

General Service in Malang, May 13, 2012 (Sunday Morning)

CHILD SUBMISSION SERVICE

Mark 10:13-16

10:13 Then they brought little children to Him, that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked those who brought them.

10:14 But when Jesus saw it, He was greatly displeased and said to them, *“Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God.*

10:15 Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it.”

10:16 And He took them up in His arms, laid His hands on them, and blessed them.

Child submission is not only church's procedure, but it is an essential need of a child, since it decides the future of the child in this world until in the Heaven.

The aim of child submission is God touches and embraces the child.

There are two things that must be noted seriously as follows:

1. Parents should not prevent children to come to God by any reasons, so the children can be inside the embrace of God.
2. Children should not prevent parents to come to God by any reasons, so the parents can also be inside the embrace of God.

Parents and children must encourage each other to come to God and be always inside the embrace of God.

The requirement to always be inside the embrace of God is we must become as child, that is:

- Being right, not doing any sins.
- Being sincere, having no bitterness, worry, hatred, envy, and uncleanness, but having peaceful heart.
- Believing and fully surrendering ourselves to God.

The results are as follows:

- God's hands touch, meaning that Satan cannot touch us.
- God's hands embrace, meaning that God cares, protects, and solves our problems.
- God's hands bless us physically and spiritually, until the blessing of birthright, that is the right of inheriting the eternal kingdom of Heaven.

GENERAL SERVICE

Matthew 26:69-75 is about **Peter denied Jesus**.

Peter denied Jesus by words three times as follows:

1. [verse 69-70] Peter denied Jesus of Galilee.
2. [verse 71-72] Peter denied Jesus of Nazareth.
3. [verse 73-75] Peter denied Jesus even cursed and swore.

Actually there are three ways of denial to Jesus as follows:

1. Denying Jesus by words as Peter.

The practices are as follows:

- Not confessing Jesus and righteousness because of *“something”* in this world.
- Lying.

2. Denying Jesus by deeds.

Titus 1:16

1:16 They profess to know God, but in works they deny Him, being abominable, disobedient, and disqualified for every good work.

The practices are as follows:

- Abominable deeds, those are evil and unclean deeds. It means sinful deeds up to the peak of sins, that is eating-drinking sins and marrying and being given in marriage sins.
- Disobedient deeds, those are being unfaithful until leaving the ministry.

Hebrews 10:25-27

10:25 not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

10:26 For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins,

10:27 but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries.

Being unfaithful until leaving the ministry becomes habitual sin, whose sign is there is no more regrets, and willful sin.

- Disqualifying for every good work, that is doing something that harms the others and repaying evil by evil.

3. Denying faith to Jesus.

Acts 26:11

26:11 And I punished them often in every synagogue and compelled them to blaspheme; and being exceedingly enraged against them, I persecuted them even to foreign cities.

The practices are as follows:

- Leaving the true teaching Word and turning to another teaching.

The true teaching Word is the Word written in the Holy Bible and revealed by God, whose verse is explained by another verse.

2 Timothy 4:3-4

4:3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers;

4:4 and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables.

In the last days, great shake will happen in the church of God. God's servant or God's children will be no longer able to listen and obey the true teaching Word because their hearts preserve sins or something wrong, so they turn to another teaching/ fables. Fable is something that is not according to the revelation of the Word of God, but it is according to:

- a. knowledge,
- b. illustrations whose truth cannot be accounted,
- c. jokes,
- d. sweet words that do not show the sins,
- e. gossips,
- f. the teaching of Satan, including idol, tradition which is not according to the Word of God.

Fable is only for children. If one likes fable, it means that his spirituality is as a child. Fable only satisfies the desire of ears until one sleeps spiritually. If Jesus comes a second time, he will be left.

Nowadays, let us receive the true teaching Word, so we can have meek and sensitive heart and do not receive another teaching and fables.

- Not believing Jesus = leaving Jesus because of temptations in every aspect and obsessions.

Jude 1:4

1:4 For certain men have crept in unnoticed, who long ago were marked out for this condemnation, ungodly men, who turn the grace of our God into lewdness and deny the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ.

Who denies Jesus?

Certain men who have crept in unnoticed. It means as follows:

- People who are in the shepherding, but not seriously inside the shepherding. Especially they do not want to listen and obey the shepherding Word, but strange voice.
- People who misuse the grace of God to release the flesh desire and keep preserving sins. Sinful life who blames the others is being outside the grace of God.

1 John 2:22

2:22 Who is a liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist who denies the Father and the Son.

The consequence of doing unnoticed creep is being same as antichrist who will be perished forever.

We must be inside the graceful hands of God so we will not deny God and do unnoticed creep.

The practices are as follows:

1. Entering the true water baptism.

Genesis 6:8

6:8 But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord.

In the past Noah entered the ark together with his wife, sons, and daughter in laws, because of God's grace so they were saved.

1 Peter 3:20

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.

It is the grace of God when we can enter the true baptism.

It is the abundant grace of God when a husband and the wife, children and the parents can enter one true water baptism.

The true water baptism is the burial of one who has repented (died from sins) in water together with Jesus to rise in new life, that is having good conscience that will not deny Jesus forever.

2. Being right shepherded and entering the true shepherding pen.

It denotes the Holy Place on Tabernacle, where there are three pieces of equipment which denote perseverance in three main services as follows:

- o Golden Candlestick perseverance in General Service.
- o Table of Showbread perseverance in Bible Study Service with Holy Communion.
- o Golden Altar of Incense perseverance in Worship Service.

Matthew 26:75

26:75 And Peter remembered the word of Jesus who had said to him, "Before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times." So he went out and wept bitterly.

Peter has denied Jesus three times, God the Father, the Son of God, and God the Holy Spirit with his body, soul, and spirit. Actually, Peter should have been perished. But Peter was still willing to listen the repeated shepherding Word faithfully (the crows of the rooster), so Peter was still helped.

The shepherding Word does not show our greatness, but our weaknesses, so that we can realize and regret our sins. If we confess our sins, we will be returned to the grace of God.

John 21:3,7

21:3 Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We are going with you also." They went out and immediately got into the boat, and that night they caught nothing.

21:7 Therefore that disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" Now when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment (for he had removed it), and plunged into the sea.

Peter denied God again so he was failed and naked.

But fortunately there is still the shepherding Word.

John 21:15,17-19

21:15 So when they had eaten breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me more than these?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." He said to him, "Feed My lambs."

21:17 He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?" Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, "Do you love Me?" And he said to Him, "Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You." Jesus said to him, "Feed My sheep."

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."

God stretched out His hands to Peter through three questions that denote the shepherding Word in three main services and he was purified and able to stretch out his hands to Him. It means as follows:

- o Glorifying God through testimony.

- Being obedient until we finish the race.
- Worshiping God, believing and fully surrendering to Him. We live in the embrace of graceful hands of God that never change as shining sun and flowing river.

The results are as follows:

- In the Old Testament, Moses stretched out his hand over the sea until the waters were divided. It means that the graceful hands of God care us, give way out of all problems even the impossible ones and beautiful future.

Exodus 14:21

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.

- In the New Testament, Peter stretched out his hands and God stretched out His hands. God is able to lift up all our physical and spiritual failures, and make us successful in His time, until He will exalt us to the glorious clouds in His second coming.

1 Peter 5:5-6

5:5 Likewise you younger people, submit yourselves to your elders. Yes, all of you be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.

5:6 Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time,

God blesses us.