

General Service in Malang, November 12, 2017 (Sunday Morning)

CHILD SUBMISSION SERVICE

Shiphrah was a Hebrew midwife in the age of Pharaoh. He spoke to the Hebrew midwives to kill Israelites boys who were born. But Shiphrah was afraid of God, so the Israelites kept experiencing growth in accordance with God's will. Spiritually, the midwife refers to the servant of God who fears or pleases Him.

Shiphrah means beautiful or good looking. It means the servant of God who becomes example for others. It is the same as glorifying God, pleasing the parents, and becoming the blessing for others.

How can we become the servant of God who fears God and becomes the example for others?

1 Peter 5:3

5:3. nor as being lords over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock;

We must be firmly shepherded. It starts from a man/husband, then being followed by his wife and child. We just hear and obey the voice of the Shepherd.

If we are firm in shepherding, we will experience the caring of God as the Chief Shepherd.

The Chief Shepherd takes care of our life physically up to the abundance, so we can give thanks to God.

Spiritually, the Chief Shepherd purifies and changes us from fleshly men to spiritual ones like Jesus, so we become the example of life renewal.

1 Timothy 4:12

4:12. Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity.

We can become the example in five things, namely in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity.

Number five refers to five wounds of Jesus. We have to suffer with Jesus to become the example.

In shepherding, we are continually taken care of up to perfection. We become as glorious as God or clear as crystal to enter the New Jerusalem.

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.

God blesses us.

GENERAL SERVICE

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

Revelation 6:9-11

6:9 When He opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God and for the testimony which they held.

6:10 And they cried with a loud voice, saying, "How long, O Lord, holy and true, until You judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?"

6:11 Then a white robe was given to each of them; and it was said to them that they should rest a little while longer, until both the number of their fellow servants and their brethren, who would be killed as they were, was completed..

The fifth judgment of Holy Spirit upon the world is the revenge of God to the people in the world who have killed His innocent servants (the martyrs). They were innocent, but killed because of the Word and the testimony of Jesus.

Their blood since Abel cried out to God so that He avenged them, but they had to wait until both the number of their fellow servants and their brethren, who would be killed as they were, was completed, namely when the Antichrist reigns over the world for three and a half years.

The last martyr happens when the Antichrist reigns over the world for three and a half years.

There are two possibilities in the age of Antichrist as follows:

- The servants of God cannot survive, so they become offended or deny Jesus and worship the Antichrist. Consequently, they will be destroyed forever.

- The servants of God keep worshipping Jesus, so they experience great tribulation up to being beheaded (the martyrs). As a result, they are given white robes.

Do not wait to become a martyr in the age of Antichrist!

Let us use our life earnestly to experience the martyrdom spiritually.

The martyrdom spiritually means **death and resurrection experience with Jesus**, so we can be purified and changed up to perfection like Him, and we will be granted to be arrayed in fine linen like those who become the martyrs in the age of Antichrist.

There are three levels of such robe as follows:

1. The garment of Jesus which was made four parts. It refers to the **garment of salvation** for four corners of the world or all people in the world.

John 19:23

19:23. Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took His garments and made four parts, to each soldier a part, and also the tunic. Now the tunic was without seam, woven from the top in one piece.

Romans 3:23

3:23. for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

Since Adam and Eve fell into sin, all men in the world have sinned too. They are naked and shameless, so they will be destroyed forever.

Jesus, the only innocent man, must willingly die on the cross and be naked, so His garment is used to cover the nakedness of men in the world.

The process of receiving the garment of salvation: **John 19:31-34**

19:31. Therefore, because it was the Preparation Day, that the bodies should not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away.

19:32. Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who was crucified with Him.

19:33. But when they came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs.

19:34. But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out.

Jesus has died with four major injuries (two at feet, two at hands). It is used to cover the nakedness of the Israelites or God's chosen people. It is the love of God for the Israelites.

But thanks to God, a soldier of the Gentiles pierces Jesus' side with a spear, and immediately blood and water come out. It is the fifth wound, namely the biggest and deepest one. It is the great mercy of God to cover the nakedness of the Gentiles.

So, the Gentiles have to receive the sign of blood and water which come out from Jesus' side, so we can receive the white robes.

- The sign of blood means believing Jesus and repenting or stopping sinning and returning to God (being dead to sin). Not repenting is the same as insulting the blood of Jesus, so one has to shed his own blood in the age of Antichrist.
- The sign of water refers to water baptism.

Romans 6:4

6:4. Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

Colossians 2:12

2:12. buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.

The true water baptism is one who has died to sin or repented must be buried in water with Jesus and come out or rise from water with Him to receive new life or heavenly one (the opened Heaven), namely life in righteousness.

Proverbs 10:2

10:2. Treasures of wickedness profit nothing, But righteousness delivers from death.

Living in righteousness is the same as being saved. We receive the garment of salvation from Jesus on the cross.

Psalms 5:12

5:12. For You, O LORD, will bless the righteous; With favor You will surround him as with a shield.

