

Bible Study Service in Malang, June 28, 2012 (Thursday Evening)

The whole Matthew 27 refers to **seven sprinklings of blood upon the Ark of Covenant**.

Now it means the suffering Jesus has experienced until He dies on the cross to save, sanctify, and perfect us.

The first sprinkling of blood [Matthew 27:1-10] is Judas betrays Jesus.

The second sprinkling of blood is Jesus faces Pilate with false accusation, questions [Matthew 27:11-14], and injustice [Matthew 27:15-26].

Matthew 27:23-26

27:23 Then the governor said, "Why, what evil has He done?" But they cried out all the more, saying, "Let Him be crucified!"

27:24 When Pilate saw that he could not prevail at all, but rather that a tumult was rising, he took water and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, "I am innocent of the blood of this just Person. You see to it."

27:25 And all the people answered and said, "His blood be on us and on our children."

27:26 Then he released Barabbas to them; and when he had scourged Jesus, he delivered Him to be crucified.

Pilate admits that Jesus is true but he releases Barabbas, the false person, because of being afraid that great chaos will happen and the will to satisfy many people.

The passage above is a prophecy that will happen in the last days for sure. There will be many servants or sons of God who serve like Pilate, namely serving God without being on His side but the side of something in the world such as family, riches, good position in the office, et cetera.

Galatians 1:6-10

1:6 I marvel that you are turning away so soon from Him who called you in the grace of Christ, to a different gospel,

1:7 which is not another; but there are some who trouble you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ.

1:8 But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed.

1:9 As we have said before, so now I say again, if anyone preaches any other gospel to you than what you have received, let him be accursed.

1:10 For do I now persuade men, or God? Or do I seek to please men? For if I still pleased men, I would not be a bondservant of Christ.

The facts found in ministering to God without being on His side are as follows.

1. Being the slave of men or serving God only to satisfy men.

The meaning is as follows.

- Ministering to God but being disobedient and there is no accordance to the true teaching, even he resists the true teaching in order to please men.
- Ministering to God with false teaching in order to deceive and make other people perish.
For example, the false teaching lets people get marry after divorcing. Actually, it is an adultery and perdition.

Mark 10:10-12

10:10 In the house His disciples also asked Him again about the same matter.

10:11 So He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her.

10:12 "And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

The other example is the teaching that rejects the cross or teaches Jesus without the cross.

2 Timothy 2:17-18

2:17 And their message will spread like cancer. Hymenaeus and Philetus are of this sort,

2:18 who have strayed concerning the truth, saying that the resurrection is already past; and they overthrow the faith of some.

2. Being the slave of money, namely ministering to God only to seek money or physical things.

Luke 16:14

16:14 Now the Pharisees, who were lovers of money, also heard all these things, and they derided Him.

Consequently, one loses the power of God.

1 Corinthians 15:19

15:19 If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most pitiable.

Such person is of all men the most pitiable, even of the people who do not believe in Jesus.

3. Being the slave of sin.

John 8:34

8:34 Jesus answered them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin.

One who ministers to God while he is sinning is not the servant of God but the slave of sin.

All people have sinned but we have to repent after realizing the sin. Do not enjoy in sin.

Thus, ministering to God without being on His side but the side of human, money, or sin, is an idolatry and perdition.

Formerly, there was the idolatry when the house of Israel went out of Egypt. Someday the Church of God will also get out of the world and there will be many idolatries.

Exodus 32:25-27

32:25 Now when Moses saw that the people were unrestrained (for Aaron had not restrained them, to their shame among their enemies),

32:26 then Moses stood in the entrance of the camp, and said, "Whoever is on the LORD's side -- come to me." And all the sons of Levi gathered themselves together to him.

32:27 And he said to them, "Thus says the LORD God of Israel: 'Let every man put his sword on his side, and go in and out from entrance to entrance throughout the camp, and let every man kill his brother, every man his companion, and every man his neighbor.'"

The servant of God is one who ministers to God with **being on His side.**

Being on God's side means putting sword on our side as follows.

- Holding fast to the true teaching Word which is sharper than any two-edged sword.
- Being obedient to the true teaching Word.

We have to hold fast and obey the true teaching Word whatever risk we have to face.

Solomon uses sword to solve the problem of two mothers who fight for a child. It seems so sadistic but actually he is on the Lord's side.

Exodus 32:3-4,6,25

32:3 "So all the people broke off the golden earrings which were in their ears, and brought them to Aaron.

