

General Service in Malang, February 27, 2011 (Sunday Morning)

CHILD SUBMISSION SERVICE

II Corinthians 4:7-9

4:7 *But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us.*

4:8 *We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair;*

4:9 *persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed*"

Human life in this world is just as broken clay pot, which is fragile, easily broken, until destroyed.

A newborn baby is as an empty pot. What can be filled into it for the present life until the eternal one?

The responsibility of the parents is filling the children with physical food, education, etc.

But, if the clay pot is only filled with carnal matters, it stays as clay pot, which is fragile and will be destroyed forever.

Therefore, **the most important thing for the parents is bringing the children to be filled by the true teaching Word.**

The word of God is able to give a certain guarantee doubly, for the present life until the eternal one.

The usefulness of the true teaching Word which is filled in our life:

1. **The Word gives extra power** in facing every difficulty in the world, such that we do not get desperate, disappointed, even we will not be destroyed.

2. **Psalm 119:105**

119:105. Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path.

The true teaching Word becomes a lamp to our feet, such that we are not stumbled by anything in this world, especially not stumbled by sins.

The true teaching Word becomes a light to our path, such that the direction of our life is clear to the future in light, until entering the City of Light (the New Jerusalem).

3. **II Corinthians 4:10-11**

4:10 always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body.

4:11 For we who live are always delivered to death for Jesus' sake, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh.

The Word renews our life, from flesh man (clay pot) to spiritual man as perfect as Jesus (golden pot).

If children have been filled with the Word since their childhood (even since inside the womb), the parents will find Jesus' character inside the children (obedience, etc.).

If we are filled with the Word continuously, our life will be processed by the Word until we may become as perfect as Jesus, become Heavenly bride who is ready to welcome His second coming.

If spiritual miracle (renewal of life) happens, God will also do physical miracle.

GENERAL SERVICE

Matthew 26:1-2

26:1. Now it came to pass, when Jesus had finished all these sayings, that He said to His disciples,

26:2 "You know that after two days is the Passover, and the Son of Man will be delivered up to be crucified."

Matthew 26 in general points to **the golden pot that had the manna**.

Our aim ministering God is such that our lives (clay pot) are renewed to become as perfect as Jesus (golden pot) and ready to welcome Jesus' second coming.

Matthew 26:1-5 denotes **the Passover**.

In Old Testament, the Passover is marked with the slaughtering of animal for sacrifice.

In New Testament, the Passover is marked with the crucifixion of Jesus as the Lamb of God (the Lamb of Passover).

Jesus talked about **two days before the Passover**.

II Peter 3:8

3:8. But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

Two days before the Passover = two thousand years before Jesus was crucified = the era of the Law, ministry in the Law's system.

The ministry of the chief priests, the elders, and the Jewish is the ministry in **the system of the Law. The signs are as follows:**

1. Numbers 13:27-28

13:27 Then they told him, and said: "We went to the land where you sent us. It truly flows with milk and honey, and this is its fruit.

13:28 Nevertheless the people who dwell in the land are strong; the cities are fortified and very large; moreover we saw the descendants of Anak there.

The ministry in the system of the Law is as ten spies (10 spies = 10 laws of the Law), that is magnifying problems/temptations more than the Word of God. It is equal to underestimating the Word, or **not prioritizing the Word, even rejecting the Word.**

Life who rejects the Word is an egoistic person. In a service, God listens to our praise, but when God says (the preaching of the Word), many times people reject it.

If during the ceremony there is no more priority to the Word (rejecting the Word), the priority will be to the other things (to the others, etc.).

2. Galatians 5:18

5:18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

A service in the system of the Law **is not led by the Holy Spirit, does not rely on the Holy Spirit**, but relies on intelligence, experience, knowledge in ministering God.

Thus, a service in the system of the Law is a service which does not prioritize the Word, or rejects the Word in the anointing of Holy Spirit (the Word which is revealed, the teaching Word which is sharper than any two-edged sword).

Hebrews 4:12

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.

Matthew 25:6

25:6 "And at midnight a cry was heard: 'Behold, the bridegroom is coming; go out to meet him!'

The teaching Word which is sharper than any two-edged sword = the Bride Tidings.

Bride Tidings is the only tidings needed during the darkness of the end of the ages (darkness in sins, finance, etc.), to **prepare the church of God to become the bride who is ready to welcome God's second coming.**

A ministry in the system of the Law does not prioritize, even reject the Bride Tidings, such that the clay pot is filled with sins, i.e. lies and hatred without any reasons.

Matthew 26:3-4

26:3 Then the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders of the people assembled at the palace of the high priest, who was called Caiaphas,

26:4 and plotted to take Jesus by trickery and kill Him.

If we reject the Word, we will be filled by Satan's seed, that is the seed of lies and hatred.

Satan is the father of all liars and murderers.

Be careful with fellowship!

Fellowship starts within marriage, shepherding, among shepherding, and so forth.

If fellowship is not filled by the true teaching Word, it will be filled with lies and hatred.

