

Bible Study Service in Malang, February 10, 2011 (Thursday Evening)

Matthew 26 is about the golden pot that had the manna.

Hebrews 9:4

9:4 which had the golden censer and the ark of the covenant overlaid on all sides with gold, in which were the golden pot that had the manna, Aaron's rod that budded, and the tablets of the covenant;

The meaning of golden pot that had the manna is as follows:

- Permanent faith or perfect faith.
- Life renewal from carnal men to spiritual men who are perfect and glorious as Jesus is.

How great a man is, s/he is only fragile mortar clay which will be destroyed as follows:

- Being disappointed and hopeless easily, as well as being proud easily.
- Falling into sin easily.
- Perishing forever.

Therefore, the mortar pot has to be filled with manna in order to become golden pot, referring to being as glorious as Jesus is.

Psalm 78:23-25

78:23 Yet He had commanded the clouds above, And opened the doors of heaven,

78:24 Had rained down manna on them to eat, And given them of the bread of heaven.

78:25 Men ate angels' food; He sent them food to the full.

Manna is bread of heaven or angels' food.

Bread = God's Word.

Angel = pastor in the congregation.

Thus, manna is SHEPHERDING WORD.

Mortar pot must be filled with shepherding Word in order not to be destroyed.

Shepherding Word is the true teaching Word God trusts to a pastor, because of His grace only, to preach to the congregation repetitiously and faithfully to become their food growing their spirituality to the full, meaning to become perfect and glorious as Jesus is.

We have to be filled with the Shepherding Word through **persevering in committing three main services**, so our mortar pot is not destroyed but becomes golden pot that is perfect as Jesus is.

There are three functions of manna/shepherding Word as follows:

1. For our daily life preservation.

Exodus 16:16

16:16 "This is the thing which the LORD has commanded: 'Let every man gather it according to each one's need, one omer for each person, according to the number of persons; let every man take for those who are in his tent.' "

Every man of the Israelites gathered one omer of manna for each person every day for five days. One omer equals to 3.6 liter.

The figure 5 refers to our five senses.

In shorts, gathering manna for five days refers to **the sanctification to our five senses or the sanctification to our heart or to our whole life done by Shepherding Word.**

Our daily life need is about the sanctification to our whole life.

The sanctification to our five senses begins with the ear hearing and obeying the Shepherding Word. Do not hear strange voice! If our ears are good, our whole life will be good.

If we want to be sanctified by the Shepherding Word, all our life needs are God's concerning, and He is able to preserve our life abundantly until the last abundance in heaven.

Exodus 16:19-20

16:19 And Moses said, "Let no one leave any of it till morning." 16:20 Notwithstanding they did not heed Moses. But some

of them left part of it until morning, and it bred worms and stank. And Moses was angry with them.

Unfortunately, there was manna which bred worms and stank, meaning as follows:

- Those who force themselves be in the shepherding, gather the Shepherding Word but not be obedient even resist it and there is no life renewal.
For example, Judas was an apostle but he was disobedient to the Word, so the manna bred worms and stank, referring to wickedness and uncleanness in life.
- Strange voice or other doctrines or gossips, in which none may find the truth.
Hearing strange voice which is not in line with the Shepherding Word, one must resist God and reject the true Shepherding Word.

2. For Sabbath day.

Exodus 16:22-23

16:22. *And so it was, on the sixth day, that they gathered twice as much bread, two omers for each one. And all the rulers of the congregation came and told Moses.*

16:23 *Then he said to them, "This is what the LORD has said: 'Tomorrow is a Sabbath rest, a holy Sabbath to the LORD. Bake what you will bake today, and boil what you will boil; and lay up for yourselves all that remains, to be kept until morning.' "*

The first omer is to our daily life preservation or sanctification.

The second omer is for Sabbath day, meaning for our rest and peace.

The sixth day points to the last days.

Meaning we **have to make double efforts to gather double Shepherding Word** in the last days as follows:

- Through our perseverance in committing three main services in shepherding.
- Through true fellowship based on the true teaching Word.
Formerly, Joseph also gathered grain doubly.
These days we have to make serious efforts to gather the shepherding Word doubly.

