

Bible Study Service in Malang, October 07, 2010 (Thursday Evening)

Matthew 25:14-30 is about the parable of talent.

Matthew 25:14-15

We were sinful but right now we can receive the talent to minister God because of His mercy and justice.

Matthew 25:16-30 is about our attitudes toward the ministry, namely being faithful and good. Such servant will receive wage from God up to the wage of eternal life. The negative attitude is real through being wicked and lazy, whose consequence is judgment from God up to eternal perdition.

Matthew 25:16-30 points at **THE ATTITUDE OF THE LORD TO THE TALENTS.**

Matthew 25:19,27

25:19 "After a long time the lord of those servants came and settled accounts with them.

25:27 'So you ought to have deposited my money with the bankers, and at my coming I would have received back my own with interest.

He wants **the growth of the talent.**

At the beginning, He gave $5+2+1 = 8$ talents. It refers to eight people who were saved in Noah's ark or the salvation of bride. Afterward, there was a growth in $5+2 = 7$ talents. The figure 7 refers to the perfection of bride.

In shorts, **the Lord wants the growth of our spirituality from the salvation of bride to the perfection.**

Matthew 25:18,24-30

25:18 "But he who had received one went and dug in the ground, and hid his lord's money.

25:24 "Then he who had received the one talent came and said, 'Lord, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you have not sown, and gathering where you have not scattered seed.

25:25 'And I was afraid, and went and hid your talent in the ground. Look, there you have what is yours.'

25:26 "But his lord answered and said to him, 'You wicked and lazy servant, you knew that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I have not scattered seed.

25:27 'So you ought to have deposited my money with the bankers, and at my coming I would have received back my own with interest.

25:28 'Therefore take the talent from him, and give it to him who has ten talents.

25:29 'For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away.

25:30 'And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

The servant receiving one talent hid it in the ground so there was no growth. He was called as wicked and lazy servant, and got these consequences:

1. **[Matthew 25:28]** The talents were taken and given to other people.
Meaning one cannot minister God, and there is no place in the body of Christ.
2. **[Matthew 25:30]** Being cast into outer darkness in which there is only weeping and gnashing of teeth or eternal perdition.
It is an emphasis for the servants of God because one can be cast into outer darkness although he has ministered God.

There are three things causing God's servants' being cast into outer darkness as follows:

1. Not entering through the narrow gate = rejecting the cross = rejecting the true teaching Word.

Luke 13:22-25,27-28

13:22 And He went through the cities and villages, teaching, and journeying toward Jerusalem.

13:23 Then one said to Him, "Lord, are there few who are saved?" And He said to them,

13:24 "Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I say to you, will seek to enter and will not be able.

13:25 "When once the Master of the house has risen up and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and knock at the door, saying, 'Lord, Lord, open for us,' and He will answer and say to you, 'I do not know you, where you are from,'

13:27 "But He will say, 'I tell you I do not know you, where you are from. Depart from Me, all you workers of iniquity.'

13:28 "There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves thrust out.

Only the true teaching Word can encourage us to enter through the narrow gate.

John 10:7-10

10:7 Then Jesus said to them again, "Most assuredly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep.

10:8 "All who ever came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them.

10:9 "I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture.

10:10 "The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

There are two kinds of narrow gate as follows:

- The door or Jesus Himself = the door of sheepfold.

The true teaching Word leads us to enter through the door of sheepfold, which refers to the Door of Tabernacle.

(https://www.gptkk.org/tabernacle_door+of+tabernacle.html).

It indicates that we have to be shepherded after being saved.

Meaning we are always in the sheepfold, namely Holy Place, in which there are three equipments referring to our perseverance in committing three main services to the Lord as follows:

1. Golden Candlestick (https://www.gptkk.org/tabernacle_golden+candlestick.html) -->perseverance in committing General Service.
2. Table of Showbread (https://www.gptkk.org/tabernacle_table+of+showbread.html) -->perseverance in committing Bible Study Service and Holy Communion.
3. Golden Altar of Incense (https://www.gptkk.org/tabernacle_the+golden+altar+of+incense.html) ->perseverance in committing Prayer Service.

If we are always in the sheepfold, we will be protected by Great Shepherd from these matters:

1. Thief/murderer, namely Satan with the wickedness and uncleanness.
2. A hireling or he who is not the shepherd, referring to antichrist with the power of money.

John 10:12

10:12 "But a hireling, he who is not the shepherd, one who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf catches the sheep and scatters them.

3. Wolves, that are false prophets with lies and false teachings which make the sheep scattered.

Persevering in committing the three main services in shepherding, we are being protected from the three kinds of enemy so we do not perish but live in abundance, referring to a life with thanksgiving to God always.

- The Veil(https://www.gptkk.org/tabernacle_the+veil.html).

Entering through the Veil means we obey the true shepherding Word (the voice of Shepherd) until our flesh does not sound anymore, whatever risk may come.

John 10:27-28

10:27 "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.

10:28 "And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand.

As a result, we live in the hand of Great Shepherd so we have a guarantee for our present lives, future ones up to the eternity.

If we choose entering through wide gate, meaning not being shepherded or obedient, we will be in the hand of Satan to be cast into the outer darkness or hell forever.

2. Being wicked and lazy servant.

Matthew 25:26,30

25:26 "But his lord answered and said to him, 'You wicked and lazy servant, you knew that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I have not scattered seed.

