

General Service in Malang, January 09, 2011 (Sunday Morning)

Matthew 25:31-34

25:31. *"When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory.*

25:32 *All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats.*

25:33 *And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left.*

25:34 *Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:*

Verse 31-32: In Jesus' second coming, He will appear as King of kings and Great Shepherd to divide the sheep from the goats.

2011 is the year of separation.

Separation will happen between Christians, even within marriage.

We must be serious and advise each other, we must be shepherded well such that we will not be separated but keep uniting until God's second coming.

The base of separation is characteristics.

Matthew 25:35, 39-40

25:35 *for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in;*

25:39 *Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?'*

25:40 *And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.'*

The sheep are on the right hand of God because they have love character, that is loving/giving and visiting the others who need. This is equal to loving God.

As love is eternal, the sheep which have love character will enter the eternal kingdom of Heaven.

I John 4:21

4:21 *And this commandment we have from Him: that he who loves God must love his brother also.*

Matthew 25:41-42, 44-45

25:41 *"Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels:*

25:42 *for I was hungry and you gave Me no food; I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink;*

25:44 *"Then they also will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?'*

25:45 *Then He will answer them, saying, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.'*

The goats are on the left hand of God because of egoism/without any love, that is neither giving nor visiting the others who need (physically or spiritually).

We must pay attention that in the blessings we receive from God, we must give the others who need.

Likewise we have to pay attention in the ministry of the building body of Christ through the fellowship between shepherding.

Not loving the others who need = not loving God.

I John 4:20-21

4:20 *If someone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen?*

4:21 *And this commandment we have from Him: that he who loves God must love his brother also.*

The egoistic goats do not love God and the others = without any love = liars.

I John 2:22

2:22 *Who is a liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist who denies the Father and the Son.*

A liar will be the same as antichrist, who will be perished by God.

There are three meanings of a liar as follows:

1. Without any love = not loving the others who need, not loving God.

In Tabernacle, love denotes two tablets of stone within the Ark of Covenant. Thus, without any love = without two tablets of stone.

Tabernacle without two tablets of stone is life without any love, and it is empty. It means as follows:

- There is no happiness.
- It is not eternal.

A flesh human does not have any love; there is only desire, emotion, ambition, etc. However, let us this morning ask for God's love from the cross to fill our life, such that;

- We are able to love God more than everything(vertical).
- We are able to love the others as ourselves(horizontal).

(Vertical and horizontal shape a cross.)

The result is as follows:

Mark 12:31-34

12:31 And the second, like it, is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

12:32 So the scribe said to Him, "Well said, Teacher. You have spoken the truth, for there is one God, and there is no other but He.

12:33 And to love Him with all the heart, with all the understanding, with all the soul, and with all the strength, and to love one's neighbor as oneself, is more than all the whole burnt offerings and sacrifices."

12:34 Now when Jesus saw that he answered wisely, He said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." But after that no one dared question Him.

If we live in love, the result is **there is no more questions = there is no more problems, there is no more tears.**

The more we have love within us, the less problems and tears. We will experience the Heaven's ambience until one time we will really enter the eternal kingdom of Heaven.

We have many requests in our life, but let us this morning ask for God's love, such that we can live in loving God and to the others, experience the heavenly happiness until we really enter the kingdom of Heaven.

2. Wrong words, cutting the words to cover something.

Jeremiah 9:5-6

9:5 Everyone will deceive his neighbor, And will not speak the truth; They have taught their tongue to speak lies; They weary themselves to commit iniquity.

9:6 Your dwelling place is in the midst of deceit; Through deceit they refuse to know Me," says the LORD.

Lying means being lazy to repent, not wanting to repent, until one time they cannot repent anymore. They become equal to Satan/ antichrist that will be perished in the everlasting fire.

A liar does not want to repent, but keep sinning although already being advised/warned by the Word.

If Satan had been able to repent, he would have repented because he knows how terrible the hell fire is. Satan only consists of spirit, without body, so he cannot repent. Satan is the father of liar, he cannot repent.

Matthew 5:37

5:37 But let your 'Yes' be 'Yes,' and your 'No,' 'No.' For whatever is more than these is from the evil one.

On the contrary, **sheep is honest life, whatever the risk must be born.**

Honesty starts from the true teaching Word, also honesty in all matters.