32:4 And he received the gold from their hand, and he fashioned it with an engraving tool, and made a molded calf. Then they said, "This is your god, O Israel, that brought you out of the land of Egypt!"

32:6 Then they rose early on the next day, offered burnt offerings, and brought peace offerings; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play.

32:25 Now when Moses saw that the people were unrestrained (for Aaron had not restrained them, to their shame among their enemies),

Using the true teaching Word seems to be sadistic as the sons of Levi who are commanded to kill their brothers and neighbors.

The other tribes which are the biggest part have no sword. Moreover, they take off the golden earrings, referring to disobedience. Consequently, they are wild as a horse which is not restrained, meaning life in the lust of flesh, idolatry, and the peak of sin or the sins concerning eating-drinking and marrying-being given in marriage but they say that they worship God. Such is the description of one who is made blind by other teaching.

Exodus 32:28

32:28 So the sons of Levi did according to the word of Moses. And about three thousand men of the people fell that day.

These things will happen at the time we put the sword on our side.

1. Separation between one who puts sword on his side on the other who does not. It must happen whatever efforts are done to hinder. On the contrary, one will unite with other person although there is long distance among them as long as both of them put the sword on their side.

2. Sanctification until we get the figure 3000.

The figure 3000 refers to the volume of the Holy Place (20x10x10) added with the Most Holy Place (10x10x10).

Acts 2:41-42

2:41 Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them.

2:42 And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.

The figure 2000 means we persevere in doing three main services to the Lord in shepherding of the Holy Place as follows.

- Golden Candlestick (in the days of Moses) -->perseverance in doing fellowship (in the earlier rain Church) ->perseverance in doing General Service (in the latter rain Church).
- Table of Showbread -->perseverance in apostles' doctrine and the breaking of bread -->perseverance in doing Bible Study Service with Holy Communion.
- Golden Altar of Incense -->perseverance in prayers -->perseverance in doing Prayer Service.

We are covered by God as the Holy Place is covered by four layers of covering. It means we are in the embrace of God.

The figure 1000 means we reach perfection of the Most Holy Place until we do not lack anything.

But be careful because there is another figure 3000, namely the one in the temple of Dagon.

Judges 16:25-27,29

16:25 So it happened, when their hearts were merry, that they said, "Call for Samson, that he may perform for us." So they called for Samson from the prison, and he performed for them. And they stationed him between the pillars.

16:26 Then Samson said to the lad who held him by the hand, "Let me feel the pillars which support the temple, so that I can lean on them."

16:27 Now the temple was full of men and women. All the lords of the Philistines were there -- about three thousand men and women on the roof watching while Samson performed.

16:29 And Samson took hold of the two middle pillars which supported the temple, and he braced himself against them, one on his right and the other on his left.

The figure 3000 has negative meaning, namely service and ministry to God without the true teaching but fables and performance. They have two pillars, namely prosperity and entertainment. There is no sanctification, so there will be idolatry and the fall of the pillars.

On the contrary, we are inside the house of God Solomon builds with two strong pillars as follows.

1 Kings 7:21

7:21 Then he set up the pillars by the vestibule of the temple; he set up the pillar on the right and called its name Jachin, and he set up the pillar on the left and called its name Boaz.

The pillar Jachin means the Lord will make us firm.

The pillar Boaz means there is strength in the Lord.

Combining both of them, we will **be strong and of good courage** when we are putting the sword on our side, whatever risk we have to face. The two pillars will never fall until we reach the figure 3000 or perfection.

Romans 8:31-37

8:31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

8:32 He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?

8:33 Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies.

8:34 Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us.

8:35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

8:36 As it is written: "For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter."

8:37 Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.

When we are on God's side, the Lord is on our side and we feel His love we indeed need as the ark that cannot be separated from the mercy seat because we are as sheep for slaughter. There is only a step between us and the death.

The result is as follows:

1. [Romans 8:32] The merciful hand of God is able to preserve our present life up to the beautiful future and eternal one.
2. [Romans 8:33-34] Great Shepherd pleads and protects us from the judgment of God and all disasters in the world, even antichrist.
3. [Romans 8:35] The merciful hand of God gives us extra strength so we are not separated from Him, disappointed or hopeless in facing all matters. We can keep being faithful and fervent in spirit until the end when Jesus comes a second time.
4. [Romans 8:37] The merciful hand of God makes us more than conquerors, namely we are victorious although we are powerless.
It will continue until the last victory when we sit on the throne of God.

Revelation 3:21

3:21 "To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.

God blesses you.