

Bible Study Service in Malang, June 03, 2010 (Thursday Evening)

Matthew 25:1,13

25:1 "Then the kingdom of heaven shall be likened to ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom.

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

Church of God (the virgins) must be watchful always to be ready in welcoming Jesus' second coming in glory as King of kings, as Heavenly Bridegroom.

What must be kept is **OUR LAMP THAT BURNS CONTINUALLY**.

Two requirements to keep our lamp to burn continually are below:

1. [Matthew 25:5-7] Receiving Bride Tidings = the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ.
2. Having oil for supply in vessel.

Matthew 25:2-4

25:2 "Now five of them were wise, and five were foolish.

25:3 "Those who were foolish took their lamps and took no oil with them,

25:4 "but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps.

ad. 2. Having oil for supply.

Having oil for supply = not only being anointed and filled with Holy Spirit to the fullness but continuing with overflowing in Holy Spirit.

The Church is as ten virgins who can be divided into two groups as follows:

1. Wise virgins who have the oil for supply.
2. Foolish virgins who have no oil for supply.

THE FIVE FOOLISH VIRGINS

The foolish virgins do not have the oil for supply so the lamps are almost quenched and cannot welcome Jesus' second coming, being left when Jesus comes a second time.

The practice or the meaning of being foolish virgin is same with building a house on the sand.

Matthew 7:26-27

7:26 "But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand:

7:27 "and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall."

It refers to the servants of God (building a house = ministering in building Christ's body) whose quality is like the sand.

There are three kinds of Abraham's descendants as follows:

1. As the dust of the earth.

Genesis 13:16

13:16 "And I will make your descendants as the dust of the earth; so that if a man could number the dust of the earth, then your descendants also could be numbered.

2. As the sand which is on the seashore.

Genesis 22:15-17

22:15 Then the Angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time out of heaven,

22:16 and said: "By Myself I have sworn, says the LORD, because you have done this thing, and have not withheld your son, your only son --

22:17 "blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heaven and as the sand which is on the seashore; and your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies.

3. As the stars of the heaven.

Being the servants of God, there is still a separation of quality!

1. The quality as the dust means the servants of God who are only satisfied by physical matters or ministering God only for seeking physical matters or living in the will or the lust or the work of flesh.

Consequently, the dust becomes the food of serpent or the target of Satan and perishes forever.

Genesis 3:14

3:14. So the LORD God said to the serpent: "Because you have done this, You are cursed more than all cattle, And more than every beast of the field; On your belly you shall go, And you shall eat dust All the days of your life."

2. The quality as the sand = foolish virgin building a house on the sand.

Habakkuk 1:9

1:9 "They all come for violence; Their faces are set like the east wind. They gather captives like sand."

Thus, the Church whose quality is of the sand is the servants of God who are still captivated.

Actually we are the captives of sins/death but Jesus has already died and descended to the lowest part to set us free from the death and to lift us up as the priests and kings to minister God. Unfortunately, there are many who have been set free become the captives again.

The daily practices of the captivated/bound servants of God are below:

- a. Being captivated/bound by the worldly things, busy in the activities of the world until **being unfaithful and not fervent in spirit** in ministering for building Christ's body.

Haggai 1:1-2, 4

1:1. In the second year of King Darius, in the sixth month, on the first day of the month, the word of the LORD came by Haggai the prophet to Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, saying,

1:2 "Thus speaks the LORD of hosts, saying: 'This people says, "The time has not come, the time that the LORD'S house should be built."

1:4 "Is it time for you yourselves to dwell in your paneled houses, and this temple to lie in ruins?"

The consequences of being captivated/bound by the worldly matters are below:

- Spiritual drought/decrease, there is no satisfaction in life so one seeks the satisfaction of the world until falling in sins up to the peak, i.e. sins concerning eating-drinking and sexuality.

Haggai 1:11

1:11 "For I called for a drought on the land and the mountains, on the grain and the new wine and the oil, on whatever the ground brings forth, on men and livestock, and on all the labor of your hands."

Not being fervent in spirit in spiritual matters, one must be burnt in the lust. The direction is obvious, i.e. abnormal sins.

Romans 1:27

1:27 Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due.

- Physical leak, as if saving in a bag with holes.

Haggai 1:4-6

1:4 "Is it time for you yourselves to dwell in your paneled houses, and this temple to lie in ruins?"

