

Bible Study Service in Malang, January 24, 2013 (Thursday Evening)

Peace and grace in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Matthew 28:11-15 is about the lie of the council or the spread of the darkness.

Thus, there is infiltration of the spread of the darkness while the whole Matthew is speaking about the shekinah glory. We must be careful that we will not enter into the spread of the darkness.

The spread of the darkness is same as the spread of the false news or teaching that rejects the resurrection of Jesus. It is encouraged by the spirit of selling-buying or mammon and lying spirit. The fact found in it is as follows.

1. **The heart is bound by the will or love of money.**

1 Timothy 6:10

6:10 For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

The consequence of having the love of money is as follows.

- Serving and ministering to God only to seek physical things, so one loses the great gain, namely the two wings of a great eagle. Consequently, he enters the persecution done by antichrist.
- Stinginess and greediness.
Stinginess means one cannot give.
Greediness means one seizes the right of other people, especially the right of God, namely tithes and offerings.
Consequently, he cannot enter the building of the body of Christ. Meaning he enters the building of Babylon to perish forever.

2. **Keeping a mina in the handkerchief.**

Luke 19:13,20,27

19:13 "So he called ten of his servants, delivered to them ten minas, and said to them, "Do business till I come."

19:20 "Then another came, saying, "Master, here is your mina, which I have kept put away in a handkerchief."

19:27 "But bring here those enemies of mine, who did not want me to reign over them, and slay them before me."

Meaning one is busy with physical things such as selling or buying physical things until there is no chance to work the mina. It means unfaithfulness in the service and ministry, even being the enemy of God He will destroy.

3. **Being stamped with 666 on the hand and forehead.**

Revelation 13:16-18

13:16 He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads,

13:17 and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

13:18 Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man: His number is 666.

Meaning as follows.

- There is no life renewal but one keeps on being flesh and blood human.
The first six means the body is in the flesh.
The second six means the soul is in the flesh.
The third six means the spirit is in the flesh.
Such life becomes as a beast. For example, a child may resist the parents or a member of congregation resists the pastor because of following the lust although it is contradictory to the Word.
- Worshiping antichrist or idol.
Consequently, he perishes forever.

Matthew 21:12-13

21:12 Then Jesus went into the temple of God and drove out all those who bought and sold in the temple, and overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves.

21:13 And He said to them, "It is written, *My house shall be called a house of prayer,* but you have made it a *den of thieves.*"

It is written in the New Testament that the spirit of selling and buying enters the temple in the age of the Son of God. Consequently, the temple becomes **marketplace and the den of thieves**.

The signs of the marketplace are as follows.

1. Cheap price, meaning all men may minister to God although there is no holiness and true consecration.
2. Freedom in friendship or clothing which has no control.
3. Noisiness or amenities without the Word of God.

If there is sign of marketplace, there will be the den of thieves, namely there is no life renewal but one keeps on being flesh human who sins up to the peak.

Such worship is to mammon or idolatry.

Jeremiah 7:9-11,15

7:9 "Will you steal, murder, commit adultery, swear falsely, burn incense to Baal, and walk after other gods whom you do not know,

7:10 "and then come and stand before Me in this house which is called by My name, and say, *We are delivered to do all these abominations?*"

7:11 "Has this house, which is called by My name, become a den of thieves in your eyes? Behold, I, even I, have seen it," says the LORD.

7:15 "And I will cast you out of My sight, as I have cast out all your brethren" *the whole posterity of Ephraim.*

The idolatry has happened in the Old Testament. One may say that he worships God but actually he is making the house of the Lord as the den of thieves. His life does not change. Consequently, he is driven out before God. Formerly, Adam and Eve were driven out of garden Eden to go to the world. If the men in the world keep on being the den of the thieves, they will be driven out to enter the hell.

Ezekiel 14:6-8;12-14

14:6 "Therefore say to the house of Israel, *Thus says the Lord GOD: "Repent, turn away from your idols, and turn your faces away from all your abominations.*

14:7 "For anyone of the house of Israel, or of the strangers who dwell in Israel, who separates himself from Me and sets up his idols in his heart and puts before him what causes him to stumble into iniquity, then comes to a prophet to inquire of him concerning Me, I the LORD will answer him by Myself.

14:8 "I will set My face against that man and make him a sign and a proverb, and I will cut him off from the midst of My people. Then you shall know that I am the LORD.

14:12 The word of the LORD came again to me, saying:

14:13 "Son of man, when a land sins against Me by persistent unfaithfulness, I will stretch out My hand against it; I will cut off its supply of bread, send famine on it, and cut off man and beast from it.

