

## Bible Study at Surabaya - Monday, February 19, 2007

The epistle of Jude only consists of one chapter with twenty-five verses and based on the structure of Tabernacle, it refers to the covering of badger skins. Actually there are four curtains/coverings:

1. Curtains of Tabernacle, which is called the covering of faith and the works of faith.
2. Curtains of goats' hair, which is called the covering of holiness and hope in Holy Spirit.
3. Covering of ram's skins dyed red, which is called the covering of love.
4. Covering of badgers' skins, which is called the covering of judgment.

The four coverings imply these two meanings:

1. If we have faith, hope, and love, we will also have the covering of judgment (we are delivered/saved from the judgment of God), even we can see Jesus face to face at the time of His second coming.
2. There are four Persons attending and protecting the Church, they are:
  - a. Father God / the Lord (the covering of judgment) – just like the Father had saved Noah and his family from the floodwaters.
  - b. The Son of God / Jesus with His love (the covering of ram's skins dyed red).
  - c. Holy Spirit God / Christ (the curtains of goats' hair)
    - a, b, and c point to the Lord Jesus Christ as the Great Shepherd and Heavenly Groom whom we can see with our spiritual eyes.
  - d. Man shepherd and ministers (the curtains of Tabernacle) whom the Church can see with their physical eyes and make a role model in faith (i.e., holding fast to the true teaching word and never changing) and the works of faith (i.e., faithfulness). If there is no covering of judgment (the Church cannot see their pastor for he is unfaithful), the three coverings do not exist either. Thus, the key lies on the curtains of Tabernacle; meaning pastors are responsible for the existence of the three coverings.

Previously we conferred around Jude 1:1a "Jude, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James," This epistle of Jude was written by Jude, the brother of James, and he was not Judas Iscariot.

The covering here speaks of the attention and protection of God towards the true Church as well as separation from the false ones. For example, Jude the brother of James writing this epistle was separated from Judas Iscariot. They looked similar as both served and ministered God, but one day they were separated (for Judas Iscariot was a thief). Jude, however, was a bondservant of Jesus Christ, not of men or even money.

Many times pastors (including I) become like Judas by becoming slaves of men, that is, serving and ministering just to seek to please men so that sacrificing the true teaching word without a doubt. For a thousand hundred times I have reminded the students of Lempin-El: "Better we are rejected with the true teaching than exalted without the true teaching word". Jude was not a slave of man, not even a lover of money pursuing profits.

Now we continue with Jude 1:1b To those who are called, sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ:

This word speaks of the purpose of the writing of the epistle, that is, to those who are called, sanctified, and preserved in/by God.

### **They are: Romans 8:28-30**

*28 And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.*

*29 For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.*

*30 Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.*

They are those kept in the purpose of God (verse 28). Such people are the target of the writing of the epistle of Jude. If they are not in His purpose, they do not have any covering.

### **What is the purpose of God for our life?**

1. God calls to justify us (verse 28 & 30).- Court  
Justifying = repairing something that has been destroyed.
2. God chooses to sanctify us (verse 29) – Holy Place
3. God glorifies us to the measure of His perfection (verse 30) – the Most Holy Place

Those kept in the purposes of God are obviously under His attention and protection (under the covering of badger skins). We should not transgress those purposes; or else we will have no covering and be attacked by wicked and unclean spirits.

Now let us learn the purposes of God one by one:

### **1. God calls to justify us**

A question then raises: "Why is the calling justly required?"

#### **Genesis 3:9-10**

*9 Then the LORD God called to Adam and said to him, "Where are you?"*

*10 So he said, "I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself."*

For sinful men are separated and cannot return to God, which means that they are destroyed. Soon after Adam and Eve ate the fruit of which God commanded them not to eat, they were naked. As they then heard God's voice, they departed. Thus, sinful men are separated and cannot return to God; for that reason, God calls men and we should not be afraid.