We will be surrounded by God's great blessing and mercy.

2. The soldiers cast lots for Jesus'tunic.

John 19:23b-24

19:23b. and also the tunic. Now the tunic was without seam, woven from the top in one piece.

19:24. They said therefore among themselves, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be," that the Scripture might be fulfilled which says: "They divided My garments among them, And for My clothing they cast lots." Therefore the soldiers did these things.

Exodus 28:2

28:2. "And you shall make holy garments for Aaron your brother, for glory and for beauty.

Jesus' tunic that is cast lots for is the same as holy garment for the High Priest= holy garment= robe of service= Joseph's tunic that has many colors.

Joseph's tunic that has many colors is the white robe with various ministries and Holy Spirit's gifts.

The provision of the white robe or robe of service is as follows:

- Being without seam. It means that there is no influence of human .
So, the ministry comes from God Himself, not man.
- Being woven from the top in one piece. It means one body of Christ.
- Being cast lots for. It means that only man who receives God's great mercy and trust is able to receive the robe of service. Not all men can receive it.

If we get God's great mercy and trust to receive the white robe or holy garment, we will be used in the ministry of the building of the perfect body of Christ.

We become the bride to greet God when He comes a second time on the glorious clouds.

The terms to receive the white robe are as follows:

- Persevering in the sheepfold.

Genesis 37:2

37:2. This is the history of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was feeding the flock with his brothers. And the lad was with the sons of Bilhah and the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to his father.

In Tabernacle it refers to the Holy Place. There are three tools inside it that refer to perseverance in three kinds of main service as follows:

- a. Golden Candlestick refers to perseverance in General Service. We have fellowship with Holy Spirit God in His gifts. We drink, so we are always fresh in our ministry in the wilderness of the world.
 - b. 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. We eat, so we are always strong. We do not fall into sin, but live in righteousness and holiness.
 - c. Golden Altar of Incense refers to perseverance in Prayer Service. We have fellowship with Father God in His love. We breathe with the eternal love of God, so we live eternally.
- We must obey the voice of the Shepherd until the flesh does not sound anymore.
We are firmly shepherded.

Genesis 37:13

37:13. And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers feeding the flock in Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." So he said to him, "Here I am."

In the sheepfold our body, soul, and spirit attach to God the Trinity, so we cannot be touched by Satan the trinity.

Genesis 37:2b

37:2b. and Joseph brought a bad report of them to his father.

We experience intensive sanctification from evil and unclean sins. We are purified from bad characteristics (envy, hatred, revenge) to loving one another.

We are purified from lying to being honest, whatever we face.

It continues up to being spotless.

The results are as follows:

- Joseph receives the tunic of many colors. It means that we receive the white robe, namely the robe of ministry and Holy Spirit's gift that God gives to us.
- The curtains of the Tabernacle= the ones of faith and its works. We experience protection, caring, and defence from God.
We become the apple of God's eye.

3. The robe of bride or fine linen, clean and bright.

Revelation 19:8

19:8. And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.

It is the robe of glory or adornment. It is God's great gift.

We receive the fine linen, clean and bright through the sprinkling of blood, namely suffering in flesh with Jesus because of the ministry.

It is like Joseph's tunic that must be dipped in blood, so Satan does not dare to take off our robe.

The white robe that is dipped in blood will become fine linen, clean and bright, namely the renewal of life from fleshly men to spiritual ones like Jesus.

1 Peter 3:4-6

3:4. rather let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in the sight of God.

3:5. For in this manner, in former times, the holy women who trusted in God also adorned themselves, being submissive to their own husbands,

3:6. as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord, whose daughters you are if you do good and are not afraid with any terror.

The adornment of the bride is being gentle, quiet, and submissive.

- Gentleness is the ability to receive the hard word of God that is sharper than any two-edged sword to purify us from the root of wickedness and uncleanness.
The root of wickedness is the love of money. We are purified, so we are more blessed to give than to receive.

Revelation 19:8

19:8. And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.

Gentleness also means the ability to forgive others' sin and forget it.

- Being quite means that we do introspection in our life. We do not speak negative comment and judge others.
- Being submissive means obeying God until the flesh does not sound anymore.

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,

A husband submits to God, namely loving his wife as he loves himself and does not do bitterly toward her.

A wife submits to her husband in all things and does not teach or order him.

A child obeys his parents.

Submission is the same as lifting up hands to God, so we are under His mighty hand. God stretches out His hand of

great mercy

which is as strong as the death to lift us up in His time.

- a. God makes all things successful and beautiful in His time.

Ecclesiastes 3:11a

3:11a. He has made everything beautiful in its time.

- b. God's great mercy which is as strong as the death is able to finish all things in His time.

Hebrews 4:16

4:16. Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

- c. If God comes a second time, His great mercy which is as strong as the death will purify and change us up to perfection like Him.

We can greet Him when He comes a second time on the clouds of glory. We enter Paradise and the city of glory or the New Jerusalem forever.

God blesses us.