

Prayer Service in Malang, May 17, 2022 (Tuesday Evening)

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

Revelation 16:7

16:7 And I heard another from the altar saying, "Even so, Lord God Almighty, true and righteous are Your judgments."

The servant of God is at the altar of God as follows:

1. The Altar of Burnt Offering. It means believing Jesus and repenting.
2. The Golden Altar of Incense. It means worshipping God.

Such servant of God will always stretch out his hands to God, so he knows and confesses that the Lord God is Almighty, true and righteous are His judgments for those who must be punished. But he can also feel and confess that God is merciful and good, so He always stretches out His hand of mercy and goodness for us who are always at the altar, namely repenting and worshipping Him.

Psalm 136:1-4

136:1. Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever.

136:2. Oh, give thanks to the God of gods! For His mercy endures forever.

136:3. Oh, give thanks to the Lord of lords! For His mercy endures forever:

136:4. To Him who alone does great wonders, For His mercy endures forever;

God stretches out His hand of mercy and goodness, so He alone does great wonders.

The results are as follows:

1. **Jesus alone dies on the cross to redeem and save the sinners.**

Matthew 27:46-50

27:46. And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?" that is, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?"

27:47. Some of those who stood there, when they heard that, said, "This Man is calling for Elijah!"

27:48. Immediately one of them ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine and put it on a reed, and offered it to Him to drink.

27:49. The rest said, "Let Him alone; let us see if Elijah will come to save Him."

27:50. And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, and yielded up His spirit.

'My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?' means that God is left alone.

One who experiences the redemption is a woman who was caught in adultery.

John 8:9-11

8:9. Then those who heard it, being convicted by their conscience, went out one by one, beginning with the oldest even to the last. And Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst.

8:10. When Jesus had raised Himself up and saw no one but the woman, He said to her, "Woman, where are those accusers of yours? Has no one condemned you?"

8:11. She said, "No one, Lord." And Jesus said to her, "Neither do I condemn you; go and sin no more."

Jesus alone saved the woman.

It means that all of sins are forgiven by Jesus, except the ones of unbelieving and the ones that are not confessed.

Psalm 107:1-5

107:1. Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever.

107:2. Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, Whom He has redeemed from the hand of the enemy,

107:3. And gathered out of the lands, From the east and from the west, From the north and from the south.

107:4. They wandered in the wilderness in a desolate way; They found no city to dwell in.

107:5. Hungry and thirsty, Their soul fainted in them.

'From the east and from the west, From the north and from the south' means that all people in the world are saved by the cross.

God redeems and saves the sinners because of His mercy and goodness.

The facts of being redeemed, set free from the sin, and saved are as follows:

- Not sinning anymore.
- Living in righteousness.
- Not wandering, but being shepherded well and correctly, so our weariness, heavy burden, and toil are borne by God. We experience peace, so all things become easy and light. God's mercy and goodness work in the shepherding.

God also takes care of us abundantly. It means that we always give thanks to God as well as become the blessing for others.

Spiritually, we are purified continuously and appointed as the priests and kings until we become perfect like Jesus.

2. Jesus alone as the High Priest who sits at the right hand of the Father God lifts up the prayer to help His servant who almost drowns even already drowns.

Matthew 14:22-23,28-32

14:22. *Immediately Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He sent the multitudes away.*

14:23. *And when He had sent the multitudes away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. Now when evening came, He was alone there.*

14:28. *And Peter answered Him and said, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water."*

14:29. *So He said, "Come." And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus.*

14:30. *But when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!"*

14:31. *And immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?"*

14:32. *And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased.*

Beginning to sink means falling into sins up to the peak, decreasing physically and spiritually, and being totally failed. If it continues, one will be destroyed.

Peter fell into sin of doubt.

Why does one begin to sink? It is because he doubts when he faces the winds and waves.

Be careful! The drowning is not caused by the waves but the doubtful heart as follows:

- Doubting to God Himself because of the false teachings.
- Doubting to the power of God because of the waves of the impossible problems.

At last, Peter returned to the altar, namely repenting. He did not doubt anymore but worshiped God. It is the same as stretching out the hand to God and He stretched out His hand of mercy and goodness to lift Peter up from the drowning.

It means as follows:

- The fall in sin is lifted up to living in righteousness and holiness.
- All of physical and spiritual things are restored. We can minister to God faithfully and fervently.
- The failure becomes success and beauty in due time.
- We are used in the ministry of the building of the perfect body of Christ.

3. Jesus alone is able to change us from the fleshly men to the spiritual ones like Him.

Philippians 3:20-21

3:20. *For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,*

3:21. *who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself.*

Mark 7:32-35,37

7:32. *Then they brought to Him one who was deaf and had an impediment in his speech, and they begged Him to put His hand on him.*

7:33. *And He took him aside from the multitude, and put His fingers in his ears, and He spat and touched his tongue.*

7:34. *Then, looking up to heaven, He sighed, and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened."*

7:35. *Immediately his ears were opened, and the impediment of his tongue was loosed, and he spoke plainly.*

7:37. *And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, "He has done all things well. He makes both the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."*

Jesus alone changes one who is deaf-mute.

The spiritual meaning of being deaf is that one does not hear and obey the Word. Being mute means that one cannot speak well or there is no spiritual value in his words.

If we are deaf-mute, the doors will be shut. We are really in trouble up to the spiritual epilepsy. It means having crisis of moral, sinning up to the peak, and getting the physical disease that cannot be cured.

But Jesus alone is able to change one who is deaf-mute to become good.

It means that we can hear and obey the true teaching Word. We are honest and obedient. We become the house of prayer or we stretch out our hand to God and He stretches out His hand of mercy and goodness for us, so the miracle happens.

The doors will be opened for us. All things become good. The impossible problems are finished in due time. The thing that has been destroyed can be good.

It continues until Jesus comes a second time that we are changed to become as perfect as He is, so we are worthy to greet His coming on the glorious clouds. The doors of Paradise and the New Jerusalem are opened. We enter the heavenly kingdom forever.

Let us live in God's mercy and goodness. It is the key of David. He is able to redeem, help, shepherd, and change us.

God blesses us.