

Bible Study Service in Malang, December 23, 2010 (Thursday Evening)

Matthew 25:31-34, 41

25:31. *"When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory.*

25:32 *"All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats.*

25:33 *"And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left.*

25:34 *"Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:*

25:41 *"Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels:*

Verse 31-32 shows that Jesus will appear as King of kings and Great Shepherd at the time of His second coming to divide sheep from the goats.

We are responsible to our own selves, whether we become sheep or goats, we cannot rely on other people. Therefore, we have to have firm standing.

The sheep can enter into Heavenly Kingdom provided for them but the goats will enter into everlasting fire of hell.

The base of separation between the sheep and the goats is heavenly wisdom.

Ecclesiastes 10:2

10:2 *A wise man's heart is at his right hand, But a fool's heart at his left.*

The sheep are at the right hand of God because of having heavenly wisdom, so they can enter into heavenly kingdom.

The goats are at the left hand of God because of not having heavenly wisdom, or being spiritually foolish, so they enter into the hell.

The facts found in the foolish goats are as follows:

Ecclesiastes 7:17

7:17 *Do not be overly wicked, Nor be foolish: Why should you die before your time?*

The foolish goats are wicked ones, namely those who commit deeds which are not in line to the truth of God's Word.

Keeping on committing things which have been known not in line to the Word of God is a foolishness, and wickedness.

1. **Doing fleshly deeds**, namely the deeds encouraged by the lust and emotion of flesh, which are contrary to the truth of God's Word.

Galatians 5:19-21

5:19 *Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness,*

5:20 *idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies,*

5:21 *envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.*

Such life will not inherit the eternal heavenly kingdom, but entering into the eternal fire as the foolish goats.

We indeed **the men of blood and flesh who are weak**, but **it cannot become the reason** of committing fleshly deeds.

The Lord gives us solution as follows:

Romans 8:11-13

8:11 *But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.*

8:12 *Therefore, brethren, we are debtors--not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh.*

8:13 *For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.*

He gives us Holy Spirit to put to death the fleshly deeds, so we can live according to the truth of God's Word, that is to say life in righteousness and holiness as Jesus is righteous and holy until we can enter into the eternal

heavenly kingdom **to receive eternal life.**

Do not argue about things that are not in line to the Word! Let us hope that Holy Spirit kills our fleshly deeds.

The eternal life begins with righteous and holy life until we become perfect.

The ones who live in righteousness, holiness, up to the perfection, will enter into the eternal heavenly kingdom to receive eternal life.

If Holy Spirit is able to give us eternal life, He is able also to give us our physical life, and beautiful future life. Jesus has been dead and risen in glorious body that is beautiful.

2. **Committing dead works**, namely deeds which have no relationship with service and ministry, even hindering us to serve and minister.

Hebrews 9:14

9:14 how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

We have to be sanctified from the dead works to serve God.

I Corinthians 15:58

15:58. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

The service and ministry is the only one thing which is not vain from now in the world until we are in heaven.

We have a mistake that we study and work diligently - it is good and we have to do it - but we often let ourselves and other people such as our children, our wife, or our husband, unfaithful in committing service and ministry to the Lord.

We have to become more diligent in committing service and ministry.

Revelation 22:3-4

22:3 And there shall be no more curse, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His servants shall serve Him.

22:4 They shall see His face, and His name shall be on their foreheads.

The only one activity we do in the throne of God is committing service and ministry to the Lord.

Committing service and ministry to the Lord in this world is an exercise or adaptation for us to live in the throne of God someday.

We often want to be in a place for a long time in this world because we have paid the entrance fee, et cetera but we do not want to be in the church for a long time although we do not need to pay anything.

All activities in the world which are supposed to be positive, successful, active, or great, **but have no relationship with the service to the Lord even hinder us to commit the service will be vain** and reach only the tomb to be perished together with the world.

Let us check ourselves whether we are sad when we cannot work more than when we cannot serve the Lord.

Furthermore, do we laugh when we cannot serve the Lord?

In Exodus, **the vain works are as oppression.** It is the deceitful Satan who forces men work in oppression.

Exodus 1:11

1:11 Therefore they set taskmasters over them to afflict them with their burdens. And they built for Pharaoh supply cities, Pithom and Raamses.

Men, including the sons of God, are slaved with oppression done by Satan through vain works hindering them to commit service and ministry to the Lord.

God's Word in Exodus prophesies about the condition of the world in the last days which will make the sons of God difficult to serve and minister God. We can see in these present days, comparing with the previous ones.

Working with oppression is vain (not resulting anything), even resulting in **suffering**, and **leading to Babel which will be perished forever**.

In oppression, the work may seem to be great but it is as saving in a bag which has many holes, referring to vain work.

