

General Service in Malang, May 29, 2022 (Sunday Morning)

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

Our highest hope is being able to ascend to heaven when Jesus comes a second time.

Revelation 16:8-9

16:8 Then the fourth angel poured out his bowl on the sun, and power was given to him to scorch men with fire.

16:9 And men were scorched with great heat, and they blasphemed the name of God who has power over these plagues; and they did not repent and give Him glory.

The pouring of the fourth bowl of God's wrath on the sun scorches men with fire up to the perdition.

Actually, the sun is the image of the great, just, and perfect love of God. Rejecting it, men will get the judgment of the scorching fire up to the perdition for sure.

There are five things which are judged by the scorching fire as follows:

1. Sins up to the peak like Sodom and Gomorrah.
2. The priests or servants of God who work with strange fire like Nadab and Abihu.
3. The priests or God's servants who have the intense craving.
4. The priests or God's servants who leave the service and ministry to Him habitually.
5. Ones who like oppressing or persecuting others.

Ad.1 Sodom and Gomorrah

Genesis 19:13,24

19:13 "For we will destroy this place, because the outcry against them has grown great before the face of the LORD, and the LORD has sent us to destroy it."

19:24 Then the LORD rained brimstone and fire on Sodom and Gomorrah, from the LORD out of the heavens.

In the beginning of the age, the sins up to the peak came up before God until there was judgment of the rain of brimstone and fire on Sodom and Gomorrah and they became the Dead Sea where there is no living thing.

Luke 17:28-30

17:28 "Likewise as it was also in the days of Lot: They ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built;

17:29 "but on the day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all.

17:30 "Even so will it be in the day when the Son of Man is revealed.

On the last days, when Jesus will come a second time, it will happen again. Sins up to the peak, namely the sins concerning eating-drinking and marrying-being given in marriage will come up before God until there is judgment of the rain of fire and brimstone that scorches men or the doomsday and everlasting perdition in the hell.

Luke 17:31-32

17:31 "In that day, he who is on the housetop, and his goods are in the house, let him not come down to take them away. And likewise the one who is in the field, let him not turn back.

17:32 "Remember Lot's wife.

Therefore, we must receive the love of the sun so that we can be watchful in three things and we do not get the fire of judgment:

1. Always being on the housetop (the cool or peaceful place).

It means that we must make peace with God and others by the encouragement of His love. We can confess our sin and do not repeat it. We can forgive the sin of others and forget it. As a result, the blood of Jesus washes away all of our sins, so we have the peaceful heart and become quiet and silent.

Keep the peaceful heart that does not feel anything that the flesh feels like fear, worry, jealousy, hatred, uncleanness, and so on anymore!

Being silent means that we do the introspection in our life much more by the sharpness of the sword of the Word. Finding sin, we must repent and confess and forgive one another. Finding no sin, we must not plead ourselves.

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 means controlling our life and surrendering all of our will to God, so we can always be in the railway of His will. We surrender all of our worries to God, so we do not hope others, but only Him, and we can pray.

Thus, always being on the housetop means being silent and quiet or repenting and praying as well as stretching our two hands to God. As a result, He will stretch out His merciful hands for making the wind and waves of the sea calm. If we have the peaceful heart, the sea will be calm. All impossible problems are finished by God in His time. We must be patient in waiting for the time of God.

All things become easy and light. God covers, preserves, and protects us so that we do not sink in the sea of the world, but we can reach the harbor of peace, namely the One-Thousand-Years Kingdom of Peace and the New Jerusalem.

2. Always being in the field.

Luke 17:31b

17:31 ... And likewise the one who is in the field, let him not turn back.

The field refers to the working place or ministry.
It also refers to the shepherding place.

Thus, always being in the field of God means that we must always be shepherded well and correctly and dwell in the sheepfold or the perseverance in doing the three main services to God. We keep faithful and fervent in spirit in committing the service and ministry to God.

The field also refers to the place for sowing the seed of the Word.

Leviticus 19:19

19:19 ' You shall keep My statutes. You shall not let your livestock breed with another kind. You shall not sow your field with mixed seed. Nor shall a garment of mixed linen and wool come upon you.

There is only seed of the true teaching Word or the Bible in the field of God that guarantees the holiness of the congregation. Therefore, God gives the gift for discerning spirits to a pastor so that he can distinguish the righteous food and the poison.

