

General Service in Malang, March 24, 2024 (Sunday Morning)

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

Revelation 21:11

21:11 having the glory of God. Her light was like a most precious stone, like a jasper stone, clear as crystal.

The New Jerusalem city means as follows:

1. The city that is full of God's glory.
2. The city that shines like the jasper stone, clear as crystal.

Where does the light of glory come from?

John 8:12

8:12 Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."

Jesus appears as the light of the world or the source of the light of God's glory.

Matthew 5:14-16

5:14 "You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden.

5:15 "Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house.

5:16 "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Everyone who follows Jesus will receive the light of glory from Him until shining and radiating the increasing light of glory as follows:

1. **The light in the household**. It means being blessings in the household, so it becomes joyful and beautiful. The husband loves the wife. The wife submits to the husband. The children submit to the parents.
2. **The light before all people** through the good deeds or becoming blessings for others until repaying good for evil.
3. **The light of the world**.

1 Corinthians 11:1

11:1 Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ.

We willingly follow the examples of Jesus like the example of Paul and the other twelve disciples, namely willingly suffering in the flesh because of Jesus and ministering to God with dedication, not for looking for physical profit, but sacrificing all things for God.

As a result, we become the witness of God.

Revelation 12:1

12:1 Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a garland of twelve stars.

It continues until we become the bride of God radiating the light of God's glory fully for being evacuated to the wilderness by the two wings of a great eagle, far away from the presence of the Antichrist (the source of the darkest darkness in the world) and being lifted up to the glorious clouds. We enter the marriage supper of the lamb, Paradise, and the New Jerusalem. We shine like the jasper stone. We are set free from the outer darkness in the hell.

How can we radiate the light of God's glory?

1. When the earth was in the darkness in the days of Noah, there was a beam of light through Noah's making the simple altar for sacrificing the offering. It refers **to the sacrifice of Christ on the cross**.

Genesis 8:20-21

8:20 Then Noah built an altar to the LORD, and took of every clean animal and of every clean bird, and offered burnt offerings on the altar.

8:21 And the LORD smelled a soothing aroma. Then the LORD said in His heart, "I will never again curse the ground for man's sake, although the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth; nor will I again destroy every living thing as I have done.

The beginning of the light of glory comes from the sacrifice of Christ on the cross or the reconciliation offerings.

2 Corinthians 5:17-20

5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

5:18 Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation,

5:19 that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

5:20 Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God.

The sinful men willingly submit themselves for being reconciled by the sacrifice of Christ through confessing sins to God and other people. Being forgiven, we must not repeat the sins. As a result, we become the new men, namely repenting and living in righteousness, so we are used for testifying the reconciliation offerings to others. This is the beginning that we can be built as the bride of God who is full of light of glory like the jasper stone.

2. Moses was commanded by God for making **the house of the Lord or Tabernacle**. It has the form that is clearer, in order, and beautiful because all tools were overlaid with gold.

Exodus 26:15-16,29

26:15 " And for the tabernacle you shall make the boards of acacia wood, standing upright.

26:16 "Ten cubits shall be the length of a board, and a cubit and a half shall be the width of each board.

26:29 "You shall overlay the boards with gold, make their rings of gold as holders for the bars, and overlay the bars with gold.

The house of the Lord or Tabernacle is as follows:

- It consists of the boards which are made of black acacia wood. It refers to the sinful fleshly men.
- The boards are overlaid with pure gold.

1 Peter 1:18-19

1:18 knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers,

1:19 but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.

The sinful men must come to Jesus and confess the condition honestly. The results are as follows:

- a. The redemption by the blood of Jesus until repenting and living in righteousness.

Proverbs 10:20

10:20 The tongue of the righteous is choice silver; The heart of the wicked is worth little.

- b. Being overlaid with gold is the same as being anointed by Holy Spirit or living in holiness.
- Standing upright on the silver socket. It means having the firm standing, holding fast the true teaching Word, or having the firm faith to endure all things. We keep on believing and hoping God.
- [verse 16] Having the measurement according to the will of God as follows:

- a. The height is ten cubit. It means holding fast the command of God and obeying it.

John 14:21

14:21 "He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him."

It is the same as loving God and being loved by Him, so He reveals His life with all of His secrets, wills, beautiful plans, and blessings.

- b. The width is a cubit and a half. It refers to our relationship with God.

In the Tabernacle, there are three tools whose height is a cubit and a half as follows:

- i. The Altar of Burnt Offerings. The height is three cubit and in the middle (the height is one cubit and a

half) there is net for placing the burnt offerings. It means that we have fellowship with Jesus as the reconciliation offerings. The proof is that our heart is always peaceful.

