

New Year Eve Service, December 31, 2016 (Saturday Night)

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

Revelation 4:8-11

4:8 *The four living creatures, each having six wings, were full of eyes around and within. And they do not rest day or night, saying: "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, Who was and is and is to come!"*

4:9 *Whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to Him who sits on the throne, who lives forever and ever,*

4:10 *the twenty-four elders fall down before Him who sits on the throne and worship Him who lives forever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying:*

4:11 *"You are worthy, O Lord, To receive glory and honor and power; For You created all things, And by Your will they exist and were created."*

There two kinds of activity on the throne of the heavenly kingdom as follows.

1. [Revelation 4:8] The activity or atmosphere of holiness.
2. [Revelation 4:9-11] The activity or atmosphere of worship.

Psalm 96:9

96:9 *Oh, worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness! Tremble before Him, all the earth.*

The holiness and worship cannot be separated from one another. Only a holy person is able to worship God.

How can the sinful men in the world be sanctified and able to worship God?

Revelation 5:1-5

5:1 *And I saw in the right hand of Him who sat on the throne a scroll written inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals.*

5:2 *Then I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and to loose its seals?"*

5:3 *And no one in heaven or on the earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll, or to look at it.*

5:4 *So I wept much, because no one was found worthy to open and read the scroll, or to look at it.*

5:5 *But one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep. Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals."*

The sinful men in the world will be sanctified and able to worship God if there is the revelation of the Word through a verse that explains other verses in the Bible or the true teaching Word which is sharper than any-two edged sword.

In fact, the Word is sealed by the seven seals and no one can open it. The angel of heaven, the men on earth, and Satan under the earth cannot open it.

Therefore, John in Patmos Island wept to get the revelation of God's Word.

There are many tears we have shed to solve our problems. Nevertheless, the problems cannot be solved and we keep on shedding the tears.

Therefore, we must increase our tears, namely to get the revelation of the Word. We can hear, understand, believe, and obey the Word. As a result, we get the sanctification of our body, soul, and spirit from sins. We can worship God with our broken heart. The door of heaven is opened and we have the atmosphere of the throne of heavenly kingdom. The doors in the world will be opened or we have the solution of all problems and the beautiful future life.

2017 is THE YEAR OF WORSHIP, when we can live in the atmosphere of the throne of heavenly kingdom.

We worship God until our worship can reach the measure, namely our flesh does not speak anymore or we are as perfect as Jesus is. As a result, we live in the increasing atmosphere of the throne of heavenly kingdom in the midst of increasing difficulties as well as evil and unclean things in the world. It continues until we truly sit with the Lord on the throne of heavenly kingdom forever.

There are three kinds of the measure of worship as follows.

1. The redemption by the blood of Jesus.

Revelation 5:8-9

5:8 *Now when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints.*

5:9 *And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll, And to open its seals; For You were slain, And have redeemed us to God by Your blood Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation,*

We must experience the redemption by the blood of Jesus from the fleshly man who sins up to the peak.

The process to be set free from sin is being gentle and humble.

Humbleness refers to the ability to confess the sin to God and others honestly. Do not repeat the sin after being forgiven.

Gentleness refers to the ability to forgive the sin of others and forget it.

If we confess and forgive one another, the blood of Jesus will set us free from sins up to the peak.

Romans 6:13

6:13 And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God.

After being justified and living in righteousness, we must become the instruments of righteousness, namely the priests and kings or the servants of God who serve and minister to Him faithfully and correctly according to the ministry He has entrusted to us.

The results are as follows.

- We are blessed up to our descendants. We become blessings for others.

Psalm 37:25-26

37:25 I have been young, and now am old; Yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken, Nor his descendants begging bread.

37:26 He is ever merciful, and lends; And his descendants are blessed.

- We wear the belt, namely our life becomes neat and beautiful.

Isaiah 11:5

11:5 Righteousness shall be the belt of His loins, And faithfulness the belt of His waist.

- We are used in the revival of the white horse, namely the revival of Holy Spirit at the latter rain for the edifying of the perfect body of Christ.

Revelation 19:11

19:11 Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war.

Not being used in the revival for the edifying of the perfect body of Christ, one will be used in the revival for the edifying of Babylon, namely the bride of Satan who will be destroyed.

2. **Silence or peace of Holy Spirit** in the midst of the storms in the sea of the world.

Revelation 8:1-5

8:1 When He opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour.

8:2 And I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and to them were given seven trumpets.

8:3 Then another angel, having a golden censer, came and stood at the altar. He was given much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all the saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne.

8:4 And the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, ascended before God from the angel's hand.

8:5 Then the angel took the censer, filled it with fire from the altar, and threw it to the earth. And there were noises, thunders, lightnings, and an earthquake.

