

Bible Study Service in Malang, December 15, 2011 (Thursday Evening)

The title of Matthew 26:36-46 is **IN GETHSEMANE**.

Gethsemane is a press.

Matthew 26:36, 40-41

26:36. Then Jesus came with them to a place called Gethsemane, and said to the disciples, "Sit here while I go and pray over there."

26:40 Then He came to the disciples and found them asleep, and said to Peter, "What? Could you not watch with Me one hour?"

26:41 "Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."

Formerly, Jesus experienced the press or suffering in the flesh without any sin in Gethsemane.

Now, in the last days, the followers of Jesus will also experience the suffering in the flesh without any sin. It happens in the form of suffering in the flesh even persecution because of serving and ministering God, keeping righteousness, facing many difficulties in all aspects of life, being slandered, et cetera.

All of them can be defeated only by watching and praying for one hour.

Matthew 26:42

26:42 Again, a second time, He went away and prayed, saying, "O My Father, if this cup cannot pass away from Me unless I drink it, Your will be done."

Watching and praying for one hour are to tear or crucify the will and lust of flesh which are always contradictory to the Word of God, so we can obey the will of God or live in His will.

I John 2:17

2:17 And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

He who does the will of God abides forever.

On the contrary, one is passing away together with the world if he is outside the true teaching Word although he seems to be great before other people.

There are three kinds of God's will related to Tabernacle or heavenly kingdom as follows:

1. The first God's will: that we always do good, referring to the Court of Tabernacle.

I Peter 2:15

2:15 For this is the will of God, that by doing good you may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men--

The practice is as follows:

- o Righteous deeds according to the true teaching Word, not according to what other people say.
The righteous deed must be good but not all good deeds are righteous.

II Kings 10:30

10:30 And the LORD said to Jehu, "Because you have done well in doing what is right in My sight, and have done to the house of Ahab all that was in My heart, your sons shall sit on the throne of Israel to the fourth generation."

We are responsible for doing righteous deeds because it determines the destiny of our descendants.

- o Good deeds to other people, especially to those who are of the household of faith or other members of Christ's body, through giving and visiting (Matthew 25).

Galatians 6:9-10

6:9 And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.

6:10 Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.

Remember! There will not always be opportunity to do good things.

As long as we are still stirred by God through the true teaching Word, we have to be obedient.

Judas Iscariot was hard-hearted so His heart was never touched by the Word.

If we always reject the stir of the Word, someday we will not be able to do good to other members of the body of Christ or there is no opportunity to enter the building of the body of Christ.

Meaning, there are only evil deeds such as provoking or slandering other people, and unclean deeds. In such condition, one goes toward the building of the body of Babel.

- Not repaying evil for evil, but repaying good for evil, meaning we always do good and righteous deeds and we never do sin. In such condition, **we are righteous as Jesus is.**

Romans 12:17, 21

12:17 Repay no one evil for evil. Have regard for good things in the sight of all men.

12:21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

I John 3:7

3:7 Little children, let no one deceive you. He who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous.

Psalms 17:15

17:15 As for me, I will see Your face in righteousness; I shall be satisfied when I awake in Your likeness.

"In righteousness" means we live in righteousness and we hold fast one true teaching Word.

The result of living in righteousness is we can see the face of Jesus and we are satisfied. In addition, we have physical and spiritual preservation.

We will not seek satisfaction of the world and we will not fall in sins and false teachings.

2. The second God's will: **our sanctification or we live in holiness (the Holy Place).**

I Thessalonians 4:3-8

4:3 For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you should abstain from sexual immorality;

4:4 that each of you should know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor,

4:5 not in passion of lust, like the Gentiles who do not know God;

4:6 that no one should take advantage of and defraud his brother in this matter, because the Lord is the avenger of all such, as we also forewarned you and testified.

4:7 For God did not call us to uncleanness, but in holiness.

4:8 Therefore he who rejects this does not reject man, but God, who has also given us His Holy Spirit.

God calls and chooses us to become priests to do His will, namely living in holiness, not doing unclean or false or sinful things.

The practice is as follows:

Priests must heed to the Holy Place or the sheepfold through persevering in the three main services to the Lord.

Maybe we have sin, but soon after the Word points our sin, we have to leave it.

Heed to the Holy Place!

Heed to the sword of sanctification Word!

One who rejects the sanctification Word means rejecting God, not rejecting any human.

We have to live in the holiness, in our private life, marriage, as well as service and ministry to the Lord.

The sanctification to a priest begins from the deepest heart which hides many unclean and evil deeds.

Matthew 15:19-20

15:19 "For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts (1), murders (2), adulteries (3), fornications (4), thefts (5), false witness (6), blasphemies (7).

15:20 "These are the things which defile a man, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile a man."

Evil thoughts equals to prejudice.

Beware of theft sin! Do not steal the possession of God and other people!

Blaspheming equals to slandering, et cetera.

If our heart is sanctified, **our whole life will be sanctified also until we are holy as Jesus is.**

I Peter 1:15-16

1:15 but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct,

1:16 because it is written, "Be holy, for I am holy."

Matthew 5:8

5:8 Blessed are the pure in heart, For they shall see God.

