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Peace and grace in the love of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Mark 3: 1-2

3:1. And He entered the synagogue again, and a man was there who had a withered hand.

3:2 So they watched Him closely, whether He would heal him on the Sabbath, so that they might accuse Him.

= Jesus healed a man who had a withered hand in the synagogue on the Sabbath.

God still pays attention to one who is inside the temple.

Such story was written also in **Matthew 12: 9-15**.

Matthew 12: 9-15

12:9 Now when He had departed from there, He went into their synagogue.

12:10 And behold, there was a man who had a withered hand. And they asked Him, saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?" --that they might accuse Him.

12:11 Then He said to them, "What man is there among you who has one sheep, and if it falls into a pit on the Sabbath, will not lay hold of it and lift it out?"

12:12 "Of how much more value then is a man than a sheep? Therefore it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath."

12:13 Then He said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." And he stretched it out, and it was restored as whole as the other.

12:14 Then the Pharisees went out and plotted against Him, how they might destroy Him.

12:15 But when Jesus knew it, He withdrew from there. And great multitudes followed Him, and He healed them all.

One who had a withered hand was made equal to **a sheep that falls into a pit**.

Such man must **be healed** and such sheep must **be lifted out of the pit** by the hand of God.

The meanings of the pit are as follows.

1. **Sin up to the peak**, namely sins concerning eating-drinking and marrying-being given in marriage.

Thus, the sheep that falls into the pit refers to the son or servant of God who has already been in the temple, but falls in sin up to the peak.

Two kinds of sin that peaks on the last days are **uncleanness and evil**.

o **UNCLEANNES SIN**

Proverbs 23: 27

23:27 For a harlot is a deep pit, And a seductress is a narrow well.

It happens to all people, even those who have been in the temple.

The people who do such sin can be divided into two groups as follows.

Genesis 19: 4, 11

*19:4 Now before they lay down, the men of the city, the men of Sodom, **both old and young**, all the people from every quarter, surrounded the house.*

*19:11 And they struck the men who were at the doorway of the house with blindness, **both small and great**, so that they became weary trying to find the door.*

The people of Sodom surrounded the house of Lot to do evil deed to the men who had come to the house.

- '**both old and young, all the people from every quarter**'= the sin of uncleanness happens to children and young people, even to God's servants in His house.

Proverbs 6: 23-24

6:23 For the commandment is a lamp, And the law a light; Reproofs of instruction are the way of life,

6:24 To keep you from the evil woman, From the flattering tongue of a seductress.

The solution is as follows.

- 'For the commandment is a lamp, And the law a light' = there must be the true teaching Word.
It is said as the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ in **2 Corinthians 4: 3-4**. The sin of uncleanness will keep on attacking young people if there is no true teaching Word.
- **Proverbs 5: 8-9**
*5:8 Remove your way far from her, And do not go near the door of her house,
5:9 Lest you give your honor to others, And your years to the cruel one;*

'Remove your way far from her' = Do not want to know about false things, or else you will be entrapped.

- The sin of uncleanness happens to old people = marriage and household, so sexual affairs, adultery, and fornication happen.

Why do the people who have gotten married fall in the sin of uncleanness?

- Because of **unfaithfulness**.
It means that one becomes a harlot who commits adultery with many different men.

The unfaithfulness in marriage means **there is no faithfulness in each one's position in it**. The unfaithfulness will never happen if both husband and the wife are faithful in their own position.

Ephesians 5: 23-24, 28

5:23 For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body.

5:24 Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything.

5:28 So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself.

The right position in the marriage is a husband becomes the **head** and the wife becomes the **body**. The proofs are as follows.

- The husband loves his wife as his own body and does not do bitterly towards her.
- The wife obeys her husband regardless of any risk she has to take.
- Because of **the hardness of heart**, namely rejecting the Word.

The sons or servants of God in the temple who have the withered hand or fall in the sin of uncleanness or the uncleanness pit will go towards the pit of death if they continue doing their sins. Therefore, Jesus comes to lift the sheep out of the pit.

How can God **help** them?

Mark 3: 5

3:5 And when He had looked around at them with anger, being grieved by the hardness of their hearts, He said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." And he stretched it out, and his hand was restored as whole as the other.

Jesus commanded "Stretch out your hand!" means the preaching of the Word that comes out of Jesus' mouth or the Word that is written in the bible, whose verse explains other verses.

As long as we receive the Word, we can get the help although it seems to be impossible like stretching out the withered hand. If we are obedient, there will be nothing impossible for God. After we receive the Word, we must have the deed of faith by obeying the Word and we can get the help of God.

○ **EVIL SIN**

The peak is the 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 fact found in the love of money is straying from the faith because of money as follows.

- Stealing the possession of God and other people.
- Looking for money in illegal ways such as lying, cheating, and so on.
- Leaving the service and ministry in order to look for money.
- Serving and ministry God in order to get money.

The bond of money is the last bond. If we are set free from the bond of the love of money, we will be lifted up.

For example,

- Judas Iscariot perished because of the love of money, and
- Lot's wife looked behind and became the pillar of salt because of the love of money.

God helps us when we stretch out our hands to surrender to Him. All things are finished and we can be right in our finance.

