

General Service in Malang, October 06, 2024 (Sunday Morning)

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

Revelation 22:5

22:5 *There shall be no night there: They need no lamp nor light of the sun, for the Lord God gives them light. And they shall reign forever and ever.*

'There shall be no night there' means as follows:

1. **Do not stumble, have the hard heart, nor become the stumbling-block!**

John 11:10

11:10 *"But if one walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him."*

Do not easily stumble nor become the stumbling-block! There are three kinds of the stumbling-block as follows:

- The sins concerning eating-drinking and marrying-being given in marriage --> the diseases of the nations. It means enjoying in sins without a regret or falling and not rising anymore until perishing forever.
- Stumbling because of the sin of others.
Therefore, do not look at others, but only God
- Stumbling to his own life --> the hardest heart.
It happens because of keeping the self-truth, namely the truth that is outside the Word or covering sins by blaming at others and God.

For example, Judas Iscariot always said "is it I?" when the Word pointed at his sin.

Matthew 26:23,25

26:23 *He answered and said, "He who dipped his hand with Me in the dish will betray Me.*

26:25 *Then Judas, who was betraying Him, answered and said, "Rabbi, is it I?" He said to him, "You have said it."*

Consequently, he was made ashamed and there was no forgiveness.

The neck is tied with a millstone. It means not being able to worship God or the spirituality is dry until leaving the service and ministry to Him.

Matthew 18:6

18:6 *"But whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to sin, it would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were drowned in the depth of the sea.*

The life is not beautiful, but weary, heavy laden, sorrowful, and full of tears. The physical and spiritual life decreases and sinks in the sea of the world up to the lake of fire and brimstone.

Revelation 18:21

18:21 *Then a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone and threw it into the sea, saying, "Thus with violence the great city Babylon shall be thrown down, and shall not be found anymore.*

Why does God permit the stumbling-block to happen?

It becomes the test so that we can be little, humble, and obedient like Jesus. We do not commit sin, but live in righteousness and holiness.

As a result, we get the peace. All things become easy and light. We keep faithful and fervent in spirit in the service and ministry to God until the end line. Our life keeps on being useful. We can worship God. As a result, He makes all things beautiful in His time.

2. **Do not spiritually sleep, but always watch and pray!**

1 Thessalonians 5:4-6

5:4 *But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief.*

5:5 You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness.

5:6 Therefore let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be sober.

Exodus12:41-42

12:41 And it came to pass at the end of the four hundred and thirty years -- on that very same day -- it came to pass that all the armies of the LORD went out from the land of Egypt.

12:42 It is a night of solemn observance to the LORD for bringing them out of the land of Egypt. This is that night of the LORD, a solemn observance for all the children of Israel throughout their generations.

As a result, God also watches over our life, especially to prepare us when Jesus comes a second time for going out of the world to the glorious clouds for meeting Him forever.

- Watching in all night-long prayer to receive the firm faith. It means keeping on believing Jesus regardless of anything we must face. We keep on holding fast one true teaching Word.

1 Peter5:8-9

5:8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.

5:9 Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.

Amos 3:12

3:12 Thus says the LORD: "As a shepherd takes from the mouth of a lion Two legs or a piece of an ear, So shall the children of Israel be taken out Who dwell in Samaria--In the corner of a bed and on the edge of a couch!

The activities of the lion or Satan are as follows:

- a. Roaring. It means that Satan preaches the false teachings.
- b. Biting the ears. It means that Satan causes one to be unwilling to hear the true teaching Word, but he only hears the false teachings, gossips, and so on.
- c. Swallowing the two legs. It means that Satan causes one not to have the strong foundation to the true teaching Word. Consequently, he departs from the true teaching Word or leaves it and turns to the false teachings until denying Jesus.

1 Timothy4:1-2

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,

4:2 speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron,

In the anointing of Holy Spirit, we can be firm to hear and hold fast to one true teaching Word only as well as to reject the false teachings or gossips.

The fleshly men are hard-hearted to keep the wrong things.

- Watching about the clothes.