Formerly, in the Garden of Eden, God directly called Adam, but the calling is now manifested through the following ways:

#### **Mark 1:1-4**

*1 The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.*

*2 As it is written in the Prophets: "Behold, I send My messenger before Your face, Who will prepare Your way before You."*

*3 "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the LORD; Make His paths straight.'"*

*4 John came baptizing in the wilderness and preaching a baptism of repentance for the remission of sins.*

God calls us through the word of gospel to justify men depraved due to sins.

The process of receiving the calling of God for justification is like this:

1. "Prepare the way of the LORD" = opening the heart to believe in the word/Jesus = entering into the Gate of Tabernacle with its four pillars that symbolize the four gospels: gospels according to Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.

Repenting = stopping sinning and returning to God = coming near God (symbolized with the Altar of Burnt Offering; please check the picture on <http://www.gptkk.org/mkb-en.php>)

2. Baptized with water (symbolized with the Laver, please check the picture on <http://www.gptkk.org/bejana-en.php>)

#### **Romans 6:4**

3. 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.

Baptism of water results in new life, that is, heavenly life suitable for the New Jerusalem. I beg your pardon to say this: the life that we have from our birth into the world by mother is suitable for living in the old earth / the old heavens because blood and flesh are not suitable for living in heavenly kingdom. Therefore, we need baptism of water so that we have heavenly life suitable for the New Jerusalem.

What is the sign of baptism of water?

#### **2 Peter 3:13**

*13 Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.*

That is, we walk in righteousness.

After repenting, we must be baptized with water to walk in righteousness.

4. Baptized with Holy Spirit (symbolized with the Door)

#### **Mark 1:8**

*8 "I indeed baptized you with water, but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."*

That we are called by God means we enter the Court of Tabernacle; therefore, we must be sure of His calling through repentance – which the late Rev. Van Gessel termed 'baptism of blood' -, baptism of water, and baptism of Holy Spirit.

After being baptized/anoointed by Holy Spirit, we become children of God.

#### **Romans 8:15-16**

*15 For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father."*

*16 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,*

We were formerly sinful men never stopping sinning – a sign of children of devil. However, soon after God called us through our faith, repentance, baptism of water and of Holy Spirit, we are made children of God manifested through our crying out "Abba, Father"; which means as follows:

- We become obedient  
As God says to us by means of His word, we will always obey although the word does not suit our heart and mind.
- We become honest  
When someone asks you if you did it or not, you have to cry out, "Abba, Father"; otherwise, you are dishonest.  
In short, these are the signs of the children of God:

- Believing in Jesus
- Repenting
- Being baptized of water
- Being baptized of Holy Spirit
- Being obedient and honest

We can examine ourselves if we are in God's plan and calling through our daily conducts whether we live in obedience and honesty or not after believing in Jesus, repenting, and being baptized of water and Holy Spirit. Having the signs of the children of God, we are in God's calling and plan absolutely. Likewise, priests/pastors who are in God's calling must be obedient and honest, not hiding anything.

## **2. God chooses to sanctify us (symbolized with Holy Place)**

We are not simply called, but also chosen. Why? God Himself says. "Many are called, but few are chosen" (Matthew). Thus, we must come to get the election of God. What does the election mean? Being elected means being sanctified to be used by God / to hold priest's office.

### **Exodus 28:1**

*1 "Now take Aaron your brother, and his sons with him, from among the children of Israel, that he may minister to Me as priest, Aaron and Aaron's sons: Nadab, Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar.*

Among all nations in the world, God only chooses the people of Israel; among the people of Israel comprising twelve tribes, God only chooses the tribe of Levi. From among the children of Levi – Kohath, Gershom, and Merari-, God chooses Kohath; from among many families of Kohath, the family of Amram is chosen and from among them, God chooses Aaron and his sons. As we can see how strict the election of God is, this saying is true: many are called, but few are chosen.

What next after the election?

### **Exodus 29:1a**

*1 "And this is what you shall do to them to hallow them for ministering to Me as priests:*

Being elected = being sanctified to be used by God / to hold priest's office, for example, Aaron and his sons elected from among the people of Israel.

Priests, you are trusted by God to bring the Church not to be in His calling through gospel only because many are called but few are chosen. Do not be satisfied with many who are baptized of water but you have to bring them into sanctification.

