

Bible Study Service in Malang, July 22, 2010 (Thursday Evening)

Matthew 25:8-13

25:8 *"And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.'*

25:9 *"But the wise answered, saying, 'No, lest there should not be enough for us and you; but go rather to those who sell, and buy for yourselves.'*

25:10 *"And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding; and the door was shut.*

25:11 *"Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, Lord, open to us!'*

25:12 *"But he answered and said, 'Assuredly, I say to you, I do not know you.'*

25:13 *"Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming.*

Separation will happen forever between the wise virgins and the foolish ones at the time of Jesus' second coming.

The foolish virgins are the description of the negligent Church of God. They do not watch so the Lord does not know them and they also do not know Him.

Consequently, the door is shut for them, meaning being left at the time of Jesus' second coming.

The wise virgins are the description of the watchful Church of God so they know the Lord and He knows them.

As a result, the door is open and they can enter into the marriage supper of the Lamb to be with Him forever.

How can we be known by God and know Him?

1 John 2:3

2:3. *Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments.*

It can happen if we keep His commandments, we obey the true teaching Word.

Matthew 7:21-23

7:21. *"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven.*

7:22 *"Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?'*

7:23 *"And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'*

Tonight He wants to say frankly through the revelation of the Word that **how great our ministry is, it is not the prerequisite of entering heavenly kingdom. The prerequisite to enter into heavenly kingdom is the obedience to the true teaching Word.**

All aspects of our life must be in line with the OBEDIENCE!

How great the ministry is, God will not know and he will not know Him if there is not an obedience. Moreover, God will know him as an evildoer.

Romans 8:15

8:15 *For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father."*

Being obedient = crying "Abba, Father" without any fear.

Jesus cries "Abba, Father", being obedient to the point of death on the cross.

Now, we must be **obedient until the flesh does not sound anymore.**

Only those who receive Holy Spirit may cry "Abba, Father", to be obedient. Carnal men will never be obedient.

Obedient people will receive the anointing oil of Holy Spirit, the fullness and the overflowing of Holy Spirit to become the oil for supply.

In short, **the wise virgins are the watchful and obedient Church of God whom He knows and who knows Him. They have the oil for supply so their lamps burn continually.**

The practice of having the burning lamp is real through **living in the light of righteousness and holiness up to the light of the world**, that is to say the garment of Bride who is ready to welcome Jesus' second coming.

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.

Revelation 19:8-9

19:8 And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.

19:9 Then he said to me, "Write: 'Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!'" And he said to me, "These are the true sayings of God."

The foolish virgins are the negligent and disobedient Church of God whom the Lord does not know and they do not know Him also. They do not have the oil for supply so their lamps are quenched.

The practice of having quenched lamp is real through **living in sins, keeping them**. We must confess our sins and leave them. Keeping sins, one will commit the peak of sin, i.e. the sins concerning eating-drinking and sexuality.

Living in the darkness equals to being naked.

Ministering while being naked, God will not dwell and the congregation will run away.

Genesis 2:25

2:25 And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

God created Adam and Eve with the garment of glory or the spiritual garment so they were not ashamed although being naked.

Genesis 3:6-7,23

3:6. So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.

3:7 Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings.

3:23 therefore the LORD God sent him out of the garden of Eden to till the ground from which he was taken.

Afterward, they were disobedient and naked and sent out of the Garden of Eden to come into the world.

There will not be the atmosphere of Eden but sorrow and suffering as long as the nakedness has not been covered yet. Now, being the foolish virgin in the world, one will be sent out to go to the hell or perished forever.

Nevertheless God is not willing that the Church whom He has redeemed must be naked and go to the hell, so Jesus is willing to be naked on the cross to give His Church spiritual garment.

John 19:23-24

19:23 Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took His garments and made four parts, to each soldier a part, and also the tunic. Now the tunic was without seam, woven from the top in one piece.

19:24 They said therefore among themselves, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be," that the Scripture might be fulfilled which says: "They divided My garments among them, And for My clothing they cast lots." Therefore the soldiers did these things.

There are three kinds of garment He gives as follows:

1. The garment of salvation or righteousness.

This garment was divided into four parts, referring to the four corners of the earth. Meaning all people in the world have same chance to get the garment of salvation so the nakedness is covered.

Titus 2:11

2:11. For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men,

The process of receiving the garment of salvation is below:

- a. Believing in Jesus, having faith in Him.
- b. Repenting = stopping sinning to return to God.