If we are honest ('yes' be 'yes', 'no' be 'no'), Satan cannot touch even cannot drop us. **God will touch us.**

The results are as follows:

- **God answers our prayers and solves our problems.**

Proverbs15:8

15:8. The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the LORD, But the prayer of the upright is His delight.

If we tell a lie, it seems that the problem is solved, but actually we are still being touched and played by Satan. Problems are only solved for a while, but later it will appear again.

If we are honest, God touches us, God answers our prayer and solves all our problems.

- **Not doing sins anymore = repenting.**

Life who tells a lie will not be able to repent, until become the same as Satan and will be perished.

If we do not tell a lie, can confess the sins and can repent, day after day we will be set free from sins, until become perfect as Jesus.

3. Not being obedient to the Word of God.

Although we have sacrificed everything, we are liars if we are not obedient to the true Word.

Matthew7:21-22

7:21. "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven.

*7:22 **Many** will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?'*

Be watchful! Many will be fooled.

The measure of entering the Heaven is not the amount or the grandeur of the ministry, or the amount of sacrifice; but the obedience to the Word in ministry, marriage, and in everything (work, study, etc.).

There are more egoistic goats than sheep with love character.

Remember the separation between Israelites; between 12 spies, there were 10 goats and 2 sheep; between 603.550 people, there were 603.548 goats and 2 sheep.

Moses is a great person, but once he was disobedient, he hit the rock although God asked him just to talk to the rock. The consequence is he did not enter Canaan. Who are we?

If we are disobedient, the consequence is not entering the kingdom of Heaven.

Let us ask God such that we can be shepherded well and be obedient.

The steps of being obedient:

- Listening to the Word in the anointing of Holy Spirit solemnly, until we can understand it.
- Believing/ being sure to the Word, such that the Word becomes faith inside our heart. Faith inside our heart is the strong base to receive salvation and every God's blessing.
- Being obedient/practicing the Word.
Faith without works = dead faith.

In every preaching of God's Word, God stretches out His hands to us.

If we are obedient = we also stretch out our hands to God, and we live within God's hands.

Do not force something which is not according to the Word, even though it is profitable to the flesh!

There is no need to debate because the Word is simple. A simple life will not be difficult to be obedient.

Not being obedient to the Word = being outside the Word = being outside the hands of God = being within the hands of Satan.

Separation will happen; the sheep are within God's hands, the goats are within Satan's hands.

Let us examine in every aspect of our life whether it is already according to the Word or not; in using the mobile phone, in working, in society, in marriage, etc. Everything must be done according to the Word.

Let us come back to the Word! Without the Word, there is only fake love. If we are obedient to the Word, there is God's love.

The results are as follows:

○ **Deuteronomy 28:1-2, 8**

28:1. "Now it shall come to pass, if you diligently obey the voice of the LORD your God, to observe carefully all His commandments which I command you today, that the LORD your God will set you high above all nations of the earth.

28:2 And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, because you obey the voice of the LORD your God:

28:8 "The LORD will command the blessing on you in your storehouses and in all to which you set your hand, and He will bless you in the land which the LORD your God is giving you.

God will command the blessing= God's hands care us wonderfully in middle of this difficult world.

The wonderful God's caring has been proved to the Israelites in the wilderness for 40 years.

○ **Jeremiah 29:11**

29:11 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.

We are within God's plans/thoughts, that is:

- a. Thoughts of peace/heavenly joy.
- b. Thoughts of life and beautiful future; up to the most beautiful one, we become God's bride as glorious as Him, and ready to welcome God's second coming. We will be lifted to the glorious clouds.

If this morning our life is not beautiful, let us check:

- a. If there are lies, let us throw them!
- b. If there is no lie and life is not beautiful yet, we have to wait for God's time.

Ecclesiastes 3:11

3:11. He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also He has put eternity in their hearts, except that no one can find out the work that God does from beginning to end.

Isaiah 52:13-14

52:13. Behold, My Servant shall deal prudently; He shall be exalted and extolled and be very high.

52:14 Just as many were astonished at you, So His visage was marred more than any man, And His form more than the sons of men;

The guarantee is on the cross. Jesus who is beautiful and glorious is willing to be broken and marred to make us beautiful and glorious.

Let us not complain, but keep being grateful and waiting for God's time.

God blesses us.