Hebrews 13: 4-6

13:4 Marriage is honorable among all, and the bed undefiled; but fornicators and adulterers God will judge.

13:5 Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."

13:6 So we may boldly say: "The LORD is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?"

The result of being right in the marriage and finance is God never leaves us in any circumstances.

2. False teachings

2 Samuel 23: 20

23:20 Benaiah was the son of Jehoiada, the son of a valiant man from Kabzeel, who had done many deeds. He had killed two lion-like heroes of Moab. He also had gone down and killed a lion in the midst of a pit on a snowy day.

It means that one has been in the temple, but being pounced by the false teachings.

The false teachings are not written in the Bible, or being written in the Bible but explained by logic, knowledge, philosophy, and so on, or the verses in the Bible are added or taken away until the true teaching Word is deceived.

It has been happening to the Church since the days when God created Adam and Eve until now.

The signs of being pounced by the false teachings are as follows.

Amos 3: 12

3:12 Thus says the LORD: "As a shepherd takes from the mouth of a lion Two legs or a piece of an ear, So shall the children of Israel be taken out Who dwell in Samaria--In the corner of a bed and on the edge of a couch!"

○ Losing a piece of an ear.

The function of the ear is to hear and obey. Being bitten by the false teachings, one cannot hear the true teaching even he rejects it like Judas Iscariot who said "Rabbi, is it I?" after Jesus had preached the Word clearly.

Not hearing the true teaching Word means getting bored or sleepy, murmuring, and keeping the self-truth while the Word is being preached. Then, one cannot obey it.

2 Timothy 4: 2-5

4:2 Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching.

4:3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers;

4:4 and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables.

4:5 But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

The contents of the true teaching Word are as follows:

- convincing,
- rebuking,
- exhorting.

It seems to hurt our flesh, but it will be a test, whether we are bitten by the lion or not. Receiving the Word proves

that our ears are complete or not bitten by the lion.

Rejecting the true teaching Word, one turns to the fableor teachings that is not written in the Bible. Many people like it now.

Consequently, there is no life renewal.

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

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

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

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

One is still human of blood and flesh without any life renewal, so he falls into a pit and the antichrist rules over his life with eighteen flesh characteristics or the stamp 666.

- Losing two legs.

The two legs are used to stand. They refer to a standpoint. One who has been pounced by the false teaching will not have a right standpoint.

The quantity of the house of Israel who went out of Egypt was 603.550 people, but only two people had the right standpoint, namely Joshua and Caleb.

Numbers 14: 24

14:24 "But My servant Caleb, because he has a different spirit in him and has followed Me fully, I will bring into the land where he went, and his descendants shall inherit it.

'a different spirit in him' = Caleb had a right standpoint. He did not want to get any disturbance although all people of the nation wanted to stone him or made hostility towards him.

Amos 3: 12

3:12 Thus says the LORD: "As a shepherd takes from the mouth of a lion Two legs or a piece of an ear, So shall the children of Israel be taken out Who dwell in Samaria--In the corner of a bed and on the edge of a couch!

The solution that we will not be bitten by the false teachings is we must have a shepherd or be shepherded because only the shepherding Word is able to defeat the false teachings.

We must be shepherded to the true teaching Word, wherever we are shepherded. Without the true shepherding, we will be the target of the lion.

The place of shepherding is in the Holy Place that refers to the perseverance in doing three main services to God as follows.

- **Golden Candlestick** or perseverance in doing General Service.
- **Table of Showbread** or perseverance in doing Bible Study Service with Holy Communion.
- **Golden Altar of Incense** or perseverance in doing Prayer Service.

This is the only way to lift us up from the pit or set us free from the mouth of lion.

The lifted up sheep is the shepherded one.

Psalm 40: 2-3

40:2 He also brought me up out of a horrible pit, Out of the miry clay, And set my feet upon a rock, And established my steps.

40:3 He has put a new song in my mouth--Praise to our God; Many will see it and fear, And will trust in the LORD.

After we are lifted up or shepherded, we must stand firmly upon the rock. The rock refers to the true teaching Word. It means as follows.

- Not sinning nor supporting the sins of others. Moreover, we forgive the sins of other people that are confessed. We

- cannot fall in sin.
- o Holding fast to the true teaching Word.

The results of standing firmly upon the rock are as follows.

1. There is guarantee of assurance of God's preservation for our physical and spiritual life.

Isaiah 33: 16

33:16 He will dwell on high; His place of defense will be the fortress of rocks; Bread will be given him, His water will be sure.

2. God protects us from the tempest that comes suddenly, so that we can keep on standing firmly.

Isaiah 32: 2

32:2 A man will be as a hiding place from the wind, And a cover from the tempest, As rivers of water in a dry place, As the shadow of a great rock in a weary land.

3. We can endure all things

Matthew 7: 24

7:24 "Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock:

We are ready to be lifted up together with Jesus when He comes a second time.

The house if built on the rock. It means that we will be used in the revival for building the perfect body of Christ if we stand firmly upon the rock, until we are as perfect as Jesus is.

4. We can enter New Jerusalem, a city on a mountain.

God blesses you.