25:30 'And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

Being lazy means being unfaithful, not being responsible of committing service and ministry to the Lord even forsaking them because of worldly matters.

Matthew 25:24

25:24 "Then he who had received the one talent came and said, 'Lord, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you have not sown, and gathering where you have not scattered seed.

Being wicked means condemning the Lord because of considering the talents or the ministry little in physical point of view.

Luke 12:45

12:45 *"But if that servant says in his heart, 'My master is delaying his coming,' and begins to beat the male and female servants, and to eat and drink and be drunk,*

The wicked servant also beats other servants. Beating can happen through doing something which gives other people disadvantage, and slandering or condemning other people with words.

It must be followed with the sins concerning eating-drinking and marrying-giving in marriage.

Matthew 25:21,23

25:21 *"His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.'*

25:23 *"His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.'*

The five talents and two talents are little and equal before God.

The right attitude is being faithful and good in committing service and ministry to the Lord and we will get the wage of joy from now in the world until we enter into the marriage supper of the Lamb when Jesus comes a second time, and we have the eternal heavenly joy in New Jerusalem.

3. Not having on a wedding garment.

Matthew 22:9-14

22:9 *"Therefore go into the highways, and as many as you find, invite to the wedding."*

22:10 *"So those servants went out into the highways and gathered together all whom they found, both bad and good. And the wedding hall was filled with guests."*

22:11 *"But when the king came in to see the guests, he saw a man there who did not have on a wedding garment."*

22:12 *"So he said to him, 'Friend, how did you come in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless."*

22:13 *"Then the king said to the servants, 'Bind him hand and foot, take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"*

22:14 *"For many are called, but few are chosen."*

Revelation 19:8

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.*

Wedding garment = white, clean, and bright garment = holiness and glory.

The Lord does not condemn us right away we sin and have dirty garment and full of spots because of the sins. The Lord still asked to us and wanted to give us wedding garment. It is because of His mercy and justice.

How can the Lord give us the wedding garment?

- Through the teaching Word sharper than any two-edged sword so we can realize our sins and confess them.
- Through Christ's sacrifice that forgives, covers our sins, and cleanses our garment from the spots of sin.

Matthew 22:12

22:12 *"So he said to him, 'Friend, how did you come in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless."*

Nevertheless, the man was speechless, referring to not confessing sins but judging God and other people. It means rejecting the teaching Word, Christ' sacrifice, and the mercy and justice of God.

Zephaniah 1:7

1:7. *Be silent in the presence of the Lord GOD; For the day of the LORD is at hand, For the LORD has prepared a sacrifice; He has invited His guests.*

The right attitude is being silent, whose meanings are as follows:

- Examining ourselves through the teaching Word and Holy Communion (Christ's sacrifice) so we can confess our sins to God and other people. After being forgiven, do not sin anymore.
Jesus' blood cleanses the spots of sin until our garment becomes white and clean, even spotless at the time of Jesus' second coming.
- Worshiping the Lord, surrendering ourselves to Him only, not hoping in other people, and lifting up our hand to Him only.

Psalm 37:5-7

37:5 Commit your way to the LORD, Trust also in Him, And He shall bring it to pass.

37:6 He shall bring forth your righteousness as the light, And your justice as the noonday.

37:7 Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for Him; Do not fret because of him who prospers in his way, Because of the man who brings wicked schemes to pass.

The requirement of worshipping God is the holy heart, words, and deeds.

Worshipping God = dwelling in the holy mountain of God.

Psalm 24:3-5

24:3. Who may ascend into the hill of the LORD? Or who may stand in His holy place?

24:4 He who has clean hands and a pure heart, Who has not lifted up his soul to an idol, Nor sworn deceitfully.

24:5 He shall receive blessing from the LORD, And righteousness from the God of his salvation.

The results of worshipping God are as follows:

1. [Psalm 24:5] The rain of blessings and joy from the Lord.

Romans 8:32

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?

2. The Lord will work and fight for us = He will finish all our problems in time of need.

Psalm 37:5

37:5 Commit your way to the LORD, Trust also in Him, And He shall bring it to pass.

Exodus 14:14,16,21

14:14 "The LORD will fight for you, and you shall hold your peace."

14:16 "But lift up your rod, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it. And the children of Israel shall go on dry ground through the midst of the sea"

14:21 Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the LORD caused the sea to go back by a strong east wind all that night, and made the sea into dry land, and the waters were divided.

Exodus 15:1

15:1. Then Moses and the children of Israel sang this song to the LORD, and spoke, saying: "I will sing to the LORD, For He has triumphed gloriously! The horse and its rider He has thrown into the sea!"

The Lord also will wipe away all tears, and replace them with songs.

3. The renewal of life or our garment becomes bright.

Psalm 37:6

37:6 He shall bring forth your righteousness as the light, And your justice as the noonday.

The renewal of life begins with honesty until we are renewed to become as glorious as Jesus is when He comes a second time.

Revelation 15:2-3

15:2 And I saw something like a sea of glass mingled with fire, and those who have the victory over the beast, over his image and over his mark and over the number of his name, standing on the sea of glass, having harps of God.

15:3 They sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying: "Great and marvelous are Your works, Lord God Almighty! Just and true are Your ways, O King of the saints!"

Furthermore, there will be songs and no sorrow on the sea of glass.

God blesses you.