

Prayer Service in Malang, December 13, 2016 (Tuesday Evening)

(To Coincide with Water Baptism and Priests and Priests To Be Upgrading Service I)

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 are two kinds of activity at the throne of heaven as follows:

1. [Verse 8] The activity of purification.
2. [Verse 9-11] The activity of worship.

We who live in the world can feel the ambience of the throne of heaven even come in it if we willingly experience the purification and worship God.

We learn the first activity, namely purification.

How can the sinner be purified until entering the throne of heaven?

Ephesians 5:25-27

5:25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her,

5:26 that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word,

5:27 that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.

The answer is that Jesus must surrender His life and die on the cross to purify and perfect us until we are like Him.

Jesus purifies us with two things as follows:

1. **The water.** It refers to the water baptism.

Colossians 2:11-12

2:11 In Him you were also circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the sins of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ,

2:12 buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.

The water baptism is the circumcision of Christ, the spiritual one, or the circumcision of the heart.

Romans 2:29

2:29 but he is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the Spirit, not in the letter; whose praise is not from men but from God.

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 implementation of the true water baptism is that one who repents or dies from sin must be buried in water together with Jesus in the name of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, namely the Lord Jesus Christ. So he rises from water together with Jesus to receive the new life or experience the circumcision or sanctification of the heart to be obedient.

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.

We can distinguish between the right and wrong, the true ministry and the false one, as well as the right marriage and the wrong one. The obedient heart will choose the right things so we can live in righteousness.

Psalm 5:12

5:12 For You, O Lord, will bless the righteous; With favor You will surround him as with a shield.

If we live in righteousness, God will surround us with the fence of blessing and grace. So the curse of sin cannot enter. We experience the ambience of paradise or the throne of heaven.

2. The rain of the true teaching Word.

Deuteronomy 32:1-2

32:1 "Give ear, O heavens, and I will speak; And hear, O earth, the words of my mouth.

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 true teaching Word is sharper than any two-edged sword to purify our life.

2 Timothy 2:21-26

2:21 Therefore if anyone cleanses himself from the latter, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified and useful for the Master, prepared for every good work.

2:22 Flee also youthful lusts; but pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

2:23 But avoid foolish and ignorant disputes, knowing that they generate strife.

2:24 And a servant of the Lord must not quarrel but be gentle to all, able to teach, patient,

2:25 in humility correcting those who are in opposition, if God perhaps will grant them repentance, so that they may know the truth,

2:26 and that they may come to their senses and escape the snare of the devil, having been taken captive by him to do his will.

We must be purified from the youthful lust as follows:

- *The wickedness sin.* It refers to the love of money that results in stinginess and greediness.
- *The uncleanness sin.* It refers to the sin of eating-drinking (smoking, getting drunk, and drugs abuse) and marrying-being given in marriage (the fornication and its kinds, mixed-marriage, remarrying after divorce, and marrying-being given in marriage).
- *The self-truth sin.* It refers to the truth which is outside the Word or covering the sin with blaming other even God.

The life that has the wickedness and uncleanness sin as well as the self-truth cannot become the servant of God.

If we are purified from the youthful lust, we can live in holiness and feel the ambience of the throne of heaven. The ambience of heaven is righteousness, faith, love, peace, gentleness, ability to teach, and patience. The results are as follows:

- We are employed in the building of the body of Christ according to the ministry that God gives us. We are employed in marriage, shepherding, inter-shepherding, up to Israel and Gentiles become one body of Christ that is perfect.
- We are employed to testify about the Good News that saves the sinner and the Bride Tidings that brings the saved people to be purified until perfect.

Romans 10:15

10:15 And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, who bring glad tidings of good things!"

Our life will have beautiful feet. It means that there is beautiful and success future until we are perfect or without blemish.

- We are led to climb the mountain to pray and worship God.

Luke 9:28-29

9:28 Now it came to pass, about eight days after these sayings, that He took Peter, John, and James and went up on the mountain to pray.

9:29 As He prayed, the appearance of His face was altered, and His robe became white and glistening.

The worship prayer is the process to rip the flesh so we are renewed from carnal man to spiritual one like Jesus. The countenance or our five senses are changed. It starts from mouth that confesses Jesus as God. It means as follows:

- a. Being honest in confessing, forgiving the sin, and everything.
- b. Believing and trusting our life fully to God.

If we are honest and believe, the physical miracle will also happen.

Mark 9:22-27

9:22 And often he has thrown him both into the fire and into the water to destroy him. But if You can do anything, have compassion on us and help us."

9:23 Jesus said to him, "If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes."

9:24 Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, "Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!"

9:25 When Jesus saw that the people came running together, He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it: "Deaf and dumb spirit, I command you, come out of him and enter him no more!"

9:26 Then the spirit cried out, convulsed him greatly, and came out of him. And he became as one dead, so that many said, "He is dead."

9:27 But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose.

There is the power of healing from God for physical and spiritual recovery. The life that is in depravity and the ruin of marriage and children can be restored by God. The dead can arise. The impossible thing becomes possible. It continues until Jesus comes a second time that we are changed to become as glorious as He is and enter the throne of heaven.

God blesses us.