How will we be sanctified?

### **Psalms 119:9**

*9 BETH. How can a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed according to Your word.*

"Taking heed according to Your word"; what kind of word is it?

### **John 15:3**

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

How will we be sanctified? By the word spoken by God Himself / the word disclosed its mystery / the word revealed by God / a verse explains another verse / the teaching word.

The word of gospel is important; otherwise, we will never know His calling and be separated from God forever. Nevertheless, it is not finished after being called (baptized and becoming obedient and honest) – since "many are called but few are chosen"; therefore, the calling must be continued with election/holiness/teaching word (for we are sanctified by the teaching word).

Receiving God's calling, we have to firm it by living in righteousness, obedience, and honesty and continue to eat teaching word although it is hard. If we turn back because of seeing that gospel is truly comfortable, we will be leaved when Jesus comes a second time.

The teaching word sanctifies/cleanses our life as follows:

1. Filthy heart

**Isaiah 28:8**

*8 For all tables are full of vomit and filth; No place is clean.*

Table points heart (symbolized with the Table of Shewbread; please check the picture on <http://www.gptkk.org/mrs-en.php>). It should be bread (the word) on the table (heart), but in fact, there is no more place in heart for the word. Seeing that, heart must be sanctified/cleansed for it is full of vomit (wickedness and uncleanness). Wickedness/evil desire is the lust of money climaxing at the love of money (being bound with money that is the root of wickedness – Judas Iscariot, for instance). The love of money furthermore leads someone to be stingy and greedy that he, whose heart is dirty, will walk with his dirty ‘feet’.

**Mark 7:21-23**

*21 "For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders,*

*22 "thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lewdness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness.*

*23 "All these evil things come from within and defile a man."*

Table symbolizes heart and mind. There will be no place for the bread/God’s word if it is full of the twelve evil and unclean lusts. The heart filled with the teaching word – the word which is sharper than any two-edged sword – must be sanctified from wicked and unclean desires, which means that the heart were filled with twelve loaves of bread set in two rows on the table of showbread. There were six loaves of bread in a row; the double six refers to Bible / the word of God.

Now we just need to decide how we will fill our heart; is it with vomit or bread?

As written in Matthew 23, the Pharisees and scribes were sharp servants of God, but their hearts were full of dead men’s bones. It is a fact that many pastors are full of vomit/wickedness and uncleanness (desiring for money, etc). That is why, teaching word must be always brought forward to show the deepest intents of the heart. If there is no teaching word, be sure that the heart preserves wickedness and uncleanness only; seeing the verse "You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you", none can sanctify us except the word spoken by Jesus.

2. Dirty feet

**John 13:10-11**

*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."*

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

Feet, which denote the way of life, are the dirtiest part of the body. Judas Iscariot, for example, stole God’s possession namely tithe and special offering.

Pastors and ministers should take heed to this lest we minister God with dirty feet! Previously, Judas stole the money that he perished by himself, but now modern theft has raised at the end of this age, that is, stealing God’s confidence towards a shepherd/pastor. A man may seem to be a kind pastor, but he is actually a thief.

**Luke 12:42-44**

*42 And the Lord said, "Who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom his master will make ruler over his household, to give them their portion of food in due season?"*

*43 "Blessed is that servant whom his master will find so doing when he comes.*

*44 "Truly, I say to you that he will make him ruler over all that he has.*

There are three undeniable matters of God as follows:

- Tithe
- Worship
- Bride

Modern theft of God’s possession begins with tithe that a pastor may not control the tithe. If a pastor is not trusted about tithe, he will not be trusted about food of God’s word for both of them correlates. Consequently, the congregation is dry in spirituality. Previously, Judas stole the money but now the trust is stolen. It does not mean that a pastor should keep the money but the trust about the tithe. If one wants to seek money, he should not become the servant of God. Without the trust about tithe, a pastor will never be trusted about spiritual food. As the consequence, the congregation will be dry spiritually and so will the worship until they die spiritually and cannot become God’s Bride. It is indeed a serious matter. Pastors, do not keep the money but the trust. Tithe is the trust from God to a pastor in full so that there is food in His house.

