

Prayer Service in Malang, December 20, 2022 (Tuesday Evening)

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

Revelation 18:21

18:21 Then a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone and threw it into the sea, saying, "Thus with violence the great city Babylon shall be thrown down, and shall not be found anymore."

The great city Babylon is the same as the millstone.

Matthew 18:6

18:6 "But whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to sin, it would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were drowned in the depth of the sea."

It refers to **the sin of stumbling-block**. Thus, the sin of Babylon, namely the sins concerning eating-drinking and marrying-being given in marriage is the same as the sin of stumbling-block as follows:

1. Being the stumbling-block for others or causing others to commit sin.
2. Easily stumbling until committing sin because of others.

Consequently, a millstone is hung around the neck and he is drowned in the depth of the sea. It means as follows:

1. Being in economy difficulty.
The millstone is used for grinding the grain to become wheat flour for food.
The spiritual wheat refers to the Word. It means the difficulty to receive or to understand and believe the Word. The pastor has no revelation of the Word. The congregation cannot understand the Word. It means emptiness, dissatisfaction, and murmuring until looking for the satisfaction in the world.
2. Having no clear purpose like the millstone which only rotates. It means having no bright future. There is no direction to the New Jerusalem, but entering the sins of Babylon and perishing forever in the hell.

Therefore, we must worship God much more in one hour prayer, fasting prayer, and all night-long prayer so that we do not enter the sin of Babylon, namely the sin of stumbling-block or eating-drinking and marrying-being given in marriage. **Not the millstone that is hung around the neck, but the following three things:**

1. **Knife**= the true teaching Word which is sharper than any two-edged sword.

Proverbs 23:2-4

23:2 And put a knife to your throat If you are a man given to appetite.

23:3 Do not desire his delicacies, For they are deceptive food.

23:4 Do not overwork to be rich; Because of your own understanding, cease!

We are sanctified from the lusts about physical food which can endanger our health. Spiritually, we are sanctified from the sins concerning eating-drinking and marrying-being given in marriage, so we can live in holiness.

The evil lust refers to the lust of money which causes stinginess and greediness.

Stinginess means that one cannot give to the work of God and others who are in need.

Greediness means stealing the possession of God and others. Counting too much to the Lord like Judas Iscariot, one will not be counted by God.

We are sanctified until we can feel more blessed to give than to receive. We can return the tithes and offerings which belong to God and give to the work of the Lord and others who are in need.

Ephesians 4:11-12

4:11 And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers,

4:12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,

If we live in holiness, we are equipped with the ministry and the gifts of Holy Spirit. We are used in the ministry for the edification of the perfect Christ's body. We will not wander in Babylon. We are not used by her.

2. **Armory.**

Song of Solomon 4:4

4:4 Your neck is like the tower of David, Built for an armory, On which hang a thousand bucklers, All shields of mighty

men.

The armors are kept. It means that the war has been finished. The way to finish the enmity is through making peace with God and others, namely confessing sins to God and others and not repeating the sins after being forgiven. We must also forgive and forget the sin of others. The blood of Jesus washes away all our sins, so we are peaceful, easy, and light. We will never leave the service and ministry to God and marriage or household, but we are faithful until the end line.

3. **Gold chain** or the holiness or power of Holy Spirit.

Genesis 41:42

41:42 Then Pharaoh took his signet ring off his hand and put it on Joseph's hand; and he clothed him in garments of fine linen and put a gold chain around his neck.

Joseph was born in the old age of Jacob, namely the church of bride in the revival of Holy Spirit at the latter rain.

If we live in holiness and peace and we can worship God, there will be the power of Holy Spirit or God's hand that works in our life.

The results are as follows:

1. Holy Spirit renews us from the fleshly men to the spiritual ones like Jesus is.

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,

It means being strong and of good courage or able to endure. We do not get disappointed or hopeless and leave God in facing all things, but keep on holding fast the promise of God and being obedient, righteous, and holy, and not committing sin.

We keep faithful and fervent in spirit in the service and ministry to God as well as keep on believing, hoping, and worshiping God.

2. Holy Spirit is able to raise the dead.

Romans 8:11

8:11 But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

The physical miracles happen. Holy Spirit is able to revive our physical body. It means protecting and preserving our life in the midst of the difficulties in the world until the time when the Antichrist reigns over the world for three and a half years. Holy Spirit is able to remove all impossibilities or finish all impossible problems.

3. Holy Spirit is able to finish the edification of the perfect body of Christ.

1 Chronicles 28:20

28:20 And David said to his son Solomon, "Be strong and of good courage, and do it; do not fear nor be dismayed, for the LORD God--my God--will be with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you, until you have finished all the work for the service of the house of the LORD.

When Jesus comes a second time, we are changed to be perfect and worthy to welcome Jesus' second coming on the glorious clouds and enter the One-Thousand-Year Kingdom of Peace or the future paradise, and the New Jerusalem.

God blesses you.