Having more than one kind of seed, the congregation is unclean, without the anointing of Holy Spirit, dry, and dead.

Thus, always being in the field means holding fast and obeying the one true teaching Word.
It is the same as keeping the position of our spirituality, namely always being shepherded and holding fast the true teaching Word.

For example, Mary sat at Jesus' feet and kept on hearing His Word.

His Word refers to the Word which is revealed through a verse that explains other verses in the Bible or the true teaching Word.

Luke 10:39

10:39 And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at Jesus' feet and heard His word.

Mary sat at Jesus' feet and kept on hearing His Word. It means as follows:

- Always dwelling in the sheepfold or being at Jesus' feet that are full of power for defeating the death. It is the safest place where the death cannot touch us.
- Only hearing and obeying the shepherding Word which sanctifies our life, so we can be faithful and fervent in spirit in committing our service and ministry to God.

It is the same as putting Jesus as the Head. The direction of such ministry is towards the edification of the perfect body of Christ.

Luke 10:42

10:42 "But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her."

As a result, Jesus as the Head is responsible for giving us the best and making all things in our life good. The destroyed things are restored.

Luke 10:40

10:40 But Martha was distracted with much serving, and she approached Him and said, "Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Therefore tell her to help me."

Martha was busy in her ministry, but she commanded Jesus to make Mary help her. It means that Martha put herself as the head, so Jesus did not become the Head. The heads were the foxes and birds, so Martha became worried, sorrowful, and not peaceful. The good things became ruined. Such ministry goes towards the edification of Babylon, the false church, or the bride of Satan that will be destroyed by the scorching fire.

3. **Do not look back!**

Luke 17:32

17:32 "Remember Lot's wife.

Genesis 19:26

19:26 But his wife looked back behind him, and she became a pillar of salt.

It means not seeing Sodom and Gomorrah as follows:

- Do not be bound by the riches of the world which causes stinginess and greediness.
Stinginess means that one cannot give.
Greediness means stealing the possession of others and God, namely the tithes and offerings.
It means being the wicked priest or servant of God.
- Do not be bound by sins up to the peak, namely the sins concerning eating-drinking and marrying-being given in marriage until being the unrighteous priest or servant of God!
- Do not be bound by the influences of the world which cause unfaithfulness!

Looking back, one must be unfaithful, lazy, and wicked or unprofitable until being cast into the outer darkness and perishing in the fire of the hell.

Hebrews 12:1-3

12:1 Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,

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.

Living in the world and committing the service and ministry to God are like a race for reaching the New Jerusalem or the eternal heavenly kingdom. Therefore, our eyes must look at Jesus, the High Priest, who sits at the right side of the throne of Father God in the New Jerusalem. It refers to worshiping God much more for taking the example of the cross or the sprinkling of blood. The last journey of Jesus to Jerusalem was through Olive Hill wherein there was Gethsemane garden [Matthew 21:1].

1 Peter 4:12-14

4:12 Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you;

4:13 but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy.

4:14 If you are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. On their part He is blasphemed, but on your part He is glorified.

There is shekinah glory or the spirit of glory behind the cross.

The functions of Holy Spirit are as follows:

- Holy Spirit glorifies or changes us from the fleshly men to the spiritual ones like Jesus is. We can be obedient until the flesh does not speak.

Philippians 2:8-10

2:8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.

2:9 Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name,

2:10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth,

We get the power of victory over the trinity of Satan, who is the source of sins, so we can keep on living in righteousness and holiness. We also have the victory of the trinity of Satan, who is the source of impossible problems, so all impossible problems are solved by God.

- Holy Spirit gives us extra power, so we can be faithful and fervent in spirit in the service and ministry to God until the end line.

Romans 12:11

12:11 not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord;

- We get the rain of God's blessings.

Deuteronomy 11:11,13-14

11:11 "but the land which you cross over to possess is a land of hills and valleys, which drinks water from the rain of heaven,

11:13 ' And it shall be that if you earnestly obey My commandments which I command you today, to love the LORD your God and serve Him with all your heart and with all your soul,

11:14 'then I will give you the rain for your land in its season, the early rain and the latter rain, that you may gather in your grain, your new wine, and your oil.

Spiritually, we get the grain or the Word, oil or Holy Spirit, and wine or God's love, so we get the atmosphere of Canaan and live in holiness and heavenly joy.

Physically, we are preserved abundantly in the midst of the difficulties in the world up to the eternal life.

God blesses you.