Revelation16:15

16:15 "Behold, I am coming as a thief. Blessed is he who watches, and keeps his garments, lest he walk naked and they see his shame."

2 Corinthians6:4-5

6:4 But in all things we commend ourselves as ministers of God: in much patience, in tribulations, in needs, in distresses,

6:5 in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in sleeplessness, in fastings;

We watch, pray, and fast for keeping the garments of ministry, namely we keep faithful and fervent in spirit in the service and ministry to God until Jesus comes a second time.

- Watching and praying for one hour so that we do not fall in the temptation.

Mark14:37-38

14:37 Then He came and found them sleeping, and said to Peter, "Simon, are you sleeping? Could you not watch

one hour?

14:38 *"Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."*

Facing temptations or problems, do not commit sin nor take your own way which is outside the Word because it is the same as the dead-end and perdition!

We must watch and pray for one hour so that we keep on being on the railway track of God's will when we are facing the impossible problems or temptations, regardless of anything we have to sacrifice. We also do not stumble in the sins of Babylon that will be destroyed in one hour, namely the sins concerning eating-drinking and marrying-being given in marriage.

As a result, God is with us to give us power to endure and overcome temptations. He gives us solution of impossible problems.

3. **We must put on the Lord Jesus Christ as the armor of light.**

Romans13:12-14

13:12 *The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light.*

13:13 *Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy.*

13:14 *But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.*

- Through the true water baptism.

Matthew28:19

28:19 *"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,*

Acts2:38

2:38 *Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.*

Acts19:5

19:5 *When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.*

Romans6:4

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.*

One who has believed in Jesus and repented must be buried in water together with Jesus in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit or the Lord Jesus Christ. After that, he is raised from the water and the heavens are opened. There is the new life or the heavenly one. The forehead is stamped with the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. We move from the darkness to the light of God.

Revelation9:2,4-6

9:2 *And he opened the bottomless pit, and smoke arose out of the pit like the smoke of a great furnace. So the sun and the air were darkened because of the smoke of the pit.*

9:4 *They were commanded not to harm the grass of the earth, or any green thing, or any tree, but only those men who do not have the seal of God on their foreheads.*

9:5 *And they were not given authority to kill them, but to torment them for five months. Their torment was like the torment of a scorpion when it strikes a man.*

9:6 *In those days men will seek death and will not find it; they will desire to die, and death will flee from them.*

It means that we are set free from the friendship of sins (scorpion) to live in righteousness and holiness. We are set free from the punishment of God.

- Through the shepherding system.

We persevere in the three main services to God in the shepherding pen.

- a. The Golden Candlestick or perseverance in committing the General Service. It refers to the garland of twelve stars.
- b. The Table of Showbread or perseverance in committing the Bible Study Service with the Holy Communion.

It refers to the moon under the feet.

- c. The Golden Altar of Incense or perseverance in committing the Prayer Service. It refers to the clothes of the sun.

Our body, soul, and spirit attach to the Trinity of God, so Satan cannot touch us and make us fall in sin or deceived in the false teachings. We get the continual sanctification until being the light of the world like Jesus.

Revelation 12:1-3

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.

12:2 Then being with child, she cried out in labor and in pain to give birth.

12:3 And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great, fiery red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads.

Nevertheless, the condition of the Church is like a woman who will give birth or being in the most powerless condition while facing the dragon or Satan. What she can do is only groaning or crying out and worshiping God with the broken heart as well as confessing the physical and spiritual weaknesses. We submit all things to God until the baby can be born or the life renewal happens. We become strong and of good courage. We keep on believing and hoping in God as well as obeying Him until the flesh does not speak anymore.

1 Peter 1:22

1:22 Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart,

We get the sanctification until being equipped with the ministry and gifts to be used in the edification of Christ's body [Ephesians 4:11-12], that starts from the marriage, shepherding, and inter-shepherding. It is the same as placing Jesus as the Head who is responsible for our life.

Romans 8:31-32

8:31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

8:32 He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?

God is able to give us all things we need and perfect us.

God blesses you.