

General Service in Malang, January 22, 2017 (Sunday Morning)

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

Revelation 5:1

5:1 And I saw in the right hand of Him who sat on the throne a scroll written inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals.

The scroll in the right hand of God who sits on the throne of Heaven is the Word that is written in the Holy Bible. We must not be doubtful because the Holy Bible comes from the Heaven.

2 Timothy 3:15-17

3:15 and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

3:16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,

3:17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

The Holy Bible is the writing that is revealed by God to all of us. The usefulness is as follows.

1. [verse 15] Guiding us to salvation by faith or believing Jesus through the Gospel Word or the Gospel of Salvation.
2. [verse 16-17] Teaching, reproofing, correcting, and giving instruction in righteousness so we can do good and right deeds. It is called as the teaching Word or the Word that is sharper than any two-edged sword.

Matthew 11:1

11:1 Now it came to pass, when Jesus finished commanding His twelve disciples, that He departed from there to teach and to preach in their cities.

The example of Jesus is delivering the Word of God in two ways, that is preaching and teaching.

John 7:14-15

7:14 Now about the middle of the feast Jesus went up into the temple and taught.

7:15 And the Jews marveled, saying, "How does this Man know letters, having never studied?"

Jesus enters the house of God to teach, meaning that one who has believed Him and been saved, must receive the true teaching Word to experience spiritual growth up to spiritual maturity, up to perfection.

Jesus teaches without studying before, because it is a revelation from God.

Thus, the presence of Jesus in each ministry is proved with the true teaching Word.

Luke 6:6-11

6:6 Now it happened on another Sabbath, also, that He entered the synagogue and taught. And a man was there whose right hand was withered.

6:7 So the scribes and Pharisees watched Him closely, whether He would heal on the Sabbath, that they might find an accusation against Him.

6:8 But He knew their thoughts, and said to the man who had the withered hand, "Arise and stand here." And he arose and stood.

6:9 Then Jesus said to them, "I will ask you one thing: Is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do evil, to save life or to destroy?"

6:10 And when He had looked around at them all, He said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." And he did so, and his hand was restored as whole as the other.

6:11 But they were filled with rage, and discussed with one another what they might do to Jesus.

Jesus teaches in the house of God on Sabbath, meaning that He delivers the true teaching Word in the anointing of Holy Spirit, to heal a man whose right hand is withered. The meanings of withered right hand are as follows.

1. Ministry that is not related with Jesus as the High Priest who sits on the right side of the throne of the Father God. There is no ministry of reconciliation so one preserves sin up to its peak, that is sin concerning eating-drinking (smoking, getting drunk, consuming drugs) and marrying-being given in marriage. One is lukewarm in ministering God, not using the time well (being late, *et cetera*), and not paying attention during the ministry.

Revelation 3:15-16

3:15 "I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot."

3:16 So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth.

Not being cold = there is no peace. There is only envy, hatred, *et cetera*.

Not being hot = not being faithful and fervent in spirit in ministering God.

2. Being unable to give, being stingy and greedy.

Matthew 6:3-4

6:3 But when you do a charitable deed, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing,

6:4 that your charitable deed may be in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will Himself reward you openly.

Being stingy means being unable to give for the work of God and the others who are in need (time, energy, thought, money, *et cetera*).

Being greedy means seizing the belonging of the others, especially the belonging of God (the tithe and special offering).

3. Being unable to worship God.

Psalms 141:2

141:2 Let my prayer be set before You as incense, The lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

One always grumbles, gossips, slanders, until blasphemes God (rejecting the true teaching Word and supporting the wrong one).

Matthew 12:9-12

12:9 Now when He had departed from there, He went into their synagogue.

12:10 And behold, there was a man who had a withered hand. And they asked Him, saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?" -that they might accuse Him.

12:11 Then He said to them, "What man is there among you who has one sheep, and if it falls into a pit on the Sabbath, will not lay hold of it and lift it out?"

12:12 Of how much more value then is a man than a sheep? Therefore it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath."

A ministry or shepherding without the true teaching Word is as a sheep that falls into a pit on the Sabbath. It means being dry spiritually and unsatisfied, so one looks for satisfaction in the world (it equals to the death).