In short, the dirty feet are about theft. As written "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, Who bring glad tidings of good things!" Bringing glad tidings is already beautiful and how much more beautiful if we bring Bride Tidings for it is the most beautiful matter. Nevertheless, it is often dirty because of theft.

3. Dirty mouth/corrupt words

**Ephesians 4:29**

*29 Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers.*

Corrupt words are such as lies, gossips (talks that cannot be justified its exactness) and words weakening others’ faith. Good words, however, may impart grace to the hearers; how much more it is to the speaker.

Thus, those called and chosen by God will be sanctified from:

- Filthy heart
  - Dirty feet
  - Corrupt mouth
- Corrupt mouth is sanctified to speak no more than the word of God.

#### **Malachi 2:7**

*7 "For the lips of a priest should keep knowledge, And people should seek the law from his mouth; For he is the messenger of the LORD of hosts.*

We have to be ready now to experience the work/sanctification of the teaching word in our heart, feet, and mouth. In such a manner, we can become blessings for others because now there are many people needing teaching word. Let us preach it and bear witness about it until the revival of Holy Spirit at the last rain/the revival of white horse happens and Jesus comes a second time.

Now it all depends on us. If a priest in Bride Tidings bears witness about it but his mouth still says corrupt words, when will Bride Tidings spread worldwide?

Likewise, a pastor in Bride Tidings but still says untrue word. In such condition, Bride Tidings will never spread worldwide, seeing that one sign of Jesus' coming the second time is the revival in teaching word to perfect us.

We are not simply called, but we must truly walk in righteousness, become honest and obedient. This will be continued with election, which means that our heart, feet, and mouth are sanctified to bear witness of the true teaching word. To bear witness indeed brings many risks but do not be afraid.

There was a blind man from his birth whose eyes were then opened by Jesus, but his parents were afraid to confess as they were asked if he was really covered. The parents wanted them to ask the blind man himself because he was of age. It happened because the parents were afraid of being isolated by the scribes and others if they confessed Jesus as Christ. So the parents said nothing about the matter although they did know it. Such condition will be accounted for before God. Now we have to bear witness of teaching word until the revival of white horse happens. Nevertheless, being sanctified and having teaching word are not enough.

#### **Matthew 24:4-5, 11, 24**

*4 And Jesus answered and said to them: "Take heed that no one deceives you.*

*5 "For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many.*

*11 "Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many.*

*24 "For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect.*

Jesus through the above verses mentions about deceit four times.

Let me remind you once again: it is good to receive the calling of God, but "many are called, but few are chosen". It reveals that although someone has been chosen, continued steadfastly in teaching word and sanctified to become a priest, he may be deceived. Therefore, we must be sanctified by the word as well as continue steadfastly in shepherding.

Priest sanctified must dwell in the sanctuary.

#### **Leviticus 21:12**

*12 'nor shall he go out of the sanctuary, nor profane the sanctuary of his God; for the consecration of the anointing oil of his God is upon him: I am the LORD.*

There is only one place where we will be sanctified, that is, the sanctuary with three objects inside, referring to patience and faithfulness to the three main services:

- Patience and faithfulness in Public Service (Golden Candlestick; <http://www.gptkk.org/pelita-en.php>)
  - Patience and faithfulness in Bible Study Service and Holy Communion (Table of Shewbread; <http://www.gptkk.org/mrs-en.php>)
  - Patience and faithfulness in Pray and Worship Service (Golden Altar of Incense; <http://www.gptkk.org/dupa-en.php>)
- Do not receive teaching word carelessly in a part only but let us be in shepherding to receive shepherding word. Those continuing steadfastly and faithfully in the three main services are specialized men of God; they are called, chosen, and faithful. Such people will never lose, go astray, or fall down as God Himself attends and protects them – as if they were covered with badger skins.

#### **Revelation 17:14**

14 "These will make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, for He is Lord of lords and King of kings; and those who are with Him are called, chosen, and faithful."

