

General Service in Malang, October 20, 2019 (Sunday Morning)

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

Revelation 10:1-3

10:1 I saw still another mighty angel coming down from heaven, clothed with a cloud. And a rainbow was on his head, his face was like the sun, and his feet like pillars of fire.

10:2 He had a little book open in his hand. And he set his right foot on the sea and his left foot on the land,

10:3 and cried with a loud voice, as when a lion roars. When he cried out, seven thunders uttered their voices.

Jesus experienced the seven sprinklings of blood or suffering in flesh until He died on the cross to cover, preserve, and protect us until we are perfect like Him. Behind the cross, there is glory.

The appearances of Jesus with the seven lights of glory are as follows:

1. Being clothed with a cloud.
2. A rainbow is on the head.
3. The face is like the sun.
4. The feet are like pillars of fire.
5. Having a little book open in His hand.
6. Setting the right foot on the sea and the left foot on the land.
7. Crying out with a loud voice as when a lion roars.

Jesus appears with the seven lights of glory to illuminate us, the sinful cursed man, so we can be as glorious and perfect as Him and we are worthy to welcome His second coming.

ad. 4. The feet are like pillars of fire.

Revelation 1:15

1:15 His feet were like fine brass, as if refined in a furnace, and His voice as the sound of many waters.

The feet refer to the stance.

The brass refers to the condemnation.

So, the feet which are like the pillars of fire or the fine brass, as if refined in the furnace mean that we must have the firm stance to condemn sins up to the peak, so we do not sin.

Isaiah 59:1-2

59:1 Behold, the LORD'S hand is not shortened, That it cannot save; Nor His ear heavy, That it cannot hear.

59:2 But your iniquities have separated you from your God; And your sins have hidden His face from you, So that He will not hear.

The sins separate men from God, so they do not care to the spiritual things anymore. If it is continued, they will be condemned and enter the hell.

When we willingly condemn sins, we experience the close relationship with God through a serious service and ministry until the peak, namely we can pray and worship God.

Matthew 6:9-10

6:9 "In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name.

6:10 Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven.

We pray so that on earth as it is in heaven. Although we still live in this cursed world, we have been in the atmosphere of heaven.

Matthew 6:11-13

6:11 Give us this day our daily bread.

6:12 And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors.

6:13 And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

There are three kinds of the atmosphere of heaven which we must pray and experience now as follows:

1. [Matthew 6:11] The atmosphere of spiritual food.

Genesis 2:8-9

2:8 The LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden, and there He put the man whom He had formed.

2:9 And out of the ground the LORD God made every tree grow that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

There are three kinds of trees at Paradise as follows:

- The tree whose fruits can be eaten freely, namely the word of God which we receive in the General Service or the Golden Candlestick.
The word which we receive in the General Service becomes the lamp or light in our life.

Psalms 119:105

119:105 NUN. Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path.

The word of God becomes the light to the path so that we do not stumble in the dark world or sins up to the peak. We keep on living in righteousness. We do not stumble in the service and ministry to God, but keep on following and ministering to God until the end line.

The word of God becomes the light to the path. It means giving the clear direction until reaching the New Jerusalem. We cannot be deceived by the false teaching or the voice of the flesh.

- The tree of the knowledge of good and evil refers to the law. In the past, it could not be eaten because no one could fulfil the law. But, when Jesus died on the cross to fulfil the law, all of us who believe Jesus have also fulfilled the law.

It refers to the word of God that we receive in the Bible Study Service and Holy Communion or the Table of Showbread. The word of God is deepened or revealed through a verse that explains other verses in the Bible. So, we get the deeper knowledge about Jesus until the peak, namely we know Him as the heavenly Bridegroom, the King of all kings, and the High Priest who sits on the right side of the throne of the Father God who will come for the second time.

Jesus as the High Priest on the throne of heaven will monitor our spiritual life, righteousness, and holiness. If the spiritual life is monitored, the physical things will be added.

When we have known Jesus, we also know ourselves with all of our weaknesses which must be sanctified. We also can see Satan with all of his strategies, so we cannot be deceived by him like Eve at Eden.

Psalms 119:15,11

119:15 I will meditate on Your precepts, And contemplate Your ways.

119:11 Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You!

The clearer we look Jesus, our faith in heart is firmer, so the faith becomes a strong brake to stop us doing sins and we keep on living in the righteousness and holiness.

- The tree of life was also in the midst of the garden. It refers to Jesus or the word of God that we receive in the Prayer Service (the Golden Altar of Incense). The word of God is ingrained in our life, so we experience the spiritual growth until mature like Jesus or we have the eternal life forever.

Proverbs 30:8-9

30:8 Remove falsehood and lies far from me; Give me neither poverty nor riches--Feed me with the food allotted to me;

30:9 Lest I be full and deny You, And say, "Who is the LORD?" Or lest I be poor and steal, And profane the name of my God.

