

Fellowship in Ambon II, August 25, 2010 (Wednesday Morning)

Mark 7:37

7:37. *And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, "He has done all things well. He makes both the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."*

The theme is "HE HAS DONE ALL THINGS WELL".

Actually, God has created all things well from the beginning but Satan destroyed all of the creation, including men.

Satan destroyed men through sins.

The condition of the men destroyed by Satan is as the earth before it was created, i.e. **having no form, being vain and dark.**

Genesis 1:1-2

1:1. *In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.*

1:2 *The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.*

There are three kinds of the destruction of men as follows:

1. Mark 7:1-23, the title is the commandment of God and the tradition of Jews, referring to the destruction of the Israelites, the chosen people.

Mark 7:20-23

7:20 *And He said, "What comes out of a man, that defiles a man.*

7:21 *"For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, (1) adulteries, (2) fornications, (3) murders,*

7:22 *"(4) thefts, (5) covetousness, (6) wickedness, (7) deceit, (8) lewdness, (9) an evil eye, (10) blasphemy, (11) pride, (12) foolishness.*

7:23 *"All these evil things come from within and defile a man."*

Satan **destroys the heart and mind** of the Israelites so their heart and mind are wicked and unclean.

The wicked heart and mind are as a table with twelve wicked and unclean lusts.

If the heart and mind are filled with twelve wicked and unclean lusts, they will be empty of twelve loaves of bread or the Word of God.

Being empty of the Word, one will be empty of Holy Spirit and God's love. It means **being empty of the Lord Himself** that is to say a great emptiness as the empty earth.

The consequences of being empty of the Word are below:

- There is no heavenly satisfaction so one seeks the satisfaction of the world.
The dangerous thing is that the church of God becomes an entertainment place.
- The service and ministry are without the Word, being rejected by God.

Mark 7:6-7

7:6 *He answered and said to them, "Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written: 'This people honors Me with their lips, But their heart is far from Me.*

7:7 *And in vain they worship Me, Teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.'*

Committing service and ministry to the Lord, God is looking at our heart.

In the Old Testament, Cain's offering was rejected but Abel's was accepted because Cain kept his anger. In New Testament, Judas' heart was full of the lust of money, bound by money, so his service and ministry were rejected by God.

If our heart is sanctified from the twelve wicked and unclean lusts, it will be filled with twelve loaves of bread in two rows, six in a row, referring to sixty books in Holy Bible. Our heart is filled with the Word of God so our service and ministry will please God and we are satisfied.

2. Mark 7:24-30, the title is a Syro-Phoenician woman who believed, referring to the destruction to the Gentiles.

Mark 7:27

7:27 *But Jesus said to her, "Let the children be filled first, for it is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the little dogs."*

Satan destroys the Gentiles until they become as dogs.

The character of dog is returning to lick its vomit. It shows that Satan destroys **the character and the deed** of the Gentiles until they fall and rise in sins and do not want to repent and someday they will be unable to repent. It equals to **not having the form of righteousness and holiness**.

We must stop sinning, do not be mixed with sin! We must at least have the form of righteousness.

The consequences of falling and rising in sin are below:

- Being unable to sleep/lie = there is no rest or peace = not being shepherded.

Mark 7:30

7:30 And when she had come to her house, she found the demon gone out, and her daughter lying on the bed.

King David confessed that the one in shepherding is being lied down.

Where do we have to be shepherded?

We have to be shepherded **to the true Vine or the true teaching Word**, not to human being but to the true teaching Word.

- Suffering severely even being dead.

Matthew 15:22

15:22 And behold, a woman of Canaan came from that region and cried out to Him, saying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David! My daughter is severely demon-possessed."

3. Satan **destroyed the five senses** of the church of God.

Mark 7:31-32

7:31. Again, departing from the region of Tyre and Sidon, He came through the midst of the region of Decapolis to the Sea of Galilee.

7:32 Then they brought to Him one who was deaf and had an impediment in his speech, and they begged Him to put His hand on him.

The ears become deaf and the mouth becomes dumb.

2 Timothy 4:2-4

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.

Being deaf means unwillingness to hear the teaching Word even disability to hear it.

The signs of the true teaching Word are below:

- Being written in Holy Bible.
Facing the devil, Jesus always says "It is written." Therefore, we have to persevere in reading Holy Bible.
- Being revealed by God in its secret through a verse explaining another verse.
- Being practiced to become blood and flesh in or life.
- Being preached as of sincerity without any other purposes.

2 Corinthians 2:17

2:17 For we are not, as so many, peddling the word of God; but as of sincerity, but as from God, we speak in the sight of God in Christ.

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.

The true teaching Word is called the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, that is to say the Word preaching about Jesus' second coming as the King of kings, heavenly Bridegroom in glory, there is no connection with sins anymore.

