

Prayer Service in Malang, January 08, 2013 (Tuesday Evening)

To Coincide with Fasting Prayer Session III

Peace and grace in the lord Jesus Christ.

The whole Matthew 28 refers to shekinah glory or the light of glory.
Matthew 28:1-10 is about the resurrection of Jesus, meaning renewal.

Matthew 28:1-2

28:1. Now after the Sabbath, as the first day of the week began to dawn, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb.

28:2 And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat on it.

The light of glory shines the hard dark heart until there is renewal from carnal man to spiritual one as Jesus or angel is.

Matthew 28:3-5

28:3 His countenance was like lightning, and his clothing as white as snow.

28:4 And the guards shook for fear of him, and became like dead men.

28:5 But the angel answered and said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified.

What must be renewed is the countenance, referring to the renewal of the five senses, the clothing or the renewal of deeds, the feeling until there is no fear, and the sight until we can seek Jesus who is crucified.

The sight is renewed from physical one to spiritual one or the sight of the cross. It means we can see Jesus who is crucified.

Our sight determines the direction or purpose of our following to Jesus.

Genesis 13:10

13:10. And Lot lifted his eyes and saw all the plain of Jordan, that it was well watered everywhere (before the LORD destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah) like the garden of the LORD, like the land of Egypt as you go toward Zoar.

There are many churches of the Lord at these last days that have the sight of Lot, namely fleshly sight that only follows the lust of flesh to seek physical blessings, et cetera. Such sight leads one to go toward Sodom and Gomorrah or forever perdition.

Genesis 13:14-15

13:14. And the LORD said to Abram, after Lot had separated from him: "Lift your eyes now and look from the place where you are -- northward, southward, eastward, and westward;

13:15 "for all the land which you see I give to you and your descendants forever.

Eastward and westward refer to horizontal line. Northward and southward refer to vertical line. The horizontal line and the vertical one form a cross. Thus, the sight of Abraham is the sight of the cross to follow the will of God although it does not please the flesh. The result is the direction to New Jerusalem.

The facts found in having the sight of the cross are as follows.

- 1. Being willing to suffer in the flesh in order to stop sinning and live in righteousness according to the will of God.**

1 Peter 4:1-2

4:1. Therefore, since Christ suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same mind, for he who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin,

4:2 that he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh for the lusts of men, but for the will of God.

- 2. Being willing to suffer in the flesh in order to be obedient until the flesh does not speak anymore.**

Philippians 2:8

2:8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the

death of the cross.

For example, Abraham is obedient when he is commanded to go to a land he has never known, even when he must offer Isaac, his son.

The flesh indeed is difficult to be obedient but if we force it to be obedient, the power of God will work to make all things easy and the door of heaven is opened for us. On the contrary, disobedience makes one try with his own effort or power and the life becomes difficult.

3. Being willing to suffer in the flesh without any sin together with Jesus to partake of Christ's suffering.

1 Peter 4:12-14

4:12. Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you;

4:13 but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy.

4:14 If you are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. On their part He is blasphemed, but on your part He is glorified.

It can happen as follows.

- Suffering in the flesh to be faithful and fervent in spirit in our service and ministry to God. It begins from the household and shepherding.
- Suffering in the flesh to worship God.
- Suffering in the flesh because of being slandered until someday because of persecution.
- Suffering in the flesh to sacrifice all things, such as time, energy, money, et cetera, because of Jesus. There is one thing only we cannot sacrifice, namely the true teaching Word.

We will be able to do all of them if we love God more than all things.

There is spirit of glory or Holy Spirit poured for us behind the practices of the sight of the cross.

The function of Holy Spirit is as follows.

- a. To give us extra power, so we are not desperate or disappointed facing all things but we can rejoice and give thanks always although we suffer together with Jesus.
- b. Holy Spirit helps us to preserve our life in the midst of difficulties even impossibilities in the world until the time when antichrist reigns over the world.

Exodus 16:7-8

16:7 "And in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD; for He hears your complaints against the LORD. But what are we, that you complain against us?"

16:8 Also Moses said, "This shall be seen when the LORD gives you meat to eat in the evening, and in the morning bread to the full; for the LORD hears your complaints which you make against Him. And what are we?"

Holy Spirit helps us to solve all our problems, including the marriage problems, even the impossible ones.

John 11:39-40

11:39 Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of him who was dead, said to Him, "Lord, by this time there is a stench, for he has been dead four days."

11:40 Jesus said to her, "Did I not say to you that if you would believe you would see the glory of God?"

- c. Holy Spirit changes us from glory to glory until we are as glorious as Jesus is to have His image.

2 Corinthians 3:18

3:18 But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.

The image of God is in the fruit of the Spirit.

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.

We are renewed, beginning from the love in us that increases until we have self-control and obedience until our flesh does not speak anymore. It continues until we are as glorious as Jesus is and we become God's Bride who is ready to welcome Jesus' second coming on glorious clouds.

God blesses you.