

Bible Study in Malang, November 22, 2012 (Thursday Evening)

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Peace and grace in the Lord Jesus Christ.

John 10:10b

10:10 ... I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

Jesus appears to give life, even the abundant life.

There are three kinds of Jesus's appearance in John chapter 10 as follows.

1. Verse 9, Jesus as the Door.
2. Verse 11, Jesus as the Good Shepherd.
3. Verse 36, Jesus as the Son of God.

Jesus with His three kinds of appearance wants to give us life, even the abundant life.

We are studying the second one, namely Jesus's appearance as the Good Shepherd.

John 10:11

10:11 "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep.

Jesus shows Himself as the Good Shepherd, meaning **to make us good sheep or the sheep with good conscience.**

If we become good sheep, Jesus as the Good Shepherd will do His duty in our life.

John 10:3

10:3 "To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice; and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.

The duty of the Good Shepherd is as follows.

- a. Calling the sheep.
- b. Leading the sheep.

The double shepherding Word is as the two hands of the Good Shepherd that lead us in these three things.

1. Leading us to give quietness and peace.

Psalm 23:1-2

23:1 << A Psalm of David. >> The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

23:2 He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters.

If we can be still and peaceful, we will get the anointing of Holy Spirit.

The peace means as follows.

- There is no fear and anxiety because we only hope in the goodness and mercy of the Good Shepherd.

Psalm 23:6

23:6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the LORD Forever.

We can get the goodness and mercy only in the shepherding, so we can feel the silence and peace.

Luke 21:25-26

21:25 "And there will be signs in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars; and on the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring;

21:26 "men's hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of heaven will be shaken.

The world is shaken in all aspects more and more. Consequently, men are in fear until they die physically and spiritually with the spiritual dryness. On the contrary, we will be still and peaceful without being shaken by anything if

we are shepherded.

- The sins have been finished.
There will be no peace when there is sin.

There must be sin where there is fear and anxiety, and vice versa.

Matthew 5:25

5:25 "Agree with your adversary quickly, while you are on the way with him, lest your adversary deliver you to the judge, the judge hand you over to the officer, and you be thrown into prison.

The process of getting the peace is through quickly making reconciliation.

Matthew 5:23-24

5:23 "Therefore if you bring your gift to the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you,
5:24 "leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.

It means as follows.

- Confessing sin to God and other people as well as not repeating it after being forgiven.
- Forgiving the sin of other people who have confessed to us and forgetting it.

The sin is finished and there is peace in Holy Spirit.

'quickly' means we must be faster than Satan or antichrist who has the wings of abomination.

Thus, quickly making reconciliation means having the wings of the anointing of Holy Spirit to fight against the wing of abomination of antichrist.

2. Leading us in the paths of righteousness.

Psalm 23:3

23:3 *He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake.*

The world in the last days is signified by the perverse generation but God wants to lead us in the paths of righteousness, namely being in line with the truth of God's Word or Bible.

James 1:19-22

1:19 *So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath;*

1:20 *for the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God.*

1:21 *Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.*

1:22 *But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.*

The process of living according to the truth of the Word is as follows.

- Being swift to hear the Word.

Hebrews 5:11-14

5:11 *of whom we have much to say, and hard to explain, since you have become dull of hearing.*

5:12 *For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food.*

5:13 *For everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe.*

5:14 *But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.*

Meaning we can hear and understand the true teaching Word.

The proof is we can be slow to speak, meaning we do not judge other people, murmur, or gossip. We are also slow to anger, meaning not getting angry until there is hatred.

- [James 1:21] Being swift to believe in the true teaching Word, so it can be implanted in our heart as saving faith.
Rejection to the true teaching Word is an arrogance destroying men.
Moreover, do not receive the false word although it is only a little because it is as a little leaven destroying the whole

lump.

- [James 1:22] Being swift to do the true teaching Word.
Only hearing the word without doing it, one becomes a cheat or deceiver.

Thus, one who is swift to hear and obey the Word has the wings of God's Word.

Combining the first and the second point, one who is led by the Good Shepherd to live in the peace and the truth of God's Word has **the wings of Holy Spirit and true teaching Word**. The two wings will become the wings of a great eagle that will fight against the wings of antichrist.

Revelation 12:14

12:14 But the woman was given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness to her place, where she is nourished for a time and times and half a time, from the presence of the serpent.

The function of the two wings of the great eagle is to preserve and protect us from now on in the midst of difficulties in the world up to the time when antichrist reigns over the world for three years and half. The two wings of the great eagle will flee us to the wilderness, far away from the presence of the serpent. We will be preserved and protected directly by God through the teaching Word and Holy Communion. Now it refers to the perseverance in doing Bible Study Service with Holy Communion as the exercise of fleeing to the wilderness.

Our life in the world is getting heavier for our flesh but actually the wings are getting bigger to make our life lighter day by day. The heaviest time is when antichrist comes, but we will be fled to the wilderness. We get the lightest condition when Jesus comes a second time that we are lifted up on glorious clouds.

3. Leading us to living fountains of waters.

Revelation 7:17

7:17 "for the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to living fountains of waters. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

The proof of being led to the throne of New Jerusalem is we experience **life renewal** from carnal men to spiritual ones as Jesus is. It begins from the fear of the Lord.

Proverbs 8:13

8:13 The fear of the LORD is to hate evil; Pride and arrogance and the evil way And the perverse mouth I hate.

The fear of the Lord is to hate sin and lie. One who sins will not fear the Lord.

Ecclesiastes 12:13

12:13 Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, For this is man's all.

The fear of the Lord is the obedience to the Word of God whatever risk may come.

Adam fears the Lord in the beginning, but then his fear turns to the fear of his wife. We often fear of human until there is no fear of the Lord anymore. Consequently, joy of paradise turns to tears in the world.

We must start from having the fear of the Lord in order to return to paradise.

Isaiah 11:1-2

11:1 There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse, And a Branch shall grow out of his roots.

11:2 (1)The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him, (2)The Spirit of wisdom and (3)understanding, (4)The Spirit of counsel and (5)might, (6)The Spirit of knowledge and of (7)the fear of the LORD.

One who fears the Lord is in the peak of the anointing of Holy Spirit. As a result, the Holy Spirit performs spiritual and physical miracles.

The spiritual one is continuous life renewal none may imitate.

[Isaiah 11:1] Spiritual miracle happens that the stem can produce fruit.

The stem spiritually refers to the sinners who are wicked and unclean with the sins concerning eating-drinking and marrying-being given in marriage, seeing that the stem is used to burn the brick for the building of Babylon.

Isaiah 11:3-5

11:3 His delight is in the fear of the LORD, And He shall not judge by the sight of His eyes, Nor decide by the hearing of His ears;

11:4 But with righteousness He shall judge the poor, And decide with equity for the meek of the earth; He shall strike the earth with the rod of His mouth, And with the breath of His lips He shall slay the wicked.

11:5 Righteousness shall be the belt of His loins, And faithfulness the belt of His waist.

If we want to fear the Lord, the anointing of Holy Spirit will renew us, the sinners, to become same as Jesus is. We can have the fruit of honesty, justice, truth, and faithfulness, up to the perfection.

Physically, the stem refers to one who cannot be hoped. He has no hope or ability to do anything and he is not precious, but there will be physical miracles if he fears the Lord. There is nothing impossible for God and all our steps become miracle steps.

God blesses you.