

Prayer Service in Malang, April 22, 2014 (Tuesday Evening)

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

Revelation 1:14

1:14 His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and His eyes like a flame of fire;

This is the appearance of Jesus' persona in the glory of King of kings. The signs are His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and His eyes like a flame of fire.

Proverbs 16:31

16:31 The silver-haired head is a crown of glory, if it is found in the way of righteousness.

The white hair is the crown of glory.

We must put an effort to become righteous people in every way from the womb up to the old age, the end line (until we die or the time of Jesus' second coming).

Why must we put an effort to become righteous people?

1. To receive the crown of glory so we can sit together with Jesus on heaven throne.
2. The fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much. The prayer is answered by God and we become the house of prayer.

James 5:16-18

5:16 Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.

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.

If we are not righteous, we will become the den of thieves.

The condition to become the house of prayer and it is answered by God is as follows:

a. **Finishing the sins, confessing and forgiving each other.**

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 sin separates us from God, so He cannot hear and answer our prayer. He cannot stretch out His hand towards us. It means the altar of prayer is ruined.

We confess the sins solemnly to God and fellows. If we are forgiven, do not sin anymore. We also forgive and forget other's sin. Then the blood of Jesus erases all sins. We are justified by His blood and live in righteousness or peace. It means fixing the ruined altar.

1 Kings 18:30

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.

We can pray to God and for one another. Our prayer will be answered by God and we feel His presence and the touch of His hand.

b. **Praying in belief and solemnness.**

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Believing is faith to God.

Romans 10:17

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

The true faith comes from hearing the Word of God that is anointed by Holy Spirit. The process is hearing the Word solemnly until we understand, believe, and have faith to the Word (God's promise).

1 Kings 18:41

18:41 Then Elijah said to Ahab, "Go up, eat and drink; for there is the sound of abundance of rain."

Even though we find no sign, we feel the sound of abundance of rain because of hearing the Word. We believe that God will help us even though we find nothing, because He never fools us.

When our prayer is not yet answered by God, we are in test as follows:

- Test of faith.
We cannot doubt even for a little bit to God's persona and promises.

1 Kings 18:20-21

18:20 So Ahab sent for all the children of Israel, and gathered the prophets together on Mount Carmel.

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.

Doubt means ruining the altar or worshiping Baal.

- Test of perseverance.
Perseverance means something we do continuously and cannot be hindered by anything. We must persevere in praying.

1 Kings 18:42-45

18:42 So Ahab went up to eat and drink. And Elijah went up to the top of Carmel; then he bowed down on the ground, and put his face between his knees,

18:43 and said to his servant, "Go up now, look toward the sea." So he went up and looked, and said, "There is nothing." And seven times he said, "Go again."

18:44 Then it came to pass the seventh time, that he said, "There is a cloud, as small as a man's hand, rising out of the sea." So he said, "Go up, say to Ahab, 'Prepare your chariot, and go down before the rain stops you.'"

18:45 Now it happened in the meantime that the sky became black with clouds and wind, and there was a heavy rain. So Ahab rode away and went to Jezreel.

The result of passing the test of faith and perseverance is **God makes something that does not exist yet, even for only the cloud as small as a man's hand, small and meaningless, but behind the small cloud there is the mercy hand of God** that fulfills His promises.

If we break the Word, something that has existed will become nothing.

c. **Crying out Jesus' name.**

1 Kings 18:36-39

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.

18:39 Now when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces; and they said, "The Lord, He is God! The Lord, He is God!"

The result is the abundance of rain is poured. The meanings are as follow:

- The rain of God's mercy is poured to care our life in the midst of difficult world up to the age of Antichrist.

- The rain of true teaching Word.

Deuteronomy 32:2

32:2 Let my teaching drop as the rain, my speech distill as the dew, as raindrops on the tender herb, and as showers on the grass.

The rain of true teaching Word cares our spiritual life in the midst of the last days that is conquered by the darkness of sin up to the peak of sin, so we can live in righteousness and holiness.

Also it is to prevent us from falling to the spiritual and physical famine from now up to the age of Antichrist reigning for three and half years.

- The rain of Holy Spirit.

Isaiah 44:3

44:3 For I will pour water on him who is thirsty, and floods on the dry ground; I will pour My Spirit on your descendants, and My blessing on your offspring;

Holy Spirit gives gift and ministry so we can be employed in the building of the perfect body of Christ. This is the flowery time that is the most beautiful time in our life.

If we are trusted with the gift and ministry, do not be unfaithful (as the dry flowers) and leave the ministry (as the fallen flowers). We must be fervent and faithful in ministry.

Titus 3:5

3:5 not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit,

Holy Spirit renews and changes our life from carnal men to spiritual ones like Jesus. **Changing is bearing the fruit.**

Galatians 5:22-23

*5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,
5:23 gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.*

Love, joy, and peace are the image of God the Father.

Longsuffering, kindness, and goodness are the image of Son of God.

Faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control are the image of Holy Spirit God.

We are changed into the image of God Trinity. We become the bride of Heaven that is ready to greet Jesus at His second coming.

God blesses us.