The peace means that we do not feel anything our flesh felt anymore, namely there are no evil or unclean desire, bitterness, envy, revenge, fear, worry, and anxiety. We feel the serenity and joy of Holy Spirit like a calm sea.

For example, Jesus slept in the midst of waves. He was silent and quiet.

Being silent means that we do self-introspection by the sharpness of the sword of God's Word. We must confess when we find sin. After being forgiven, we must not repeat the sin.

Being quiet means that we control ourselves and do not hope in others, so we can pray.

Repenting and praying are the source of peace in the midst of waves in the sea of the world. After the sea is made calm, all things will be easy and light.

Romans 16:20

16:20 And the God of peace will crush Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.

If our heart is peaceful, Jesus, the Great Shepherd, will be able to destroy enemies and solve all problems right in His time. The direction of our following to Jesus is the harbor of peace in the New Jerusalem.

There will be two contradictory things. First, the people who worship God will increasingly have peace and serenity in heaven for about half an hour. Second, the people who are left in the world will be shaken and destroyed more and forever.

3. A reed like a measuring rod.

Revelation 11:1

11:1 Then I was given a reed like a measuring rod. And the angel stood, saying, "Rise and measure the temple of God, the altar, and those who worship there."

Ezekiel 20:37

20:37 "I will make you pass under the rod, and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant;"

The shepherding Word refers to the true teaching Word which is trusted by God to a pastor so that he can preach it to the congregation faithfully, continually, and in order. The Word becomes the food to grow us up to reach the perfection. It also becomes the command to make us know what to do and the things we must not do.

The measure of a reed refers to our obedience to the shepherding Word.

John 10:5

10:5 "Yet they will by no means follow a stranger, but will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers."

The proof of the obedience to the voice of the shepherd is running away from the strange voice. It means that we do not give any opportunity to hear the strange voice. The strange voice refers to the other teachings. Eve had heard the voice of the serpent, so she ate the forbidden fruit. The strange voice also refers to gossips and the voice inside our flesh. The strange voice works when we are weak in facing problems, so we are dry spiritually. It means that we cannot worship God or eat His Word.

Ezekiel 20:38

20:38 "I will purge the rebels from among you, and those who transgress against Me; I will bring them out of the country where they dwell, but they shall not enter the land of Israel. Then you will know that I am the LORD."

If we hear and obey the true teaching Word, we will be led by the hand of the Great Shepherd to enter the sheepfold, namely the Holy Place of Tabernacle. There are three kinds of equipment in it that refer to the perseverance in doing three main services to God as follows.

- Golden Candlestick or perseverance in doing General Serviceto have the fellowship with Holy Spirit God in the gifts. The sheep is drinking.
- Table of Showbread or perseverance in doing Bible Study Service with Holy Communionto get the fellowship with the Son of God in the Word and the sacrifice of Christ. The sheep is eating.
- Golden Altar of Incense or perseverance in doing Worship Prayer Serviceto get the fellowship with Father God in the love. The sheep is breathing.

In the pen, our body, soul, and spirit attach to the Trinity of God, so the trinity of Satan cannot touch us. We cannot fall or get lost, but God always counts us.

Ezekiel 20:37

20:37 "I will make you pass under the rod, and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant;"

Only the life inside the pen will be counted by God.

Matthew 10:30

10:30 "But the very hairs of your head are all numbered."

God pays attention to, care, and struggle for all of us although we are only like a piece of hair. The weaker we are, the more we feel the power of God.

Ezekiel 20:38

20:38 "I will purge the rebels from among you, and those who transgress against Me; I will bring them out of the country where they dwell, but they shall not enter the land of Israel. Then you will know that I am the LORD."

As a result, there is power of sanctification and renewal from fleshly men to spiritual ones like Jesus is. It is the same as the separation between the fleshly men and the spiritual ones. The renewal begins from honesty, namely in God's matters and

our condition.

Thus, the measure of worship prayer is honesty and obedience. It is the same as stretching out our two hands to and worshipping God. As a result, God will also stretch out His hands to us.

One who is like a piece of hair is the widow of Zarephath.

1 Kings 17:7,11-15,17

17:7 And it happened after a while that the brook dried up, because there had been no rain in the land.

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.

17:17 Now it happened after these things that the son of the woman who owned the house became sick. And his sickness was so serious that there was no breath left in him.

The widow was honest and obedient. As a result, the hands of God worked and the miracle happened.

- The power of preservation and protection of God from now on in the midst of difficulties in the world up to the time when the Antichrist reigns over the world for three years and six months.
- The power of help. The dead can be made alive. The things which do not exist yet can be created. The failure is changed into success and the impossible things become possible.
- The power of unity in the perfect body of Christ. Israel and Gentiles become one body. The dead will be resurrected and the living men will be changed in the body of glory and they become one perfect body. We must struggle now so that there is unity in our marriage until we become one perfect body of Christ. We are lifted up to the heavenly kingdom to be with God forever.

God blesses you.