

General Service in Malang, September 14, 2014 (Sunday Morning)

Priest and Priest To Be Upgrading Service I

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

Revelation 1:17-18

1:17 And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, "Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last.

1:18 I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death.

John the Apostle was exiled to Patmos Island to suffer in the flesh, not because of sinning but the Word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ. Thus, he could fall at His feet, meaning worshiping with a contrite heart and worshiping until the flesh does not sound anymore. As the result, God laid His right hand on him, and he experienced three things as follows.

1. "Do not be afraid", meaning the renewal of the feeling.
2. "I am the First and the Last", meaning receiving the love of God that increases from the first love to the perfect one.
3. "I am He who was dead and lives".

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Matthew 16:18-19

16:18 And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

16:19 And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

It means we receive the victory power over the death, as well as the key of the Kingdom of Heaven to be able to enter it forever. The key of the Kingdom of Heaven is as follows.

1. The cross or flesh suffering together with Jesus.
2. The call and election from God to appoint us as the priests and kings.

2 Peter 1:10-11

1:10 Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble;

1:11 for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

We are discussing the second one.

A priest is one who is holy, holds the ministry, and ministers God with faithfulness and righteousness.

As the priests and kings, we must fully minister God, meaning we must be faithful up to the end line, that is until we die or until His second coming. It is such that we obtain the full right to enter the Kingdom of Heaven or receive the key of the Kingdom of Heaven.

The process to become the priests and kings is as follows.

1. Being called by God.

1 Peter 2:9

2:9 But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

We are called out of darkness into His marvelous light, meaning we are justified and saved.

The proofs or being justified and saved are as follows.

- Having faith, believing Jesus as the only Savior (entering the Gate).

Romans 10:17

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

2 Thessalonians 2:15

2:15 Therefore, brethren, stand fast and hold the traditions which you were taught, whether by word or our epistle.

Having faith or believing Jesus as the only Savior is through hearing the Word of God, that is the Word anointed by Holy Spirit. It can be done through word, writing, DVD, radio, live streaming, *et cetera*. Holy Spirit helps us so we

can hear the Word solemnly and it becomes our need. It is continued until we can understand, believe and have faith in the Word.

If our heart believes or we have faith in the Word, our mouth will confess, meaning confessing our sins to God and the others. Thus, we are forgiven and not condemned. The blood of Jesus justifies us.

- Repenting (the Altar of Burnt Offerings).
It means we stop sinning to return to God. We die to sins.
- Water baptism (the Brazen Laver).

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.

The true water baptism is one who has died to sins must be buried in water together with Jesus. Afterwards, he is raised together with Him in new life, that is the Heavenly life. In the Heaven there is no sin. We do not want to do sins although there is chance, gain, or threat. It is until we hate sins.

Proverbs 6:16-19

6:16 These six things the Lord hates, Yes, seven are an abomination to Him:

6:17 (1)A proud look, (2)A lying tongue, (3)Hands that shed innocent blood,

6:18 (4)A heart that devises wicked plans, (5)Feet that are swift in running to evil,

6:19 (6)A false witness who speaks lies, And (7)one who sows discord among brethren.

Through water baptism, we hate sins until we hate lies and discord. Discord happens because of self-truth, that is arguing to defend the sins, or covering the sins by blaming the others or God. Self-truth also means interpreting the verses in the Word of God to cover the sins. It equals to loving and being bound by the sins, until one cannot be set free forever.

- Being filled up by the Holy Spirit (the door of Tabernacle).

John 16:12-13

16:12 I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. 16:13 However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.

Holy Spirit guides us into all truth, meaning as follows.

- a. We can bear the true teaching Word (the word of Jesus). It means we can hold fast and obey the true teaching Word.
- b. We can live in righteousness.

Living in righteousness equals to being saved and miraculously blessed by God up to our descendants.

2. Being elected.

Being elected means one is being taken from many, in order to be sanctified.

Where can we be sanctified? In the Holy Place. There are three types of equipment within it that refer to perseverance in three main services.

- Golden Candlestick refers to perseverance in General Service. We have fellowship with Holy Spirit God in His gifts. The more we persevere, the more gifts will be added.
- 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.
- Golden Altar of Incense refers to perseverance in Prayer Service. We have perseverance with Father God in His love.

