faith words, so she could submit all things to God. As result, God helped her and healed her marriage and children, so there was the sweet vine.

- Marry who faced Lazarus who had died for four days. It refers to the rottenness, destruction, and impossibilities. God permitted it so that she could fall down.

John 11:32,39-40

11:32 Then, when Mary came where Jesus was, and saw Him, she fell down at His feet, saying to Him, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died."

11:39 Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of him who was dead, said to Him, "Lord, by this time there is a stench, for he has been dead four days."

11:40 Jesus said to her, "Did I not say to you that if you would believe you would see the glory of God?"

When we are honest and trust God, the miracle happens.

It continues until the time when Jesus comes for the second time that we are changed to be as perfect as Him and we are exalted to the glorious clouds to welcome His second coming.

God blesses you.