We must take heed to shepherding for the teaching word preached in shepherding service system will sanctify us intensively. Only if we continue faithfully in the three main services, we will always prevail with God and nothing can defeat us.

In short, the plan of God is to call and justify us – we become righteous and upright; and to sanctify us – we prevail with Him and nothing can defeat us.

Students of Lempin-El, you must take heed to yourself not to fall down because it is not God's plan. Do not ever think that it is fine to fall down in this place because there is still other place. It cannot be so because falling down means not being in God's plan. Falling down after being called and chosen means being deceived and outside God's plan.

### **3. God chooses to glorify us (symbolized with the Most Holy Place)**

#### **Romans 8:30**

*30 Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.*

Briefly, God's calling points to the Court and the election refers to the Holy Place. Nevertheless, it is not enough to reach the Holy Place because we must reach the Most Holy Place (glory).

How will we be glorified? Perhaps you define glory as something that you may receive, such as money. No! I would first remind the Churches in Malang and Surabaya: God does promise us the light of glory this year, but we have to remember that the glory does not come right away. Instead, we firstly need to go through fiery trial/test/sprinkling of blood.

#### **1 Peter 4:12-13**

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

*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.*

It is just like the Most Holy Place with two times seven sprinklings of blood. Sprinkling of blood upon the ark are those which Jesus gets and the sprinklings of blood in front of the ark are those which Church gets in order to be glorified. We must experience it.

Fiery trial = fleshly suffering = suffering because of committing no sin = sprinkling of blood. It may take form of windy storm and wave in the worldly sea/all aspects of our lives.

Glory by means of sprinkling of blood results in:

- Renewal of life

As we are undergoing suffering for the flesh, we are having the renewal of life bringing us to New Jerusalem.

#### **Revelation 21:1**

*1 Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea.*

The renewal is to cease old sea. What does the old sea mean?

- doubt

#### **James 1:6-8**

*6 But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind.*

*7 For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord;*

*8 he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.*

Doubt may come up because of temptations and other teachings.

God will continuously allow us in temptations until there is no more doubt, but quietness and peace only. Peaceful heart is the power to face heresies and we can pray.

- wickedness

#### **Isaiah 57:20**

*20 But the wicked are like the troubled sea, When it cannot rest, Whose waters cast up mire and dirt.*

If someone cannot rest, he must speak words, which are like mire and dirt.

We must be renewed firstly to be peaceful (not doubtful anymore) that we can pray (1Peter) and God Himself will still winds and waves. It had happened as Jesus was sleeping when a great storm arose and waves beat into the disciples' boat. They awoke Him and said to Him that they were perishing. Then Jesus arose and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace, be still!" Then the wind ceased and there was a great calm.

Let us lead our life to the New Jerusalem by the renewal of thus heart! We may not be doubtful that God stills/settles all problems and we can pray and worship Him. To welcome Jesus' second coming, we must worship God a lot by

saying, "Alleluia", which reflects worship in heaven.

Revelation 19 implies the renewal of life, i.e.:

- Peaceful heart to enable us to pray and finish all problems
- Peaceful heart to cry out and speak no other word but "Alleluia"

If you are reviled and you simply say "Alleluia", everything will be fine. This is what is written in James, that "we do not stumble in word"

### **Revelation 19:1, 3-4, 6**

*1 After these things I heard a loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, saying, "Alleluia! Salvation and glory and honor and power belong to the Lord our God!*

*3 Again they said, "Alleluia! Her smoke rises up forever and ever!"*

*4 And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God who sat on the throne, saying, "Amen! Alleluia!"*

*6 And I heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude, as the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty thunders, saying, "Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns!*

Verse 6 is about men on the earth. There is worship with peaceful heart and one voice "Alleluia" in heaven and the body of Christ on the earth unites to worship God when Jesus comes a second time. Let us now undergo the sprinkling of blood to renew our heart until there is no more doubtful and wicked heart out of which dirt/mire flows. With a peaceful heart, God will help and still the sea/wave/problem so we can pray and worship Him. In such condition, if Jesus comes in glory, we will be in glory too in one body and one voice "Alleluia".