When we can eat the spiritual food or the word of God in the shepherding pen, He will guarantee our physical food sufficiently. We are preserved in abundance, so we only give thanks to God.

2. [Matthew 6:12] The atmosphere without sins.

Romans 3:23-25

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

3:24 being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,

3:25 whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His

forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed.

In fact, since Adam and Eve were cast to the world, all men in the world have sinned. The sinful men can experience the atmosphere of heavenly kingdom through the reconciliation by the blood of Jesus.

The process is that the true teaching word points out our sins up to the peak until the hidden ones, so we can realize and regret it. We are encouraged to confess sins to God and other people. After being forgiven, do not do sins anymore. So, the blood of Jesus erases all of our sins and we experience the atmosphere without sin.

The results are as follows:

- Experiencing the peace. We become the salty salt. It means that we cannot and are never made rotten by the virus of sins, bacteria of sins, and the worms of the carcass of sins or the deeds and words of sins until forever.

Mark 9:47-50

9:47 *"And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye, rather than having two eyes, to be cast into hell fire.*

9:48 *"where 'Their worm does not die, And the fire is not quenched.'*

9:49 *"For everyone will be seasoned with fire, and every sacrifice will be seasoned with salt.*

9:50 *"Salt is good, but if the salt loses its flavor, how will you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and have peace with one another."*

- We can live in the sincerity and truth.

1 Corinthians 5:7-8

5:7 *Therefore purge out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, since you truly are unleavened. For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us.*

5:8 *Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.*

The truth means that we do not do sins anymore.

The sincerity means holding fast the true teaching word.

When we have been true and sincere, we are in the atmosphere of heavenly feast.

Romans 14:17-18

14:17 *for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.*

14:18 *For he who serves Christ in these things is acceptable to God and approved by men.*

When we have lived in truth and sincerity, we can serve and minister to God in the atmosphere of heaven. It starts from the household, shepherding, and inter-shepherding. The atmosphere of heaven refers to the one in peace, righteousness, and joy by Holy Spirit. We do not have any relation with the worldly things.

The ministry with peace, righteousness, and joy means that we become the salty salt which gives good taste in marriage, shepherding, and inter-shepherding.

3. [Matthew 6:13] The atmosphere of worship or love.

One of the facts found in loving God is that we like to worship Him. It is the same as releasing our self from the hand of evil.

James 1:13-15

1:13 *Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone.*

1:14 *But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed.*

1:15 *Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.*

The temptation comes from the desire of the flesh which is against the will of God.

The fleshly desire has power to attract people, so they are doubtful to the true teaching word. If one is doubtful, the fleshly desire will entice him to go out from the rail of the will of God. At that time, he falls in the temptation. Unfortunately, when he is in the temptation, he still tries to look for his own solution outside the word of God.

The worship prayer is the proses to tear the flesh with all of its desires and lusts, so we always obey the will of God regardless of any risk we must take. We can surrender fully to God and submit all of our weaknesses.

Acts 5:32

5:32 "And we are His witnesses to these things, and so also is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey Him."

So, Holy Spirit will be poured.

The functions of Holy Spirit are as follows:

- Holy Spirit which is like fire burns and sanctifies the Gentiles who are like the dog and swine.

Romans 15:16

15:16 that I might be a minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God, that the offering of the Gentiles might be acceptable, sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

The dog which licks its vomit refers to the idle words are changed into the good and correct ones. The swine returns to the wallowing in the mire refers to the deeds of sins up to the peak are changed into the good and correct ones.

2 Corinthians 2:14

2:14 Now thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and through us diffuses the fragrance of His knowledge in every place.

We become a donkey who is ridden by Jesus to bring His fragrance through the good news and the Bride Tidings. When we are sent by God, He fights for us to face the hindrances and obstacles. He finishes all impossible problems for us.

- The fire of Holy Spirit comes down to repair the altar or give us the obedient heart.

1 Kings 18:21,30,36-38

18:21 And Elijah came to all the people, and said, "How long will you falter between two opinions? If the LORD is God, follow Him; but if Baal, follow him." But the people answered him not a word

18:30 Then Elijah said to all the people, "Come near to me." So all the people came near to him. And he repaired the altar of the LORD that was broken down

18:36 And it came to pass, at the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that Elijah the prophet came near and said, "LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, let it be known this day that You are God in Israel and I am Your servant, and that I have done all these things at Your word.

18:37 "Hear me, O LORD, hear me, that this people may know that You are the LORD God, and that You have turned their hearts back to You again."

18:38 Then the fire of the LORD fell and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood and the stones and the dust, and it licked up the water that was in the trench.

The doubtful heart means that the altar is broken down. So, all things will be broken down for sure.

Therefore, we must be firm to choose one true teaching word, so Holy Spirit will come down to repair the altar.

James 5:17-18

5:17 Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain; and it did not rain on the land for three years and six months.

5:18 And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth produced its fruit.

The miracle happens. There is the preservation of God to our life until we become as perfect as Jesus when He comes for the second time.

God blesses you.