1 Peter 2:1

2:1. Therefore, laying aside all malice, all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and all evil speaking,

The sign of repenting is laying aside five main sins as follows:

- Malice/evil.
The root of evil is the love of money making Christians stingy and greedy.
Greediness is seizing the rights of other people, in form of debts, et cetera, and the rights of God, in form of tithes and special offerings.
- Deceit.
- Hypocrisy.
- Envy.
- Evil speaking.

c. Being renewed by water and spirit, being baptized of water and of Holy Spirit.

1 Peter 2:2

2:2 as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby.

As a result, we get a new life as spiritual baby who lives in righteousness. The baby is naked but not ashamed.

Living in righteousness, we need not be ashamed.

Spiritual baby is righteous, not only in saying and doing but also in feelings that only desiring the pure spiritual milk of the Word.

The pure Word means the righteous teaching Word whose verse explains another verse and is not mixed with other doctrines.

The spiritual Word means being anointed by Holy Spirit.

In short, the righteous feelings means being shepherded to the one true teaching Word in anointing of Holy Spirit.

Being shepherded to the true and spiritual teaching Word, we will **be firm in the salvation, we do not fall into sin and false teachings.**

As a result, there is bread which is broken, meaning the preservation from God physically and spiritually that we have satisfaction and quietness.

2. The garment of ministry.

Ephesians 4:11-12

4:11 And He Himself gave some to be (1) apostles, (2) some prophets, (3) some evangelists, and (4) some pastors and (5) teachers,

4:12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,

1 Corinthians 12:27-30

12:27. Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually.

12:28 And God has appointed these in the church: (1) first apostles, (2) second prophets, (3) third teachers, after that (4) miracles, then (5) gifts of healings, (6) helps, (7) administrations, (8) varieties of tongues.

12:29 Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Are all workers of miracles?

12:30 Do all have gifts of healings? Do all speak with tongues? (9) Do all interpret?

2 Timothy 1:6

1:6. Therefore I remind you to stir up the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands.

In Ephesians there are five main ministries. There are nine main ministries in 1 Corinthians and there are many gifts in 2 Timothy through the laying on of the hands of pastor.

The ministries are given by Jesus Himself.

Not ministering in the forming of Christ's body, one will be employed in forming the body of Babel.

We must **watch** in the ministry as well as **being faithful and fervent in spirit and obedient to the Word.**

1 Peter 2:8

2:8 and "A stone of stumbling And a rock of offense." They stumble, being disobedient to the word, to which they also were appointed.

Being disobedient to the Word, one will stumble in committing service and ministry because the Word is the command in committing service and ministry to the Lord.

The result of being faithful and fervent in spirit in committing service and ministry is being living stone/beautiful stone, meaning God beautifies our lives.

3. The garment of Bride or the garment of glory.

Revelation 19:13,16

19:13 He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God.

19:16 And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

2 Corinthians 4:3-4

4:3 But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing,

4:4 whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.

Bride Tidings is the light of the glory of Christ, i.e. the Word preaching about Jesus' second coming as Heavenly Bridegroom to sanctify and to perfect us.

Receiving Bride Tidings means we get the garment of glory and it is only because of the grace of God.

Mark 5:25-28

5:25 Now a certain woman had a flow of blood for twelve years,

5:26 and had suffered many things from many physicians. She had spent all that she had and was no better, but rather grew worse.

5:27 When she heard about Jesus, she came behind Him in the crowd and touched His garment.

5:28 For she said, "If only I may touch His clothes, I shall be made well."

The Church of God is naked as the woman who had a flow of blood for twelve years.

The spiritual meaning is being in uncleanness and rottenness. Whatever rottenness we have now, do not cover it with fig leaves but let us receive the garment of Bride.

The flow of blood for twelve years means there is a division, tears, fear and anxiety, weakness and unsolvable problems.

Maybe many ways we have tried but only one thing God waits from us, i.e. we touch His garment, meaning receiving Bride Tidings.

Touching under means humbling ourselves to believe and hold fast to the true teaching Word, to obey it whatever risk may come.

This condition equals to lifting up our hands to God and He will stretch His hands to us as follows:

- a. Spiritual miracle that we can be sanctified and renewed.

Mark 5:33

5:33 But the woman, fearing and trembling, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell down before Him and told Him the whole truth.

The renewal of life is to have fear and trembling to the Lord through these practices:

- Serving and ministering God in sincerity and in truth to give our greatest honor to God.

Joshua 24:14

24:14 " Now therefore, fear the LORD, serve Him in sincerity and in truth, and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the River and in Egypt. Serve the LORD!

- Hating evil or sins.

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.

Hating sin begins with confessing sins and not repeating them after being forgiven.

- b. Physical miracle that the impossible things may become possible.

It continues until Jesus comes a second time and we are changed to be as glorious as Jesus is and welcome Him on glorious clouds. The door is open for us.

God blesses you.