

General Service in Malang, January 16, 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:*

In Jesus' second coming, He will appear as King of kings and Great Shepherd to separate the sheep from the goats.

2011 is **the year of separation.**

If we are not careful, separation can happen within marriage (between husband and wife), within shepherding, etc.

Each of us must struggle to be able to be shepherded well on the true teaching Word, such that we will not be separated and we will experience **the year of revival and the year of miracle.**

The base of separation between the sheep and the goats:

1. Heavenly wisdom
2. Characteristics.

The base of separation between sheep and goats has no relations at all with carnal matters.

Ad. 2. Separation based on characteristics.

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/ considering himself important. The goats do not want to give nor visit the others who need.

If God motivates us to give or to visit the others, but we reject it, one time God will demand from us.

Not loving the others = not loving God.

The consequence is being perished in the everlasting fire.

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, i.e.:

- Loving (giving and visiting) the others who need.
- Loving God.

There are six human needs as follows:

1. Food for hungry people.
2. Drink for thirsty people.
3. House for stranger.
4. Cloth for naked people.
5. Cares for the sick.

6. Freedom for the people in prison, especially because of sins.
Do not support the others who do sins! They need to be set free.

Serving/ loving the others who need = serving/ loving God.Â

If we love the others but not loving God, everything will be in vain, just the same as the people in the world who have no true love.

THE DAILY PRACTICES OF LOVING GOD are as follows:

1. Psalm97:10a

97:10a You who love the LORD, hate evil!

Loving God = hating evil/ sins, either our own sins in words, deeds, minds, or the others' sins (Do not agree! Do not follow!).

= **Living in righteousness and holiness.**

We do not hate the others who do sins, but we hate the sins. Do not agree nor support! Do not join doing the sins!

We should not compromise with sins!

2. James 1:12

1:12 Blessed is the man who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him.

Loving God = enduring temptation, it means as follows:

- o Keep holding on the true teaching Word, whatever happens.
Starting from little things in our daily life, we must hold on the righteousness. Do not be wavered by any human's words!
- o Not being desperate, nor disappointed, not grumbling facing any problems, but keep thanking and hoping God.
- o Keep being faithful and burning in ministry, whatever problems we face.
Do not easily be defeated by obstacles, sickness, etc!
In blessings or in problems, we must keep being faithful and burning (do not shift any little).
The example is Job. In blessings or having nothing, he kept faithful to God.

The result is receiving the crown of life; there is a guarantee for the present life up to the eternal one.

3. John14:15

14:15. "If you love Me, keep My commandments.

Loving God = being obedient (doing) the true teaching Word, whatever the risks.

When we are obedient to the true teaching Word, maybe we will be put aside by the others. But, there is Jesus who accompanies and embraces us. God is more than family and the others.

The blind man healed by Jesus was ejected when he testified about Jesus. When he was ejected, he met Jesus.

Obedying the true teaching Word = eating/ enjoying the true teaching Word.

Our life as sheep in the middle of wilderness only depends on how much we can eat/ obey the shepherding Word.

I John2:17

2:17 And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

If we depend on something in this world (richness, diploma, salary, etc.), our life is still being perished with the world. Everything in this world will not be able to guarantee, even they will perish. Do not be proud of something!

If we do not have any richness or diploma or the other things, and still do not want to eat the Word, it will be really harmful.

I Kings17:7-9, 11-13, 15-16

17:7 And it happened after a while that the brook dried up, because there had been no rain in the land.

17:8 Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying,

17:9 "Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongsto Sidon, and dwell there. See, I have commanded a widow there to provide for you."

17:11 And as she was going to get it, he called to her and said, "Please bring me a morsel of bread in your hand."
 17:12 So she said, "As the LORD your God lives, I do not have bread, only a handful of flour in a bin, and a little oil in a jar; and see, I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die."
 17:13 And Elijah said to her, "Do not fear; go and do as you have said, but make me a small cake from it first, and bring it to me; and afterward make some for yourself and your son."
 17:15 So she went away and did according to the word of Elijah; and she and he and her household ate for many days.
 17:16 The bin of flour was not used up, nor did the jar of oil run dry, according to the word of the LORD which He spoke by Elijah.

The situation of the world at the end of the ages has been prophesied in the Old Testament. On the dry season, God commanded Elijah to go to a poor widow, not to rich people whose barn has been renewed seven times.

The world now is facing crisis in every sector, even it is still being perished and nothing can be expected from it.

The way out from God is we must have 2 things as follows:

- **A handful of flour and a little oil.**

Flour = the Word.

Oil = the anointing of Holy Spirit.

It means the true teaching Word in the anointing of Holy Spirit we hold as follows:

- We hold on the true teaching Word which has become an experience in our life.
Do not insult nor scatter the Word!
- The true teaching Word (God himself) becomes our heart = we love it more than anything (a handful denotes the size of our heart).
- Being obedient to (practicing) the true teaching Word.

- **Stick.**

It is used for burning:

- Egoism.
- Everything which does not please God.

It is equal to bake a small cake until it is cooked and may please or satisfy God.

Our faults are as follows:

- Scattering the true teaching Word.
- We have been holding on the true teaching Word, but keep the egoism, keep the wrong things or the things which do not please God.

Although we are small (a small cake), but if we can please God, God will never fool us. God will also please and satisfy us. The example is the church of Philadelphia.

Revelation 3:7-8

3:7. "And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write, 'These things says He who is holy, He who is true, "He who has the key of David, He who opens and no one shuts, and shuts and no one opens":

3:8 "I know your works. See, I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it; for you have a little strength, have kept My word, and have not denied My name."

If we can satisfy God, the result is God gives the key of David to open the shut door.

- The door of God's usage.
We will be used in the revival in the last rain.
- The door of care.
God as King and Great Shepherd is able to care us in six human needs, in the middle of crisis and ruin in the world, until in the 3.5 years antichrist era.
- The door of miracle.
Anything which has died will be put back into life.

I Kings 17:17, 21-22, 24

17:17. Now it happened after these things that the son of the woman who owned the house became sick. And his sickness was so serious that there was no breath left in him.

17:21 And he stretched himself out on the child **three times**, and cried out to the LORD and said, "O LORD my God, I pray, let this child's soul come back to him."

*17:22 Then the LORD heard the voice of Elijah; and the soul of the child came back to him, and he revived.
17:24 Then the woman said to Elijah, "Now by this I know that you are a man of God, and that the word of the LORD in your mouth is the truth."*

Elijah stretched himself out on the child three times denotes the perseverance in three kinds of main services, where God's miracle will happen.

Spiritual miracle is we can believe/ be sure to the true teaching Word, we can worship God.
Physical miracle is the dead put back into life.

Until the last miracle, we will be renewed as perfect as God.

- God will open the door of Heaven for us.

God blesses us.