Numbers14:1-4

14:1. *So all the congregation lifted up their voices and cried, and the people wept that night.*

14:2 *And all the children of Israel complained against Moses and Aaron, and the whole congregation said to them, "If only we had died in the land of Egypt! Or if only we had died in this wilderness!"*

14:3 *Why has the LORD brought us to this land to fall by the sword, that our wives and children should become victims? Would it not be better for us to return to Egypt?"*

14:4 *So they said to one another, "Let us select a leader and return to Egypt."*

If heart is filled by lies and hatred, **mouth surely will complain.**

Blaming the servant of God with the true teaching Word = blaming God.

Complained mouth: blaming the true teaching Word (blaming God), blaming the others, slandering the others, also provoking the others.

The consequence is as follows:

Numbers14:29

14:29 *The carcasses of you who have complained against Me shall fall in this wilderness, all of you who were numbered, according to your entire number, from twenty years old and above.*

The term "carcasses" is used here. It denotes the **spiritual decadency**, until being the same as animal. It is equal to **no longer experiencing the revival power**, being perished forever, being the broken clay pot.

A service in the system of the Law continues to the end of the ages, i.e. not prioritizing the true teaching Word, only getting proud of physical matters.

II Timothy3:1-5

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!*

Perilous times will come if we reject the true teaching Word, although we have ministered God.

It is not the joy which will come!

In the other hand, **if we can receive and obey the true teaching Word, God will set us free from all difficulties in the world.**

The consequence of a service which rejects the true teaching Word:

His life is not renewed, but stays as flesh men with 18 characters (being the same as Antichrist), although he has been ministering God.

Since Jesus was crucified, there was transition from service in the system of the Law to the system of Mercy, where the Gentiles may join.

Thus, our service now is service in the system of mercy.

Let us honor God's mercy such that we can minister Him!

Our tickets to enter the service are in the price of the blood of Christ.

Do not easily go out of a service!

The signs of service in the system of mercy:

1. Romans12:1

12:1. *I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.*

The right service in the system of mercy **is marked with offering**, not asking for blessings.

The reasonable service is started with bringing the smallest offering, that is the tenth and the special offering, until we can offer our whole life.

The requirements are as follows:

- A living body (active in ministering God) = a body controlled by the Holy Spirit, through perseverance in General Service.
- A holy body (pure) = a body controlled by the Word, through perseverance in Bible Study Service with Holy Communion.
- An acceptable body to God = a body controlled by the love of God (OBEDIENCE), through perseverance in Prayer Service.

A service in the system of mercy = a reasonable service = **a service in shepherding system.**

Revelation 7:17

7:17 for the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to living fountains of waters. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

The results is we are guided by the Great Shepherd to the beautiful and joyful future (tears are wiped), until the living fountain of waters in the New Jerusalem.

If we are only shepherded but do not live (not being active, not being faithful), not being holy, not being obedient, we will never be guided by the hands of the Great Shepherd.

2. Romans 12:2

12:2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

In the system of mercy, we **are renewed from flesh men to spiritual men** through the burning process, that is a test, sorrow without any sins with Jesus.

Flesh must be burnt such that it smells good and does not decay.

A suffering without any sins can be through fasting (spiritually) or through difficulties.

If flesh has been burnt a lot through fasting, the burning process through the other way will be less.

What must be burnt?

II Corinthians 4:16-17

4:16 Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day.

4:17 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory,

Starting from the heart, it must be burnt to become **strong and courageous heart**; that is

- Not easily being desperate and discouraged.
- Not being doubtful, but keep holding on one true teaching Word.

Mouth also must be burnt; that is

- Righteous words, saying "yes" for "yes" and "no" for "no".
- Good words which bless the others.
- Worshiping God = believing and fully entrusting (surrendering) ourselves to God.

The result when there is a soothing aroma is **God presents with His grace.**

○ **Genesis 8:20-22**

8:20. Then Noah built an altar to the LORD, and took of every clean animal and of every clean bird, and offered burnt offerings on the altar.

8:21 And the LORD smelled a soothing aroma. Then the LORD said in His heart, "I will never again curse the ground for man's sake, although the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth; nor will I again destroy every living thing as I have done.

8:22 "While the earth remains, Seedtime and harvest, Cold and heat, Winter and summer, And day and night Shall not cease."

God's graceful hands are able to change curse to blessing. It means that **God's graceful hands are able to care, protect, and give joy.**

○ **Daniel 6:16, 10**

6:16 So the king gave the command, and they brought Daniel and cast him into the den of lions. But the king spoke, saying to Daniel, "Your God, whom you serve continually, He will deliver you."

6:10 Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went home. And in his upper room, with his windows open toward Jerusalem, he knelt down on his knees three times that day, and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as was his custom since early days.

God's graceful hands solves every problem even gives success and beautiful future to us.

Daniel was lifted up from the den of lions, he even received high position.

○ **Revelation19:6-7**

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 thunderings, 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."

Starting from now, let us raise worship with soothing aroma, until later we will worship God together from around the world, and we will be lifted up to the presence of the Lord.

God blesses us.