Hebrews 10:25-27

10:25 not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

10:26 For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, 10:27 but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries.

The highest level of advice (more than the advice to study and work well, et cetera) **is the one to make us zealous in committing service and ministry to the Lord.**

A sin which men, even the servants and the sons of God, **often do not realize**, drawing near the time of Jesus' second coming, **is the sin of forsaking service and ministry to the Lord.**

It is rare that an evangelist still commits the service when he has no duty in ministry.

The stages of the sin of not committing service to the Lord are as follows:

- **Habitual sin.**

=Not regretting, not being sad, not feeling guilty anymore at the time of not committing service to the Lord, even enjoying it.

On the other hand, one may seem to be faithful in committing service and ministry to the Lord but he feels nothing in it, even he is sleepy and bored of it so there is no life renewal.

Such life never changes but keeps what is false, even does not regret but enjoying the unrighteousness. For example, one keeps on lying, or arguing something that is known as unrighteous matter, et cetera.

If we are unclean but we commit the service and ministry to the Lord earnestly, we will have a chance to be renewed.

- **Intentional sin.**

=Not committing service and ministry to the Lord willfully.

Here is the consequence:

The life who does not commit the service and ministry habitually or intentionally will be judged in fire and brimstone or everlasting fire as the goats at the right hand of God which are foolish and wicked.

Matthew 25:41

25:41 "Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels:

Actually we do not need to enter into everlasting fire because it is prepared for the devil and his angels.

The way out God gives is as follows:

Hebrews 9:14

9:14 how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

The power of Jesus' blood can make us faithful and earnest in committing service and ministry to God, not the power of money or other things.

In Old Testament we can see that there was the blood of lamb on the door of the Israelites' houses so they could be delivered from the death of the firstborn, go out of Egypt, and serve the Lord.

God fought for Israelites so they could serve Him.

In New Testament we can see the blood of Jesus on the door of our heart so we can serve and minister Him.

I Peter 2:9-10

2:9 But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the

*praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;
2:10 who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.*

Actually, only the Israelites and their offsprings may serve the Lord, and the Gentiles are only as common animals none may offer to the Lord.

Thus, the Gentiles should not become priests and kings but **the grace of God through Jesus' blood** enables them to serve and minister God.

It is not our greatness if we can serve and minister God now, it is only because of God's grace and mercy. Do not play the grace of God, and do not be careless in serving and ministering God!

The proof of serving and ministering God in His grace is as follows:

I Corinthians 15:9-10

15:9 For I am the least of the apostles, who am not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.

15:10 But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.

We will **serve and minister God more zealously even we fight for it more than all things in the world** if we really appreciate His grace.

The result is as follows:

I Timothy 4:8

4:8 For bodily exercise profits a little, but godliness is profitable for all things, having promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come.

The service is not about someday in Heaven but about this present time.

There is **double life guarantee for sure, namely for our present life and eternal life.**

3. **Committing the works of darkness**, namely the peak of sin in these last days, drawing near Jesus' second coming.

Romans 13:12-14

13:12 The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light.

13:13 Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy.

13:14 But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.

The world in these last days will return to the days of Noah and Lot, like in Sodom and Gomorrah, that is to say in the peak of sin as follows:

- The sins concerning eating drinkings such as smoking, being drunk, and consuming narcotics.
- The sins of marrying and giving in marriages such as free sex without any righteous and legal matrimonial ceremony, sexual affairs, mix-marriage, getting married after being divorced, marrying and giving in marriage, homosexuality, and lesbianism.
- The sin of envy and strife.
All of envy and strife must be finished soon!

We have to confess and forgive sin one another if the strife happens because of sin.

We have to return to holy bible with honesty to each other if the strife happens because of teaching. God lets the strife happen when each party keeps their own opinion in order to prove which party is endurable in the true Teaching.

Be alert with the sin of envy because of God's blessings!

A pastor may envy the congregation or vice versa.

For example, the brothers of Joseph envied Joseph because of his dream, referring to the gift of the revelation of God's Word.

The strife and envy are included in the peak of sin.

We have to be careful of this!

The solution God gives us is as follows:

To counter the darkness, we have **to put on the Lord Jesus Christ as the armor of light.**

The Lord = Father God = the light of sun or God's love.

Jesus = the Son of God = the light of moon.

Christ = Holy Spirit God = the light of star.

Where can we get the light of the sun, moon, and star?

We have **to persevere always in the sheepfold or Holy Place**, referring to perseverance in committing three main services to the Lord. We have to be shepherded in the true teaching Word.