Revelation 9:2-3

9:2 And he opened the bottomless pit, and smoke arose out of the pit like the smoke of a great furnace. So the sun and the air were darkened because of the smoke of the pit.

9:3 Then out of the smoke locusts came upon the earth. And to them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power.

One will chum with the evil and unclean spirit, fall in sin up to its peak, enjoy doing sin, and be drowned in the lake of fire and brimstone.

Luke 6:6

6:6 Now it happened on another Sabbath, also, that He entered the synagogue and taught. And a man was there whose right hand was withered.

The way out is that Jesus teaches in the house of God on the Sabbath. It means that a pastor is used by God to deliver the true teaching Word in the anointing of Holy Spirit, to bring the congregation to the Heavenly rest (satisfaction or joy).

The usefulness of the true teaching Word is as follows.

1. Bringing us to stand between Jesus and the congregation.

Luke 6:8

6:8 But He knew their thoughts, and said to the man who had the withered hand, "Arise and stand here." And he arose and stood.

It means as follows.

- a. The true teaching Word points our sin and fault frankly so we can confess it honestly to God and the others. If we are forgiven, we must not repeat it.
- b. The true teaching Word returns us to the right position of a priest (a servant of God), as one who stands between God and the congregation to join the ministry of reconciliation.

The true teaching Word teaches and corrects us, so we can be used by God in the ministry of reconciliation. The true teaching Word brings the priest to the right place, that is the Holy Place (the shepherding pen). We must persevere in three main services as follows.

- Golden Candlestick refers to perseverance in General Service. We have fellowship with Holy Spirit God in the gifts of Holy Spirit. The sheep drinks.
- 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. The sheep eats.
- Golden Altar of Incense refers to perseverance in Prayer Service. We have fellowship with Father God in His love. The sheep breathes.

In the shepherding pen, our body, soul, and spirit cling to God the Trinity, as a branch abides on the true vine. Our life in this world does not depend on anything from the world, but the true vine or Jesus as the Good Shepherd. The result is Satan cannot touch us so we experience peace and calmness. Everything becomes easy and light. God cares us until we can confess "I shall not want". We always give thanks to God. We experience the sanctification of our body, soul, and spirit until there is no more blame.

2. The true teaching Word erases all impossibilities.

Luke 6:10

6:10 And when He had looked around at them all, He said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." And he did so, and his hand was restored as whole as the other.

Our attitude is being obedient to the Word until the flesh does not sound anymore. We must be obedient although the Word is not reasonable to our mind and seems to humiliate and hurt us.

It equals to stretching out both our hands to God, fully surrendering our life to Him, and worshipping Him.

Exodus 14:16, 21-22, 26

14:16 But lift up your rod, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it. And the children of Israel shall go on dry ground through the midst of the sea.

14:21 Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the Lord caused the sea to go back by a strong east wind all that night, and made the sea into dry land, and the waters were divided.

14:22 So the children of Israel went into the midst of the sea on the dry ground, and the waters were a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.

14:26 Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, that the waters may come back upon the Egyptians, on their chariots, and on their horsemen."

Thus, we will experience double stretching out of God's hands or double revival of Holy Spirit, that is revival of Holy Spirit in the first and last rain.

- a. The revival of Holy Spirit in the first rain divides the Red Sea [Exodus 14:21], meaning saving us and our family, and caring our life miraculously.

Walking on the dry ground or there is no more sea means that there must be no more doubt. We believe and fully surrender our life to God.

Isaiah 57:20

57:20 But the wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt.

Let us not preserve mire and dirt, so we can be useful starting from within marriage, within shepherding, and in the society.

The divided sea means that there is a way out from all problems, even the impossible ones, recovery from sickness, settlement for financial problem, *et cetera*. The hands of God are able to give beautiful and successful future right on His time.

- b. The revival of Holy Spirit in the last rain [Exodus 14:26].

Holy Spirit beats the enemies (Satan, the flesh, the world) so we can be perfect. We are used in the revival of building the perfect body of Christ.

We are sanctified and renewed, starting from there is no more lie, hatred, *et cetera*. It is until we are perfect and worthy to welcome Jesus' second coming to sit together with Him on the throne of Heaven forever.

God blesses us.