God has created men with one language but they then scattered and did not know one another. They spoke no more in one language. Now let us build one perfect body of Christ and return to one voice "Alleluia" in heaven and on earth, we become in glory. I remember being in India with the Late Rev. Pong. It was difficult to make communication because there are so many kinds of language there. In the last day, the Late Rev. Pong invited us to worship with one voice "Alleluia" and I felt that the building was going to fall down. I imagined Jesus' second coming that all men from all over the world say Alleluia.

- Clean and bright garment / garment of Bride

To gain this garment, we need to experience sprinkling of blood.

### **Revelation 7:14**

*14 And I said to him, "Sir, you know." So he said to me, "These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.*

White garment has to be dipped in blood (suffering without sins/sprinkling of blood) so that there is glory as follows:

- Renewal of life, heart is changed and able to pray and worship God
- White, bright, and clean garment of Bride

If we serve and minister God without the sign of blood (fleshly suffering), it is impossible to gain clean and bright garment. On the other hand, if we have felt sufferings because of committing no sin, the clean and bright garment is at our hand.

What is to prepare the second coming of Jesus Christ?

### **Revelation 19:8**

*8 And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.* One of the righteous acts of the saints is giving and on the contrary, one of spots making the garment not clean and not bright is stinginess. The garment must be dipped in blood so that the spot of stinginess can be sanctified or else the spot remains and even we are naked. Therefore, let us give our possession until our whole life to God.

- crown

### **James 1:12**

*12 Blessed is the man who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him.*

If we have been approved, we must obtain the crown.

Nowadays greater storm and waves are hitting us, but if we can endure it with God, we must prevail and receive the crown of glory. If we complain and become downhearted, however, we will never receive the crown.

In short, below is our preparation to be glorified until we enter into the marriage supper of the Lamb:

- Our heart is renewed to be peaceful (not doubtful anymore) to be able to pray and worship God.
- The garment is dipped in blood to gain clean and bright garment
- We endure trials while giving thanks and worship unto God to receive the crown of glory.

The crown is prepared for marriage like King Solomon with the crown on the day of his wedding.

### **Song of Solomon 3:11**

*11 Go forth, O daughters of Zion, And see King Solomon with the crown With which his mother crowned him On the day of his wedding, The day of the gladness of his heart.*

The Groom wears crown and so does the Bride for both meet at the marriage.

### **Revelation 19:9**

*9 Then he said to me, "Write: 'Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!'" And he said to me, "These are the true sayings of God."*

(this is the purpose of God for our life)

The epistle of Jude was written for those who are called, chosen, and glorified by God; they are attended and protected until they enter into the marriage supper of the Lamb – even though they cannot deny going through sufferings because of committing no sin. We prepare ourselves to go through these steps:

1. renewal of life so we can worship God and say Alleluia to welcome Jesus' second coming
2. garment is dipped in blood so that it becomes clean and bright garment
3. receiving the crown of glory

Thus, blessed are you in temptations, for you are being glorified (step 3). If you formerly always complained about temptations, let God forgive you!

If now we are in God's plan, we will be in the hand of High Priest. We have been called to live in righteousness, chosen, and sanctified until glorified someday. We are not perfect yet because of murmuring often when we face the sprinkling of blood but let us ask God's forgiveness soon after we realize our mistake.

**Romans 8:28**

*28 And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.*

It is for now that by leading this life to be according to the purpose of God, we live in His Hands so that everything will be good until the day when we enter into the marriage supper of the Lamb.

Let us come to God and accept His calling, election, and sanctification – since we are sinful men! If you are in trouble, you should remember that God is good; He always does for good as long as we still go along with His purpose. Although we are not perfect yet, but if we keep on leading this life according to God's purpose, He keeps our life in His Hands and everything must be fine. Anything, that is not good, will be good. Jesus, on the cross, had become the worst; His visage was marred more than any man and His form more than the sons of men; to make everything good. God bless you!