1. Golden Candlestick (https://www.gptkk.org/tabernacle_golden+candlestick.html) = **perseverance in committing General Service**= fellowship with **Holy Spirit God**in His anointing = we receive **the light of star**.
2. Table of Showbread (https://www.gptkk.org/tabernacle_table+of+showbread.html) = **perseverance in committing Bible Study Service and Holy Communion**= fellowship with **the Son of God**in the true teaching Word and His sacrifice = we receive **the light of moon**.
3. Golden Altar of Incense (https://www.gptkk.org/tabernacle_the+golden+altar+of+incense.html) = **perseverance in committing Prayer Service**= fellowship with **Father God**in His love = we receive **the light of sun**.

We are shined continually through shepherding system. The more we persevere, the more we have the light in our life. **The world is getting darker but we have to have more light**until we are shown as the perfect Bride of God.

Bring all members of your family to be shepherded.

We have to persevere and have light much more so we will not be defeated by the world which is getting darker.

Our perseverance is indeed tested.

Revelation 12:1

12:1. Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a garland of twelve stars.

The peak of shepherding is when we are shown **as the light of the world**, namely **the perfect spotless Bride**without any darkness.

Facing the world in these last days as Sodom and Gomorrah, there is no choice except entering into the sheepfold. Let it begin in ourselves!

The result will be real as follows:

Psalm 61:4

61:4 I will abide in Your tabernacle forever; I will trust in the shelter of Your wings.

Persevering in the shepherding, **we have the shadow of God's wings**. Nothing to lose!

Why do we have to have the shadow of God's wings? It is because antichrist counters us with the wings of abomination.

The three kinds of the shadow of God's wings are as follows:

1. **Psalm 17:7-8**

17:7 Show Your marvelous lovingkindness by Your right hand, O You who save those who trust in You From those who rise up against them.

17:8 Keep me as the apple of Your eye; Hide me under the shadow of Your wings,

We are hidden in the shadow of God's wingsto face the world which has become like the desert as follows:

- Being difficult to sow and reap because of the dryness.
- There are many beasts.

We are in the shadow of God's wings as follows:

2. We are **preserved and protected from all disasters**, theft, robbing, natural disasters, et cetera.
3. We are **preserved in the middle of difficulties or impossibilities miraculously**by the mercy and

goodness of God.

4. **Deuteronomy 32:11-12**

32:11 As an eagle stirs up its nest, Hovers over its young, Spreading out its wings, taking them up, Carrying them on its wings,

32:12 So the LORD alone led him, And there was no foreign god with him.

We are carried on the wings of a great eagle to face all tests, temptations, and sufferings without any sin, and to pass through the storm and wave in the middle of the sea of the world.

We are as young eagle dwelling on the high mountain. There is a time to have food from the mother but sometime the mother intentionally stirs up the nest to make the young fly. If the young still cannot fly, the mother will carry on the wings until someday the young can really fly by its own wings.

Why does God let the shakings come?

- **To make our faith tested as pure gold**, until someday we can walk on New Jerusalem, whose way is made of gold.

Supposing all things are good, all men can walk, even they who are not in Jesus.

In the time of success we can say "Jesus is great".

How will it be when we are in failure? The Lord permits the test to come to us, meaning we are not truly in failure. Can we still say that Jesus is great and believe in Him or are we doubtful?

The greatest shaking that can destroy and perish our spiritual life is doubt.

- **To make us grow spiritually** (our wings grows bigger).
- **To make us believe and surrender ourselves fully in the Lord** (there is no strange god).

I hope we can be strong until Jesus comes a second time and we can enter into New Jerusalem. Whatever shaking happens now, just choose the Lord!

Shadrach, Meshach, dan Abed-Nego kept on believing in God and choosing Him no matter if they had the help or not.

5. **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 nour wings meanished for a time and times and half a time, from the presence of the serpent.

We receive **two wings of a great eagle**:

- **To flee us far away from antichrist**, we are flown to the wilderness, being far away from the presence of the serpent.
- **To face Jesus' second coming**, we are lifted up to glorious clouds.

Be alert! There are many wings which are weak drawing near the time of Jesus' second coming, especially the youth, referring to the bodily youth and those who have strength.

Weak wings mean one has fallen into sins and problems, doubt, and weariness.

The Lord gives us solution to strengthen our wings, namely through consuming Holy Communion.

The Holy Communion or Christ's sacrifice is as the carcass which are the food of the eagle. It is able to give us new strength.

The proof of receiving the new strength, or our wings become strong again is as follows:

- **Our heart is peaceful and quiet.**
- **Our hand is strong to return to minister the Lord, and be lifted up to worship God.**

Isaiah 40:29-31

40:29 He gives power to the weak, And to those who have no might He increases strength.

40:30 Even the youths shall faint and be weary, And the young men shall utterly fall,

40:31 But those who wait on the LORD Shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint.

God blesses you.