

Thanksgiving Prayer Service in Malang, December 29, 2016 (Thursday Evening)

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

1 Thessalonians 5:18

5:18 in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

Ephesians 5:20

5:20 giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

The will of God is that we always give thank in everything, anywhere, anytime, and in any circumstance. Do not complain nor dispute because those only will make trouble and punishment.

At the end of 2016, at least we give thank to God in three things as follows:

1. **The mercy and lovingkindness of God that redeem us from the hand of the enemy, namely the power of sin.**

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.

We are redeemed by the blood of Jesus on the cross so we receive the forgiveness and freedom from sin. We are justified and live in righteousness.

Proverbs 11:4

11:4 Riches do not profit in the day of wrath, but righteousness delivers from death.

Isaiah 32:17

32:17 The work of righteousness will be peace, and the effect of righteousness, quietness and assurance forever.

The result is that we are saved, calm, and peaceful.

Proverbs 12:26

12:26 The righteous should choose his friends carefully, for the way of the wicked leads them astray.

The proof of living in righteousness is that we are shepherded well and right in true teaching Word. We always live in sheepfold. In Tabernacle, the shepherding pen refers to the Holy Place. There are three tools in the Holy Place that refers to the perseverance in doing three main services as follows:

- o *The Golden Candlestick* or the perseverance in General Service.
- o *The Table of Showbread* or the perseverance in Bible Study Service and Holy Communion.
- o *The Golden Altar of Incense* or the perseverance in Worship Prayer Service.

We become the branch that abides in the true vine, so we are always cleaned and purified.

John 15:3

15:3 You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you.

John 13:10-11

13:10 Jesus said to him, "He who is bathed needs only to wash his feet, but is completely clean; and you are clean, but not all of you."

13:11 For He knew who would betray Him; therefore He said, "You are not all clean."

We are purified from the wicked will or the love of money and unclean one or the sin of eating-drinking and marrying-being given in marriage.

John 12:4-6

12:4 *But one of His disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, who would betray Him, said,*

12:5 *"Why was this fragrant oil not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?"*

12:6 *This he said, not that he cared for the poor, but because he was a thief, and had the money box; and he used to take what was put in it.*

After we have been purified, we will be lifted up as priest and king or stars.

Exodus 29:1

29:1 *"And this is what you shall do to them to hallow them for ministering to Me as priests: Take one young bull and two rams without blemish,*

The result is that we bear sweet and beautiful fruit. Every step of our life is in joy and beauty.

Psalm 107:5

107:5 *hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted in them.*

Nevertheless, the life that refuses to be shepherded or purified will keep weary and heavy laden.

2. **The mercy and lovingkindness of God give an extra strength so we become priest and king** or the servant of God who is faithful and can be trusted. We are like the star that shines and cannot fall.

1 Timothy 1:12

1:12 *And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord who has enabled me, because He counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry,*

Falling means that one is unfaithful until leaving the ministry. His life steps are in darkness, weeping, and gnashing of teeth, up to the outer darkness, namely the hell, forever.

Philippians 2:12-15

2:12 *Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling;*

2:13 *for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.*

2:14 *Do all things without complaining and disputing,*

2:15 *that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world,*

The requirements to become the star that always shines are as follows:

- We work the salvation with fear to God.
It means that we minister to God according to the ministry that He gives us with faithfulness and responsibility, faithfulness and trustworthiness, as well as faithfulness and fervency until the end line.
- We experience the deep purification that starts from the heart.

Revelation 8:10-11

8:10 *Then the third angel sounded: And a great star fell from heaven, burning like a torch, and it fell on a third of the rivers and on the springs of water.*

8:11 *The name of the star is Wormwood. A third of the waters became wormwood, and many men died from the water, because it was made bitter.*

The heart must be purified from the bitterness of heart. The purification also happens to give us a heart that willingly sacrifices for God's work according to His will. The saying is also purified so we will not complain and dispute.

The result is that we get the wage that is a denarius. It is the wage from working in vineyard.

Revelation 6:6

6:6 *And I heard a voice in the midst of the four living creatures saying, "A quart of wheat for a denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius; and do not harm the oil and the wine."*

God cares our life in the midst of difficulties in the world until the days of Antichrist up to eternal life forever.

3. **We can obey the true teaching Word that is delivered to us.**

Romans 6:17

6:17 But God be thanked that though you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered.

Philippians 2:16

2:16 holding fast the word of life, so that I may rejoice in the day of Christ that I have not run in vain or labored in vain.

It refers to holding fast to the Word of life that has been our life experience. We stretch out our hands to God and He stretches out His mercy hands towards us. We trust and entrust our selves fully to God. We depend on God.

Revelation 1:20

1:20 The mystery of the seven stars which you saw in My right hand, and the seven golden lampstands: The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands which you saw are the seven churches.

The stars are held by the right hand of God.

Psalms 118:15-16

118:15 The voice of rejoicing and salvation is in the tents of the righteous; The right hand of the Lord does valiantly.

118:16 The right hand of the Lord is exalted; The right hand of the Lord does valiantly.

The results are as follows:

- **The hands of God do valiantly and finish every problem in due time.**
- **The hands of God lift up us. He makes success in due time.** The failure becomes success. The fallen thing is lifted up by God.

God will employ our life more in the great revival that is the building of the perfect body of Christ. We are perfect until we do not stumble in words. We only cry out "alleluia" on the glorious clouds.

God blesses us.