- ii. The Table of Showbread. The height is a cubit and a half. There are twelve loaves which are set in two rows upon it, six in a row. The number sixty six refers to the sixty six books in the Bible. We have fellowship with Jesus as the bread of life or the true teaching Word. The proof is that we live in holiness. Our life fully depends on the Word like the Israelites who lived by manna for forty years in the wilderness.
- iii. The Ark of the Covenant. The height is a cubit and a half. There is the mercy seat upon it.
The first cherub refers to Father God.
The mercy seat with the sprinkling of blood refers to the Son of God.
The second cherub refers to Holy Spirit God.
We have fellowship with Jesus as the King of all kings or the Heavenly Bridegroom. It means that we must become the heavenly bride who has the relationship with Jesus as the Head, namely in the neck or the worship prayer. We place Jesus as the Head.

A cubit and a half refers to our relationship with others. We must receive others like we receive Jesus.

Matthew 25:35-36,40

25:35 'for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in;

25:36 'I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.'

25:40 "And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.'"

Persecuting others is the same as persecuting Jesus.

Acts 9:1,4-5

9:1 Then Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest

9:4 Then he fell to the ground, and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?"

9:5 And he said, "Who are You, Lord?" Then the Lord said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. It is hard for you to kick against the goads."

We must love, help, and unite one another to become the one perfect body of Christ for placing Jesus as the Head.

Exodus 40:33

40:33 And he raised up the court all around the tabernacle and the altar, and hung up the screen of the court gate. So Moses finished the work.

After the house of the Lord was finished, the screen of the court gate was hung up. It means placing Jesus as the Head, so there is shekinah glory or the light of God's glory and all sins are forgiven. All problems are solved by God.

3. The hard stone or Gentiles must become the living stone through believing Jesus, repenting, and getting the water baptism.

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.

We get the new life, namely the life in the anointing of Holy Spirit, or we become the priests and kings or living stones. We are obedient.

The priests and kings refer to one who is holy and bearing the ministry and gifts of Holy Spirit.

1 Peter 2:9-10

2:9 But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

2:10 who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained

mercy.

The duties are as follows:

- Testifying about the miraculous works which God has done in our life, namely formerly we were sinful, but then we repent and live in righteousness and holiness. We testify about the grace of God which has helped us.
- Serving and ministering to God in faithfulness and righteousness.

As a result, we are used in the ministry for the edification of the perfect Christ' body. It starts from the marriage, shepherding, inter-shepherding, until the Israelites and Gentiles become one perfect body of Christ. We place Jesus as the Head. He pays attention to, cares, and struggles for us.

The proofs and results of placing Jesus as the head are as follows:

- There is no anxiety or doubt, so we can be the servants of God who are faithful and righteous. We are stretching our hands to God. He also stretches out His hands to lift us up from drowning.
- Being silent and quiet.

Isaiah 30:14-15

30:14 And He shall break it like the breaking of the potter's vessel, Which is broken in pieces; He shall not spare. So there shall not be found among its fragments A shard to take fire from the hearth, Or to take water from the cistern."

30:15 For thus says the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel: "In returning and rest you shall be saved; In quietness and confidence shall be your strength." But you would not,

Being silent means that we do the introspection in our life. Finding sin, we must confess until being forgiven and repenting.

Being quiet means that we control ourselves, so we do not hope others, but God, so we can pray.

1 Peter 4:7

4:7 But the end of all things is at hand; therefore be serious and watchful in your prayers.

Being quiet and silent is the same as repenting and praying or stretching out the hands to God.

God stretches out His hands for calming the waves and windstorm in the sea of the world. We are peaceful. All things become easy and light. We have the beautiful successful future life up to the eternal one.

- Looking unto Jesus, the High Priest, or worshiping Him in perseverance and patience.

Hebrews 12:2-3

12:2 looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

12:3 For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls.

It is especially in facing the sprinkling of blood or suffering in the flesh because of Jesus.

2 Corinthians 4:16-17

4:16 Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day.

4:17 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory,

We can be strong and of good courage or not be disappointed and hopeless. We do not leave God regardless of anything we must face.

1 Chronicles 28:20

28:20 And David said to his son Solomon, "Be strong and of good courage, and do it; do not fear nor be dismayed, for the LORD God--my God--will be with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you, until you have finished all the work for the service of the house of the LORD.

The merciful hands of God are able to solve all impossible problems and finish the edification of the perfect body of Christ. We are changed until being perfect for welcoming Jesus' second coming on the glorious clouds and we enter the New Jerusalem.

God blesses you.