

Prayer Service in Malang, August 29, 2013 (Thursday Evening)

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Revelation 16:15

16:15 *Behold, I am coming as a thief. Blessed is he who watches, and keeps his garments, lest he walk naked and they see his shame.*

Nowadays we must watch because His second coming is as a thief we cannot predict.

1 Thessalonians 5:1-3

5:1 *But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you.*

5:2 *For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night.*

5:3 *For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape.*

The time we feel safe and peace is the time of God's second coming. **Thus, we need to watch.**

If the life is watching in His second coming, he will experience joy when entering the marriage supper of the Lamb of God. On the contrary, the life that does not want to watch will be left when Jesus comes a second.

Doing watch is the concerning of each of us. Watching is our private business although we have been a husband or wife.

Matthew 24:40-42

24:40 *Then two men will be in the field: one will be taken and the other left.*

24:41 *Two women will be grinding at the mill: one will be taken and the other left.*

24:42 *Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming.*

Two persons in one ministry but the one that watches will be lifted up and the other that does not watch will be left behind. It happens also in marriage. For that reason, let us pray for our husband or wife or children so we can watch and be lifted up together by God. Being left behind when Jesus comes in a second means perdition forever.

1 Thessalonians 5:4-8

5:4 *But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief.*

5:5 *You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness.*

5:6 *Therefore let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be sober.*

5:7 *For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk are drunk at night.*

5:8 *But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation.*

The practice of watching is as follows:

1. [1 Thessalonians 5:8] **Being aware or the one is able to control himself.**

We must control ourselves from the things as follows:

- [1 Thessalonians 5:7] The sin up to the peak of sin which is eating-drinking, marrying and being given in marriage. We control ourselves so we will not sin even though it is profitable or there is force, etc. For example is Joseph. Joseph has profit and force to sin but he controls himself so he does not fall in sin.

We must control ourselves from other's sin. If not, we will fall in other's sin. For example is agreeing other to sin. The right thing is reminding other when they are sinning.

Not watching is also when we are unable to forgive other's sin.

- The false teaching. If we control ourselves, we can hold fast to one true teaching Word whatever the condition.

2 Timothy 4:1-5

4:1 *I charge you therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom:*

4:2 *Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching.*

4:3 *For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires,*

*because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers;
4:4 and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables.
4:5 But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.*

The true teaching Word is the Word that is written in Bible and revealed by God through verse explained by another verse.

Thus, the life that watch is the life who holds fast to one true teaching Word and does not sinning. Moreover, he is able to forgive.

1 Peter 5:8

5:8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.

We need to watch and control ourselves because we face Satan who will swallow our life.

2. Having faith, hope and love.

o Faith.

Faith comes from hearing the Word of Christ.

Romans 10:17

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

The process of Word becomes faith is hearing The Word solemnly, understand, and believe the Word. It becomes faith. Thus, the first step to have faith depends on our attitude when we hear the Word.

After having faith, we must continue practicing the faith or work of faith. For faith without work is dead.

James 2:17,20,26

2:17 Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

2:20 But do you want to know, O foolish man, that faith without works is dead?

2:26 For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.

The practice of faith is obedience in whatever condition. It is represented by Abraham.

Hebrews 11:8

11:8 By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going.

The obedience of Abraham is going out to the place that he does not know.

Hebrews 11:17-19

11:17 By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises offered up his only begotten son,

11:18 of whom it was said, "In Isaac your seed shall be called,"

11:19 concluding that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead, from which he also received him in a figurative sense.

Abraham is also obedient when God asks for his son. This is the truly test of faith.

At the last days, the crisis of faith happens as follows:

- a. The life that hears the true teaching Word but does not want to practice it.
- b. The life that has faith, but it is not from hearing but seeing. The result is Jesus does not commit Himself to us.

John 2:23-24

2:23 Now when He was in Jerusalem at the Passover, during the feast, many believed in His name when they saw the signs which He did.

2:24 But Jesus did not commit Himself to them, because He knew all men,

Luke 18:8

18:8 I tell you that He will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He really

find faith on the earth?â

o Hope.

Romans 8:24-25

8:24 For we were saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees?

8:25 But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with perseverance.

2 Corinthians 4:18

4:18 while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.

Our hope must be to the thing that is invisible or the eternal thing; it is the Kingdom of Heaven.

The proofs if we put our hope to the eternal things are as follows:

- a. Perseverance in three kinds of service and ministry, being faithful and fervent in ministry.
- b. We are being renewed from the carnal men to spiritual ones who are as holy as Jesus.

2 Corinthians 4:16

4:16 Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day.

In the last age, the crisis of true hope happens. The one hopes for something that is visible so he cannot persevere in three main services and ministry. Such person does not experience the life renewal, but still becomes carnal man.

1 Corinthians 15:19

15:19 If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most pitiable.

The one without hope is the most pitiable of all men in this world.

o Love.

1 John 4:19-20

4:19 We love Him because He first loved us.

4:20 If someone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen?

The love comes from God's sacrifice on the cross. Jesus loves us through His sacrifice so we can love Him. The practice of loving God is obedience and love to our fellows.

Luke 6:31-35

6:31 And just as you want men to do to you, you also do to them likewise.

6:32 "But if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them.

6:33 And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same.

6:34 And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive back, what credit is that to you? For even sinners lend to sinners to receive as much back.

6:35 But love your enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High. For He is kind to the unthankful and evil.

The point of love to fellows is we do to others what we want they do toward us. Especially we must love our enemy.

The watching life is the life that has love. We must watch to have faith, hope and love through worship prayer.

Matthew 24:12

24:12 And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold.

In the last age, the love grows cold. It starts from having something against others and betraying each other.

The result of watching is as follows:

1. We can pray and worship God, and then He will answer our prayers.

1 Peter 4:7

4:7 But the end of all things is at hand; therefore be serious and watchful in your prayers.

2. The servant of God is able to receive the revelation of the Word and experience the renewal of life. The congregation is able to understand and practice the Word.

1 Corinthians 13:12-13

13:12 For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known.

13:13 And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

3. Faith, hope and love are the big things. One day we will appear in a great multitude that is the perfect Bride of Heaven; until we enter the New Jerusalem forever.

Revelation 19:6

19:6 And I heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude, as the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns!

God blesses us.