In the shepherding, our body, spirit, and soul have fellowship with God the Trinity, so we can live in peace and calm. Everything is easy and light.

Thus, being elected equals to being sanctified or being shepherded by God.

Who must be shepherded? Everyone must be shepherded, starting from a pastor. Why must we be shepherded?

- So we can be protected from the attack of wild beasts, that is sins up to the peak of sins, temptations, false teaching.
- So we are protected from three times 7 judgments of God that will befall the world.
- So our body, spirit, and soul are sanctified by God the Trinity until we are perfect as Him.

Leviticus 21:12

21:12 nor shall he go out of the sanctuary, nor profane the sanctuary of his God; for the consecration of the anointing oil of his God is upon him: I am the Lord.

The proof of being sanctified in the Holy Place is we experience the anointing of Holy Spirit upon us, so we minister God with the Heavenly joy that is well-ordered and organized. The anointing of Holy Spirit upon us means as follows.

- Our thought is anointed, so we think the Heavenly matters more than the earthly ones. We think about the ministry more than everything.
- Being submissive and obedient, not arguing about the Word.

3. Being appointed.

Mark 3:13-14

3:13 And He went up on the mountain and called to Him those He Himself wanted. And they came to Him.

3:14 Then He appointed twelve, that they might be with Him and that He might send them out to preach,

Ephesians 4:11-12

4:11 And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers,

4:12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,

Being appointed means being equipped with the ministry and gifts of Holy Spirit. It equals to being appointed as the priests and kings, so we can be used in the building of the perfect body of Christ.

Revelation 1:19

1:19 Write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place after this.

John the Apostle was used to write letters to 7 congregations of the Gentiles to show their blames and faults, so they are sanctified up to perfection as Jesus.

The building of the body of Christ is started from within marriage, shepherding, between shepherding, until the Israelites and Gentiles become one perfect body of Christ. We are worthy to welcome His second coming on the glorious clouds.

Mark 3:14-15

3:14 Then He appointed twelve, that they might be with Him and that He might send them out to preach,

3:15 and to have power to heal sicknesses and to cast out demons:

If we are chosen, elected, and appointed as the priests and kings, we will be given power to cast out Satan through prayers. The results are as follows.

- Satan is the source of downfall in this world. He is the source of impossible problems and failures in each matter, also the source of fear, suffering, and tears. If Satan is cast out, God will solve all our problems even the impossible ones. He will make everything beautiful and successful in His time. He will also erase our tears and make us joyful.

Isaiah 14:12,17

14:12 How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, You who weakened the nations!

14:17 Who made the world as a wilderness And destroyed its cities, Who did not open the house of his prisoners?

- Satan is the source of epilepsy. If Satan is cast out, all physical illnesses that are impossible will be healed. The evil and unclean spirit is cast out.

Matthew 17:14-15,19-21

17:14 And when they had come to the multitude, a man came to Him, kneeling down to Him and saying,

17:15 Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and suffers severely; for he often falls into the fire and often into the water.

17:19 Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?"

17:20 So Jesus said to them, "Because of your unbelief; for assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you.

17:21 However, this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting."

The disciples could not cast out Satan because they still doubted the Word of God, and they did not fast.

If we have power to cast out Satan through prayer in faith with fasting, the broken marriage will be recovered.

- Satan is cast out to the hell, so we can enter the eternal New Jerusalem.

Revelation 20:10

20:10 The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

Revelation 21:1

21:1 Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea.

The sign that we go towards the New Jerusalem is we experience renewal so there is no more sea. The sea refers to unbelief. There is no more sea means there is no more doubt and lies, but only honesty and belief.

Revelation 21:27

21:27 But there shall by no means enter it anything that defiles, or causes an abomination or a lie, but only those who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life.

When Lazarus had been died for four days, God asked Martha to open the tomb. Previously, she was unwilling to open it. She wanted to hide something. But when she became honest and believed God, miracle happened and Lazarus was raised. Honesty and belief will erase all impossibilities until we enter the New Jerusalem.

God blesses us.