

General Service in Malang, November 11, 2012 (Sunday Morning)

CHILD SUBMISSION SERVICE

Zechariah 1:3

1:3 Therefore say to them, *âThus says the Lord of hosts: âReturn to Me,â says the Lord of hosts, âand I will return to you,â says the Lord of hosts.*

Lord wants us to return to Him, and He will return to us.

For short term, if we unite with God, He will care us, solve all our problems, and wipe our tears.

For long term, when Jesus comes a second time, we will meet Him on the glorious clouds to be with Him forever.

There are three things that must be noticed as follows so we return to God and He returns to us.

1. Through sanctification, especially sanctification of our heart from evil and unclean desire.

Malachi 3:7-10

3:7 *Yet from the days of your fathers You have gone away from My ordinances And have not kept them. Return to Me, and I will return to you,â Says the Lord of hosts.â But you said,â In what way shall we return?â*

3:8 *âWill a man rob God? Yet you have robbed Me! But you say, âIn what way have we robbed You?â In tithes and offerings.*

3:9 *You are cursed with a curse, For you have robbed Me, Even this whole nation.*

3:10 *Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, That there may be food in My house, And try Me now in this,â Says the Lord of hosts, âIf I will not open for you the windows of heaven And pour out for you such blessing That there will not be room enough to receive it.*

Unclean desire is fornication sins. Evil desire is lust of money that makes us stingy and greedy.

Through sanctification, we can return tithes and special offerings that belong to God. Thus, God will give us spiritual food.

We can obey the Word and the power of the Word will open the windows of heaven to care our life.

2. Through reconciliation.

Matthew 11:28-30

11:28 *Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.*

11:29 *Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.*

11:30 *For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.â*

Reconciliation can be done by being gentle and lowly in heart.

Being lowly in heart is an ability to confess sins. If we are forgiven, we must not do sins anymore.

Being gentle is an ability to forgive the othersâ sin and forget it.

Thus all our sins are reconciled. Sin is the heaviest burden in our life. If sin is reconciled, our life will be easy and light. There is no more labor and heavy burden.

3. Through being well shepherded.

1 Peter 2:25

2:25 *For you were like sheep going astray, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.*

We must be shepherded in shepherding pen and be obedient to the Shepherd. Thus we can live in righteousness, holiness, and perfection as God. We will be lifted up together with God on His second coming.

GENERAL SERVICE

To Coincide with Priests and Priests To Be Upgrading III.

Peace and grace in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Matthew 27 refers to the seven sprinklings of blood upon the Ark of the Covenant. Now it means the suffering Jesus experiences until He dies on the cross to save, sanctify, and perfect us.

We are learning the seventh passage, namely Pilate sets a guard.

Matthew 27:62-66

27:62 *On the next day, which followed the Day of Preparation, the chief priests and Pharisees gathered together to Pilate,*

27:63 *saying, âSir, we remember, while He was still alive, how that deceiver said, âAfter three days I will rise.â*

27:64 Therefore command that the tomb be made secure until the third day, lest His disciples come by night and steal Him away, and say to the people, "He has risen from the dead." So the last deception will be worse than the first.
27:65 Pilate said to them, "You have a guard; go your way, make it as secure as you know how."
27:66 So they went and made the tomb secure, sealing the stone and setting the guard.

The chief priests and Pharisees do not believe the resurrection of Jesus, so they seal the tomb of Jesus and set the guard of Pilate. According to human logic, it is impossible to see Jesus rising and stepping out of the tomb. But actually, Jesus has risen and been seen by the disciples. It shows that there is nothing impossible for God.

The sprinkling of blood is the last sanctification to sanctify our mind which often thinks that something is impossible. We are sanctified until we can believe that there is nothing impossible for God.

Luke 1:37

1:37 For with God nothing will be impossible.

Mark 9:23

9:23 Jesus said to him, "If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes."

There is nothing impossible for God.

There is nothing impossible to him who believes.

If two verses above are combined, faithful life is the same as God. It means that faithful life receives the power of God to erase all impossibilities, either physically or spiritually.

Physically, all things that are impossible for us will be solved by God.

Spiritually, we as sinful life will be continually renewed until sometime we will be glorious as He is.

Therefore, all of us as God's servants must have true faith up to perfect faith.

Where can we get the true faith?

Romans 10:17

10:17 So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

The true faith comes by hearing the Word of God or the Word anointed by Holy Spirit. It means as follows.

- We hear the Word whose secret is revealed, that is one verse explains another verse. It is the true teaching Word.
- We hear the true teaching Word in the anointing of Holy Spirit, so we can receive the true teaching Word as the word of Jesus Himself. We can understand the Word, believe and have faith on it, until practice it.

1 Thessalonians 2:13

2:13 For this reason we also thank God without ceasing, because when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you welcomed it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which also effectively works in you who believe.

Thus we will experience the power of the true teaching Word that sanctifies and renews us until we are perfect. We also will receive the power to erase all impossibilities.

We must be watchful because there is false faith as follows.

1. Faith by feeling.

John 6:25-26

6:25 And when they found Him on the other side of the sea, they said to Him, "Rabbi, when did You come here?"