The result of being holy is we can see God as follows:

- For the priest or pastor, he can see the revelation of the Word of God.
- For the congregation, they can enjoy, believe, and hold fast the revelation of the Word of God and practice it.

(Chapter 4 of the first epistle of Thessalonians refers to the garment of priest which is white with many meshes. White color means holiness, and many meshes mean we can see God.)

When we are willing to be sanctified until we can see God, He is looking at us, meaning He is paying His full attention to us. He knows all things up to the deepest part of our heart.

Exodus 3:5-8

3:5 Then He said, "Do not draw near this place. Take your sandals off your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground."

3:6 Moreover He said, "I am the God of your father -- the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look upon God.

3:7 And the LORD said: "I have surely seen the oppression of My people who are in Egypt, and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters, for I know their sorrows.

3:8 "So I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up from that land to a good and large land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites and the Hittites and the Amorites and the Perizzites and the Hivites and the Jebusites.

Moses experienced sanctification until he had heart as a baby (he took his sandals off his feet). Meaning sanctification from seven evil and unclean lusts, one becomes as a baby without any prejudice, murder or hatred, lie, et cetera.

Do not insist attention from other people because it is better that only God knows our suffering!

If we are in holiness, High Priest is looking at us to care us as follows:

- He is bearing all our heavy burdens and weariness, so we feel easy and light.
It is wrong if our following to Jesus is heavier day by day! We indeed have burden in our life but we can feel easy and light until the time of God comes to set us free.
- The Lord hears our prayer to settle all our problems in time of need.
- He guides us to Canaan, meaning He employs us in the revival of Holy Spirit at the last rain or the building of Christ's body.
The revival of Holy Spirit at the last rain is the revival in true teaching Word to bring the congregation to enter the unity of the perfect body of Christ with Jesus as the Head.

The more we are sanctified, we can see Jesus clearly and the more we can hold fast one true teaching Word, that is the one persona of Jesus.

3. The third God's will: **perfection (the Most Holy Place).**

Matthew 5:48

5:48 "Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect.

Colossians 3:14

3:14 But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection.

We become perfect and as glorious as Jesus is by the work of the perfect love of God.

Matthew 5:43-45

5:43. "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.'

5:44 "But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you,

5:45 "that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.

The practice is as follows:

The perfect love of Jesus is as the sun rising in heaven together with the rain, referring to the true teaching Word. We cannot live only by the sun or only by the rain.

Deuteronomy 32:1-2

32:1. "Give ear, O heavens, and I will speak; And hear, O earth, the words of my mouth.

32:2 Let my teaching drop as the rain, My speech distill as the dew, As raindrops on the tender herb, And as showers on the grass."

The true teaching Word begins from as the dew that not many people know it, and then it increases to be as raindrops that a few people begin to pay attention to, up to the shower on the grass, referring to the revival of Holy Spirit at the last rain.

The perfect love comes from the true teaching Word.

Without the Word, there is only flesh love which is a fake.

How can we get the love of God?

By worshiping God or watching and praying.

In our worship, we are tearing our flesh which is so weak and hard, so we can live by the Spirit who is willing; we can obey the will of God or the true teaching Word.

Being obedient, we can see Jesus' face that shines the love of God.

("If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love.")

Isaiah 52:13-14

52:13. Behold, My Servant shall deal prudently; He shall be exalted and extolled and be very high.

52:14 Just as many were astonished at you, So His visage was marred more than any man, And His form more than the sons of men;

As a result, Jesus was willing that His visage was marred more than any man but as dog and swine on the cross as follows:

- To bear all our bad.
- To shine 100% love as the sun to us.

The function of the love as the sun is as follows:

○ **Genesis 19:21-23**

19:21 And he said to him, "See, I have favored you concerning this thing also, in that I will not overthrow this city for which you have spoken.

19:22 "Hurry, escape there. For I cannot do anything until you arrive there." Therefore the name of the city was called Zoar.

19:23 The sun had risen upon the earth when Lot entered Zoar.

To face Sodom and Gomorrah as follows:

- a. Sins up to the peak, namely sins concerning eating-drinking and marrying-being given in marriage.
- b. Many shakings, temptations or crises in all aspects of life nothing may defeat.
We keep quiet in the love as the sun and God will settle all things.
- c. The judgment of God.
We are set free from the judgment of God because of the love as the sun.

○ **Genesis 32:24, 28**

32:24. Then Jacob was left alone; and a Man wrestled with him until the breaking of day.

32:28 And He said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel; for you have struggled with God and with men, and have prevailed."

To face many struggles such as anxiety, fear, et cetera in our private life, and struggle in marriage and children problem, all kinds of problem.

The name of Jacob means a liar. It was changed to become Israel, whose meaning is a winner.

We can defeat sins, beginning from not lying, and we can defeat all problems in our life, until we get new name that is written in New Jerusalem.

- The love as the sun renews us from carnal man or mortar pot to spiritual one or the golden pot that had manna, beginning from we can love our enemies and pray for them.

The enemies mean those who keep sins, give disadvantage to other people, and make us their enemy.

We are renewed continually until **we can be perfect as Jesus is**, and we can welcome His second coming to become one with Him forever.

God blesses you.