

Prayer Service in Malang, August 09, 2018 (Thursday Evening)

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

Revelation 7:15b-16

7:15b ... And He who sits on the throne will dwell among them.

7:16 "They shall neither hunger anymore nor thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any heat;

God's activity on the throne of heaven is "dwell among them". It refers to spreading His wings or giving shadow for us. It starts from the barren wilderness of the world until the eternal shadow in the throne of heaven.

Who are worthy to receive the shadow of God?

Psalm 68:5-6

68:5 A father of the fatherless, a defender of widows, Is God in His holy habitation.

68:6 God sets the solitary in families; He brings out those who are bound into prosperity; But the rebellious dwell in a dry land.

Those who are worthy to receive the shadow of God are as follows:

1. "The fatherless" refer to ones who have no connection with the old father, Satan, or the devil. It means having no connection with sins.
2. "Widows" refer to ones who have no connection with the husband. It means having no connection with the flesh and its wills and lusts.
3. "The solitary" refer to ones who have no connection with the world and its influences, such as difficulties, business, *et cetera*.

We learn the third point, namely "the solitary".

For example, Abraham lived in tent. The tent is easily pitched and disassembled. It means having no connection with the world. The tent refers to the shepherding.

Thus, having no connection with the world means living in the true shepherding.

The process of being set free from the world and its influences is as follows:

1. **Do not make any friendship with the world.**

James 4:4

4:4 Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

Having the friendship with the world refers to having connection with the world and its influences, such as the worldly activities, business, and difficulties, so one becomes unfaithful in the ministry to God.

In the Old Testament, unfaithfulness is the same as committing spiritual adultery.

In the New Testament, unfaithfulness is the same as being a wicked and lazy servant.

Matthew 25:26,30

25:26 "But his lord answered and said to him, 'You wicked and lazy servant, you knew that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I have not scattered seed.

25:30 'And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

If the servant of God is unfaithful or lukewarm, he will become the unprofitable servant, be vomited like the congregation in Laodicea, and live like vomit or in uncleanness.

The result of being unfaithful in ministering to God is living in curse and weeping up to entering the days of Antichrist for three and a half years until entering the hell forever.

Do not make friendship with the world means that we are brave to sacrifice anything to be free from the influence of the world.

We can work hard but we must persevere in serving and ministering to God faithfully, well, and fervently.

Matthew 25:21

25:21 "His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.'

The result of being faithful and fervent in ministering to God is living in the atmosphere of the joy of heaven. It starts from now in the midst of the curse world until we are employed in the revival of Holy Spirit at the last rain or the edifying of the perfect body of Christ.

2. **Do not love the world.**

Loving the world means being tied by the influences of the world such as the lust of the eyes (the sins of eating-drinking), the lust of the flesh (the sins of marrying-being given in marriage), and the pride of life (arrogance or relying on something in this world more than God like riches, position, and intelligence).

1 John2:15-17

2:15 *Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.*

2:16 *For all that is in the world--the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life--is not of the Father but is of the world.*

2:17 *And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.*

The result of loving the world is disobeying and resisting against God, so one will perish with the world forever.

Hosea 8:12

8:12 *I have written for him the great things of My law, But they were considered a strange thing.*

One who is influenced by the things in this world will feel strange to the true teaching Word.

Hosea 8:1

8:1 *"Set the trumpet to your mouth! He shall come like an eagle against the house of the LORD, Because they have transgressed My covenant And rebelled against My law.*

If one refuses the true Word or rebels against God, he will perish together with the world.

Psalms 119: 19

119:19 *I am a stranger in the earth; Do not hide Your commandments from me.*

The right attitude is that we feel strange in the earth, so we long for the revelation of the true teaching Word even though we must sacrifice a lot (suffering in the flesh) until we can hear the Word solemnly with a need. It continues until we can understand, believe, and have faith to the Word. We can practice the Word whatever the risk may come. It is the same as being a shepherded sheep.

The result of being shepherded is that we can confess "*The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want*". There is direct caring from God abundantly in our physical and spiritual life until we can give thanks. The spiritual caring is that we become flawless and perfect like Jesus.

The proof of loving God is practicing the Word.

3. **Do not be conformed to this world.**

If we are conformed to this world, we will perish together with the world.

Romans 12:2

12:2 *And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.*

It starts from our own life. Our appearances must not be conformed to this world. It is also in our daily life such as in friendship, dating, study, and work. For example, a student does not cheat during the exam at school and an officer does not do corruption in his work. The marriage and ministry must not be conformed to this world.

We must experience the life renewal from carnal man to spiritual one like Jesus. The things that must be renewed are as follows:

- The heart becomes sincere like a baby that can differentiate the true teaching word, marriage, ministry, and all things from the false ones. Thus, we can live in righteousness and holiness up to the perfection.

- The mouth glorifies God or worships Him with the broken heart. We confess our physical and spiritual weaknesses. We confess that we live from the great mercy and lovingkindness of God.

Matthew 21:16

21:16 and said to Him, "Do You hear what these are saying?" And Jesus said to them, "Yes. Have you never read, 'Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants You have perfected praise'?"

Psalm 8:4

8:4 What is man that You are mindful of him, And the son of man that You visit him?

If we cry, God will remember and struggle to help us.

Psalm 8:2-3, 5

8:2 Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants You have ordained strength, Because of Your enemies, That You may silence the enemy and the avenger.

8:3 When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, The moon and the stars, which You have ordained,

8:5 For You have made him a little lower than the angels, And You have crowned him with glory and honor.

As a result, God will stretch out His merciful hands towards us to give victory, create something that does not exist yet, and care us miraculously. He is able to finish the impossible problems, lift us up, and make our life successful and beautiful. He makes us as the priests and kings, so we become as glorious as He is. We are worthy to greet His second coming on the glorious clouds until we enter the throne of heaven or the eternal shadow of God forever.

God blesses us.