The function of the double shepherding Word is as follows:

1. To face famine in the last days.
Being hungry means falling and never rising anymore or sinning and being unable to repent because there is no more Word.
2. To give us peace and rest in the middle of the sea of the shaking world.
3. To increase sanctification in our life until we become blameless, perfect, and glorious as Jesus is, so we are worthy to enter into the kingdom of peace a thousand year, the upcoming paradise.

3. For being kept in a pot.

Exodus 16:32-34

16:32. *Then Moses said, "This is the thing which the LORD has commanded: 'Fill an omer with it, to be kept for your generations, that they may see the bread with which I fed you in the wilderness, when I brought you out of the land of Egypt.' "*

16:33 *And Moses said to Aaron, "Take a pot and put an omer of manna in it, and lay it up before the LORD, to be kept for your generations."*

16:34 *As the LORD commanded Moses, so Aaron laid it up before the Testimony, to be kept.*

Meaning as follows:

- Testimony that we live by the shepherding Word, or by faith.

Exodus 16:36

16:36 *Now an omer is one-tenth of an ephah.*

One omer also equals to one-tenth of an ephah.

Tithe is not about money but the spiritual food.

We live by the shepherding Word or by the tithe we return to God.

- The shepherding Word has been blood and flesh in our life, so we experience the power.

Exodus 16:31

16:31 *And the house of Israel called its name Manna. And it was like white coriander seed, and the taste of it was like wafers made with honey.*

1. Sanctification power (white color).

The power of shepherding Word is able to sanctify us from all sins, until we put on bright fine line, and we are perfect as God.

2. Eternal power (round coriander seed).

1 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.

3. Death and resurrection power or the power of life renewal (sweet honey cake).

Revelation 10:10

10:10 Then I took the little book out of the angel's hand and ate it, and it was as sweet as honey in my mouth. But when I had eaten it, my stomach became bitter.

Bitterness = death; sweetness = resurrection.

For example, Joseph, referring to Church in the last days, was handsome in form and appearance.

Genesis 39:6

39:6 Thus he left all that he had in Joseph's hand, and he did not know what he had except for the bread which he ate. Now Joseph was handsome in form and appearance.

Being handsome in form means as follows:

- Good deeds,
- Deeds not giving disadvantage to other people.
- Loving to make reconciliation.
- Repaying good to evil.

1 Peter 3:3-4

3:3 Do not let your adornment be merely outward--arranging the hair, wearing gold, or putting on fine apparel--

3:4 rather let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in the sight of God.

Being in appearance refers to meekness and silence, as well as obedience.

Song of Solomon 7:9

7:9 And the roof of your mouth like the best wine. THE SHULAMITE The wine goes down smoothly for my beloved, Moving gently the lips of sleepers.

Sweet saying is as follows:

- Honest saying, honesty about teaching, honesty in confessing sins and in all matters.
- Testimony.
- Worship to God, crying Jesus' name with belief.

Matthew 8:23-26

8:23. Now when He got into a boat, His disciples followed Him.

8:24 And suddenly a great tempest arose on the sea, so that the boat was covered with the waves. But He was asleep.

8:25 Then His disciples came to Him and awoke Him, saying, "Lord, save us! We are perishing!"

8:26 But He said to them, "Why are you fearful, O you of little faith?" Then He arose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm.

The sweet saying flows to other people, as well as awakes Jesus who is sleeping.

What we need when our life boat is being hit by the wave is the sweet saying.

The wind and wave want to make our life boat sink, to make our faith fall even we are destroyed and perished. The wind refers to false teachings, and the wave refers to temptations in all aspects of life and sins up to the peak. They cannot be settled by intelligence, riches, at cetera.

Jesus is sleeping when the wind and wave hit because our saying has not become sweet yet but bitter. We often resist the Word and murmur so much.

Let us correct our saying to become the sweet one when the wind and wave hit us, so we can awake Jesus to make them still.

Matthew 14:30-31

14:30 But when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!"

14:31 And immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?"

The Lord is able to help us from all physical and spiritual sinking, as long as we have sweet saying. Jonah was in the deepest part of the sea but He was able to lift him up. Likewise, we can be on glorious clouds at the time of Jesus' second coming.

God blesses you.