

General Service in Malang, August 15, 2010 (Sunday Morning)

Matthew 25:14-30 is about **THE PARABLE OF THE TALENT**.

Matthew 25:14-15

25:14. *"For the kingdom of heaven is like a man traveling to a far country, who called his own servants and delivered his goods to them.*

25:15 *"And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability; and immediately he went on a journey.*

The Lord trusts us, the sinful men, with the holy heavenly goods or the talents, referring to the ministry and the gifts of Holy Spirit. It points to His mercy.

He gives us the talents according to our own ability, meaning all men can serve Him according to their own ability. It points to the justice of God.

Thus, it is only the mercy and the justice of God if the sinful men can serve Him. It costs the sacrifice of Christ.

Serving and ministering God mean we work together with Him.

He has already fought until He dies on the cross to make us able to serve and minister Him. It is not to give us burden but that we can work together with Him.

John 5:17

5:17. *But Jesus answered them, "My Father has been working until now, and I have been working."*

John 9:1-4

9:1. *Now as Jesus passed by, He saw a man who was blind from birth.*

9:2 *And His disciples asked Him, saying, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"*

9:3 *Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but that the works of God should be revealed in him.*

9:4 *"I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work.*

How can we work together with Him?

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 has worked until He dies on the cross to build His body.

Ephesians 4:11-12

4:11 *And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers,*

4:12 *for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,*

We are given the ministry and the gifts of Holy Spirit to minister in building Christ's body.

In short, we work together with Him through **the ministry of building Christ's body**.

The practice of building Christ's body is real in a **fellowship or oneness**, beginning in marriage, shepherding, and inter-shepherding.

One who has self-truth cannot be used in the ministry of building Christ's body. The self-truth means covering sins through blaming other people.

Let us use the truth from God through confessing sins and forgiving one another.

John 5:4-5

5:4 *For an angel went down at a certain time into the pool and stirred up the water; then whoever stepped in first, after the stirring of the water, was made well of whatever disease he had.*

5:5 *Now a certain man was there who had an infirmity thirty-eight years..*

There are many revivals in building Christ's body which shows the angel, not the Lord Himself, such as artists, performance, famous people, money, et cetera.

The result will be at the minimum because of relating only with physical matters which cannot settle the spiritual lameness.

John 5:6-9

5:6 *When Jesus saw him lying there, and knew that he already had been in that condition a long time, He said to him, "Do you want to be made well?"*

5:7 *The sick man answered Him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; but while I am coming, another steps down before me."*

5:8 *Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your bed and walk."*

5:9 *And immediately the man was made well, took up his bed, and walked. And that day was the Sabbath.*

The true spiritual revival shows Jesus Himself in the relationship with the Sabbath.

Luke 13:10

13:10. *Now He was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath.*

It means **showing the true teaching Word.**

Hebrews 4:10-12

4:10 *For he who has entered His rest has himself also ceased from his works as God did from His.*

4:11 *Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest, lest anyone fall according to the same example of disobedience.*

4:12 *For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.*

Let us now join the spiritual revival showing the true teaching Word because only it can settle the spiritual lameness.

The targets of the revival in the true teaching Word are below:

1. The lame Church as follows:
 - a. Being non active, unfaithful in committing service and ministry to the Lord.
 - b. Hoping in men, not in God.
 - c. Destruction in marriage and children.
 - d. Impossible matters.

2. Being bent over spiritually.

Luke 13:10

13:10. *Now He was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath.*

13:11 *And behold, there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bent over and could in no way raise herself up.*

Proverbs 12:25

12:25. *Anxiety in the heart of man causes depression, But a good word makes it glad.*

It means anxiety in facing worldly matters. Here are the consequences of being in anxiety:

- a. Seeking one's own way which is outside the Word of God. It is only a dead-lock and perdition.
- b. Being easy to be hopeless, disappointed even leaving the Lord.

It also means living in the flesh, there is no renewal of life but keeping the eighteen characteristics of the flesh.

2 Timothy 3:1-4

3:1. *But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come:*

3:2 *For men will be (1) lovers of themselves, (2) lovers of money, (3) boasters, (4) proud, (5) blasphemers, (6) disobedient to parents, (7) unthankful, (8) unholy,*

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

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

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

3. The dead right hand.

Luke 6:6

6:6 *Now it happened on another Sabbath, also, that He entered the synagogue and taught. And a man was there whose right hand was withered.*

The dead right hand means spiritual dryness as follows:

- a. There is no spiritual satisfaction but murmuring and grumbling.
- b. Disability to worship God.
- c. Living in sins deliberately up to the peak of sin.

Being lame and bent over continually, one will die spiritually.

The ways God helps the spiritual dead person are below:

1. Returning the servant of God to the middle position or in the Holy Place of Tabernacle.

Luke 6:8

6:8 But He knew their thoughts, and said to the man who had the withered hand, "Arise and stand here." And he arose and stood.

There are three equipments in the Holy Place which refer to our perseverance in committing three main services 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.

Having the perseverance in shepherding, we have quietness from God as King David confessed.

The servant of God is in the middle between God and the congregation.

Meaning the servant of God joins the ministry of reconciliation for the congregation.

The servant of God should not oppose one side against the other in the congregation with gossips that none can account for.

2. The teaching Word is the commandment of God we must practice.

Luke 6:10

6:10 And when He had looked around at them all, He said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." And he did so, and his hand was restored as whole as the other.

We must lift up our hand to God through being obedient whatever risk may come. As the result, He will stretch His hand for us through the power of Holy Spirit that is poured on us and there is miracle for us.

The Lord commanded Moses to lift up his hand in facing the Red Sea.

Exodus 14:16,21

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.

The miracle in the form of the divided sea happens when Holy Spirit is poured out as follows:

1. Holy Spirit is able to protect and to preserve our life in the midst of impossible matters.
2. Holy Spirit opens beautiful future life.
3. Holy Spirit erases all impossible matters.
4. Holy Spirit sanctifies us from the mire and dirt of sins.

Isaiah 57:20

57:20 But the wicked are like the troubled sea, When it cannot rest, Whose waters cast up mire and dirt.

It continues until we become perfect and able to enter New Jerusalem, the last harbor.

God blesses you.