1:5 Now therefore, thus says the LORD of hosts: "Consider your ways!"

1:6 "You have sown much, and bring in little; You eat, but do not have enough; You drink, but you are not filled with drink; You clothe yourselves, but no one is warm; And he who earns wages, Earns wages to put into a bag with holes

- b. Being captivated/bound by human being (looking this way and that way), meaning being active in ministering God but only **looking human being**.

Exodus 2:11-12

2:11 Now it came to pass in those days, when Moses was grown, that he went out to his brethren and looked at their burdens. And he saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, one of his brethren.

2:12 So he looked this way and that way, and when he saw no one, he killed the Egyptian and hid him in the sand.

Consequently, he hid the dead body in the sand whose meaning is below:

- Full of hypocrisy, there is a difference between the outside and inside heart.

- Full of rottenness = hatred up to the hatred without any cause.
Do not slander other people!

c. Falling and great is the fall. Meaning ministering but **disobeying** the true teaching Word.

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God does not seek the clever/rich/one who sacrifices much money but the obedient.

Disobedience happens because of being captivated/bound by the flesh with all its lusts and feelings. Consequently, one cannot be enduring.

Not being tested/endurable means below:

- Being doubtful in facing temptations,
- Being doubtful in facing other doctrines.

Being doubtful, one becomes unsteady until he departs from faith as a house whose fall is so great.

Departing from faith means below:

- Not believing in Jesus anymore,
- Turning from the true teaching to the false ones,
- Sinning deliberately, living in sins, include approving of those who practice them.

Romans 1:22,28,32

1:22 *Professing to be wise, they became fools,*

1:28 *And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting;*

1:32 *who, knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are deserving of death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them.*

The consequence of departing from the faith is fall which cannot be built anymore, meaning being left when Jesus comes a second time and none may help.

Matthew 25:10-12

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.'"*

"Great was its fall" = the Lord said 'Assuredly, I say to you, I do not know you.' Likewise is foolish virgin who will be left when Jesus comes a second time.

Being unable to enter into the marriage supper of the Lamb means perdition forever.

3. The quality of stars.

1 Corinthians 1:18

1:18 *For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.*

Jesus died on the cross although He had no sin = Jesus became foolish so that we become wise. It is the help of God.

Being wise = the stars of heaven.

Daniel 12:3

12:3 *Those who are wise shall shine Like the brightness of the firmament, And those who turn many to righteousness Like the stars forever and ever.*

Let us now become the shining stars forever, whose meanings are below:

- a. Being faithful and fervent in spirit.
- b. Bearing witness for other people, about the Gospel to those who have not believed in Jesus so they can be saved, and about the teaching Word to those who have already believed in Jesus so they can enter into Christ's body and perfected.
- c. Being blessings for other people, not being burden.
- d. Being patient in worship prayer.

Daniel 6:11

6:11 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.

Being patient in worshipping the Lord, we will be able to endure all matters. Daniel could endure the threat because he was patient in worshipping God.

The shining stars are in the right hand of God.

Revelation 1:16

1:16 He had in His right hand seven stars, out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword, and His countenance was like the sun shining in its strength.

The results will be real as follows:

- a. The right hand of God revives our life = we become strong and of good courage, not disappointed, not hopeless, but keep on believing and hoping in God.

Psalm 138:7-8

138:7 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, You will revive me; You will stretch out Your hand Against the wrath of my enemies, And Your right hand will save me.

138:8 The LORD will perfect that which concerns me; Your mercy, O LORD, endures forever; Do not forsake the works of Your hands.

Perfecting that which concerns us means we hold fast the true teaching whatever risk may come and do not sin but live in righteousness although destruction will come.

- b. The right hand of God saves us (shutting the mouth of lion) [Psalm 138:7].
Daniel worshiped God in his upper room, with his windows open toward Jerusalem. Let us open our mouth and heart in our worship to God and His hands shut the mouth of lion, to preserve and protect us miraculously.
- c. The good and merciful right hand of God will end all our problems miraculously (lifting us up from the den of lions) [Psalm 138:8].
The right hand of God lifts us up physically from failures in the world, as well as all our spiritual and physical falls. The Lord gives us beautiful future life in the world until we are lifted up on the glorious clouds when Jesus comes a second time.

God blesses you.