It is also called Bride Tidings because it preaches about Jesus' second coming as the Bridegroom. It is not the possession of a particular church organization but of all churches.

Being deaf means unwillingness even disability to receive the true teaching Word or **the disability to see the light of the glory of Christ**. It means **a blindness or living in darkness** as the earth before it was created.

This dark life will have no control, i.e. living in sins up to the peak (the sins concerning eating-drinking and marrying-giving in marriage).

Being deaf to the true teaching Word, the mouth will be mute or dumb, meaning not worshipping the King, not worshipping the Bridegroom.

Revelation 19:1,3-4,6-7

19:1. After these things I heard a loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, saying, "Alleluia! Salvation and glory and honor and power belong to the Lord our God!

19:3 Again they said, "Alleluia! Her smoke rises up forever and ever!"

19:4 And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God who sat on the throne, saying, "Amen! Alleluia!"

19:6 And I heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude, as the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty thunders, saying, "Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns!

19:7 "Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready."

The true worship in heaven is with saying "ALLELUIA."

The true worship in the world must be the reflection of the one in heaven.

The church, from the Israelites and the Gentiles, in the last days is vain, without any form, and dark, as the earth before it was created. It will be the dwelling place of foxes and birds, lead toward the building of Babel or the bride of Satan who will be destroyed forever.Â

Revelation 18:2

18:2 And he cried mightily with a loud voice, saying, "Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and has become a dwelling place of demons, a prison for every foul spirit, and a cage for every unclean and hated bird!

Matthew 8:18-20

8:18. And when Jesus saw great multitudes about Him, He gave a command to depart to the other side.

8:19 Then a certain scribe came and said to Him, "Teacher, I will follow You wherever You go."

8:20 And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head."

The sighing and longing of the Lord is to lay His head on His Church.

Therefore, **the Church must enter into the building of Christ's body.**

John 2:19-21

2:19 Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."

2:20 Then the Jews said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will You raise it up in three days?"

2:21 But He was speaking of the temple of His body.

Jesus must sacrifice Himself through His death on the cross and His resurrection after three days to build His body. **The church must sacrifice also except sacrifice the true teaching Word.**

Sacrificing the true teaching Word equals with crucifying Jesus for the second time.

The process of building Christ's body is below:

1. Foundation.

Ephesians 2:20-22

2:20 having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone,

2:21 in whom the whole building, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord,

2:22 in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

There are two kinds of foundation as follows:

- The chief cornerstone or Christ's sacrifice.

The practice of having it is **a peaceful heart** in which there is no bitterness, envy or force.

- The apostles (New Testament) and the prophets (Old Testament) mean the Holy Bible or the true teaching Word.

It is to sanctify our heart from wicked lust or the lust of money, whose practice is real through stinginess and greediness and from unclean lust.

Thus, the foundation of the building of Christ's body is a **holy heart**.

Having the peaceful and holy heart, we can see the Lord.

As a result, God pours out spiritual blessings in form of the revelation of the Word and physical blessings.

Haggai 2:19-20

2:19 'Consider now from this day forward, from the twenty-fourth day of the ninth month, from the day that the foundation of the LORD'S temple was laid--consider it:

2:20 'Is the seed still in the barn? As yet the vine, the fig tree, the pomegranate, and the olive tree have not yielded fruit. But from this day I will bless you.'"

Christ's sacrifice is in Holy Communion.

God is preparing the foundation of peaceful and holy heart through the true teaching Word and Holy Communion in Bible Study Service. As a result, we can receive His blessings.

2. Building upon the foundation = the right consecration.

Mark 6:30

6:30. Then the apostles gathered to Jesus and told Him all things, both what they had done and what they had taught.

If the teaching is true, the consecration will be true also.

1 Peter 2:5

2:5 you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

Not all men may minister God but priests and kings.

A priest is a holy man having consecration.

Leviticus 21:12

21:12 'nor shall he go out of the sanctuary, nor profane the sanctuary of his God; for the consecration of the anointing oil of his God is upon him: I am the LORD.

The priests must be in the sanctuary in which there are three equipments as follows:

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

The servant of God is as the apple of God's eye which is specialized, protected, and preserved directly by God.

Being in the desert of the world, it is important thing to become the apple of God's eye because we will be protected and preserved by God until a grain of sand will not be permitted to enter.

3. Finishing, with the love of God.

Colossians 3:14

3:14 But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection.

We get the love from these things:

- True worship to Heavenly Bridegroom with saying "ALLELUIA,"
- Obedience to the Word.

Romans 8:35-37

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.

The functions of love are below:

- To give us power to endure all things so we are not disappointed or desperate but believing and hoping in God always.

- To make us more than conquerors, meaning we are powerless but we can defeat great problem.
- To unite and perfect us as the perfect body of Christ.

Whatever condition we have this morning, even as a sheep for slaughter, let us be enduring and God's love will settle all things.

God blesses you.