6:26 Jesus answered them and said, "Most assuredly, I say to you, you seek Me, not because you saw the signs, but because you ate of the loaves and were filled."

For example satisfied feeling because of receiving something, pleased feeling because there are no sins pointed, respectful feeling, feeling of being used by God.

Matthew 7:21-23

7:21 "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven.

7:22 Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?'

7:23 And then I will declare to them, *âI never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!â*

The consequence of having faith by feeling is being driven away from the Heaven. Ministering without righteous faith means practicing lawlessness. The more he ministers, the worse lawlessness he does.

2. Faith by seeing physical things.

John 20:28-29

20:28 And Thomas answered and said to Him, *âMy Lord and my God!â*

20:29 Jesus said to him, *âThomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.â*

Faith by seeing is not blessed and fragile. This kind of life will always be at a crossroad. He is happy when everything is good, but fragile when there is something not good.

John 2:23-24

2:23 Now when He was in Jerusalem at the Passover, during the feast, many believed in His name when they saw the signs which He did.

2:24 But Jesus did not commit Himself to them, because He knew all men,

This kind of faith is only from one side, because Jesus does not commit Himself to them.

2 Corinthians 5:7-10

5:7 For we walk by faith, not by sight.

5:8 We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord.

5:9 Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him.

5:10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

The practices of true faith are as follows.

1. [2 Corinthians 5:7] Living not by seeing physical things, but by seeing God and the true teaching Word and obeying it.
2. [2 Corinthians 5:8] Being confident, strong and of good courage, namely:
 - o Not being discouraged nor disappointed, not leaving God in facing something, not taking our own way. We keep believing and putting our hope in God.
 - o Not being proud when we are blessed, but keep giving thanks to God.
 - o Not doing any sins or supporting sins, whatever the risks we face. Do not exchange salvation with anything else.
 - o Keep holding on the true teaching Word whatever the risks we face.
3. [2 Corinthians 5:9] Always living in righteousness, so we always please God.
Living in righteousness and pleasing God are in one level. The term *âalwaysâ* means wherever we are, we must live in righteousness and please God.
4. [2 Corinthians 5:10] Always being in reconciliation of sins, so we will not be judged.
Let us use the rest of our life up to Jesus' second coming to solve sins. Do not add any sins.

1 Timothy 4:1

4:1 Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons,

In the last days, many will depart from the true faith and fail from the faith because of false teachings.

The true faith must be upgraded to steadfast faith up to perfect faith so it will not fail.

In order to get the steadfast faith, we must persevere in Bible Study Service with Holy Communion (Table of Showbread).

1 Peter 1:6-7

1:6 In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials,

1:7 that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ,

In order to get the perfect faith, we must face tests to become the golden pot that had the manna. The content of the perfect faith is

the Word (manna). It means we believe and fully surrender our life to the true teaching Word. Thus, we will experience the power to erase all impossibilities and lifting power when Jesus comes a second time.

Luke 18:8

18:8 I tell you that He will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the earth?

When Jesus comes a second time, He will look for the true, steadfast, and perfect faith.

God lets His servants to face impossibilities so we can believe and fully surrender our life to God.

- A father.

Mark 9:22-24

9:22 And often he has thrown him both into the fire and into the water to destroy him. But if You can do anything, have compassion on us and help us.

9:23 Jesus said to him, "If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes."

9:24 Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, "Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!"

A father is let to face impossibilities of his epileptic son. It denotes moral decay, ruin in marriage and divorce. The fault is his unbelief and self-truth, always assuming that all teachings equal. But fortunately this father can confess his unbelief. He experiences the power that is able to erase all impossibilities.

- A Zarephath widow.

1 Kings 17:11-15

17:11 And as she was going to get it, he called to her and said, "Please bring me a morsel of bread in your hand."

17:12 So she said, "As the Lord your God lives, I do not have bread, only a handful of flour in a bin, and a little oil in a jar; and see, I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die."

17:13 And Elijah said to her, "Do not fear; go and do as you have said, but make me a small cake from it first, and bring it to me; and afterward make some for yourself and your son."

17:14 For thus says the Lord God of Israel: "The bin of flour shall not be used up, nor shall the jar of oil run dry, until the day the Lord sends rain on the earth."

17:15 So she went away and did according to the word of Elijah; and she and he and her household ate for many days.

A mother is let to experience financial crisis. Her fault is being stubborn and egoistic (everything is always for herself, there is nothing for God). The consequence is being in tears and difficulties, being dry spiritually. But fortunately there is true attitude that is being faithful and fervent in spirit in ministry, also believing and being obedient whatever the risk is. Thus, there is power to erase all impossibilities. We are cared up to the days of antichrist.

- A youth.

Luke 1:37-38

1:37 For with God nothing will be impossible.

1:38 Then Mary said, "Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

A youth is let to experience the impossibilities in facing physical and spiritual suffering (Mary must be pregnant before a marriage) and gloomy future. The fault of Mary is being worried and having many questions and tears. Fortunately, Mary believes and obeys the shepherding Word. The result is the door of salvation is opened (Mary can bear Jesus) up to the door of Heaven is opened. If the door of Heaven is opened, all salvation doors in this world will also be opened.

God blesses us.