14:14 "Even if these three men, Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in it, they would deliver only themselves by their righteousness," says the Lord GOD.

Only life as Noah, Daniel, and Job can be saved in the midst of the den of the thieves.

2 Timothy 3:1-5

3:1 But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come:

3:2 For men will be (1)lovers of themselves, (2)lovers of money, (3)boasters, (4)proud, (5)blasphemers, (6)disobedient to parents, (7)unthankful, (8)unholy,

3:3 (9)unloving, (10)unforgiving, (11)slanderers, (12)without self-control, (13)brutal, (14)despisers of good,

3:4 (15)traitors, (16)headstrong, (17)haughty, (18)lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God,

3:5 having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!

There are many servants of God who serve and minister to God but deny its power, namely the true teaching Word.

The meaning is as follows.

1. Not prioritizing the true teaching Word in the service to God but the physical things.
2. Sacrificing the true teaching Word only to get the physical things.

Consequently, one does not experience the renewal done by the true teaching Word, so he keeps on being flesh and blood human with eighteen characteristics of the flesh and being stamped with 666. It means the worship to antichrist.

We must avoid such person.

The right attitude in the service and ministry is prioritizing the true teaching Word. Meaning we hear and obey the true teaching Word, so we can worship God. The true worship is encouraged by the true teaching Word. As a result, we experience the life renewal from carnal man to spiritual one as Jesus is. We are not stamped with 666 by antichrist, so we will not perish.

We must be renewed until we appear as Noah, Daniel, and Job.

1. **Noah.**

Genesis 6:5-8

6:5 Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

6:6 And the LORD was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart.

6:7 So the LORD said, "I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth, both man and beast, creeping thing and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them."

6:8 But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.

The heart of human tends to be wicked and unclean, so there are deeds making God grieved. Such deeds must make parents and pastor grieved also.

The heart that tends to be wicked and unclean will not be obedient, so there are sinful deeds up to the peak.

Noah has a good conscience, namely **obedience and righteousness**, so he lives in the hand of God's grace. Without the obedience and righteousness, one is in the judgment of God.

We can have the good conscience through being baptized of water.

1 Peter 3:20-21

3:20 who formerly were disobedient, when once the Divine longsuffering waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight souls, were saved through water.

3:21 There is also an antitype which now saves us through baptism (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,

We can have the renewal of our heart from bad heart to good conscience, so we live in the hand of God's grace. As a result, the hand of God's grace gives us the salvation of bride, meaning as follows.

- a. We are not defiled by the sins of Babylon.
- b. We are not condemned by God.

2. **Daniel.**

Daniel 6:10

6:10 Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went home. And in his upper room, with his windows open toward Jerusalem, he knelt down on his knees three times that day, and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as was his custom since early days.

Daniel is **strong and of good courage to keep on worshiping God although he must face the lions.**

We have the renewal from weak doubtful heart which is afraid of something to strong heart and good courage.

Being strong and of good courage means we keep on living in righteousness and holding fast the true teaching Word as well as the true service, ministry, and worship to God although we have to face the lions.

As a result, we can live in the hand of God's grace that is able to shut the lions' mouths.
Meaning as follows.

- a. To protect and to preserve us in the midst of difficulties and impossibilities in the world up to the days when antichrist reigns over the world.
- b. To help us and finish our problem in His time.

3. **Job.**

Job 32:1-2

32:1 So these three men ceased answering Job, because he was righteous in his own eyes.

32:2 Then the wrath of Elihu, the son of Barachel the Buzite, of the family of Ram, was aroused against Job; his wrath was aroused because he justified himself rather than God.

Job has hard heart with His self-truth. He covers his sin by blaming other people even God. God lets him completely experience test until he can be renewed from hard heart to the meek one.

Job 42:5-6

42:5 "I have heard of You by the hearing of the ear, But now my eye sees You.

42:6 Therefore I abhor myself, And repent in dust and ashes."

Job has **meek heart** until he confesses that he is only clay full of weaknesses, sins, and faults. He insists nothing and he confesses that he can do nothing because he is not precious.

The fact found in having the meek heart is abhorring himself to withdraw false saying.

We are renewed through the true teaching and Holy Communion as well as the sprinkling of blood or suffering without any sin.

The clay is in the hand of the Potter, meaning the merciful hand of God.

The result is as follows.

- a. Double healing, namely our physical life and spiritual one are healed.
- b. All things become good even very good or perfect as Jesus is. We are lifted up on glorious clouds to be with Jesus forever when He comes a second time.

God blesses you.