

General Service in Malang, July 11, 2010 (Sunday Morning)

Child Service

We ask God many things for our child but the highest hope is that the child may become as wise virgin before God. It is as Solomon who did not ask riches or all other things but wisdom to God.

The practice of being wise child is below:

1. Hearing and obeying the advice and edification from God/His Word.

Proverbs 19:20

19:20 Listen to counsel and receive instruction, That you may be wise in your latter days.

Besides, she/he must hear and obey the advice and instruction of the parents according to the Word of God.

Proverbs 13:1

13:1 A wise son heeds his father's instruction, But a scoffer does not listen to rebuke.

The edification of parents may be in the form of the beat of a rod. Pleading the child although she/he really does false matter, the parents kill her/him spiritually.

Proverbs 23:13-14

23:13 Do not withhold correction from a child, For if you beat him with a rod, he will not die.

23:14 You shall beat him with a rod, And deliver his soul from hell.

2. Being faithful servant in service and ministry to the Lord.

Matthew 24:45-46

24:45 "Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his master made ruler over his household, to give them food in due season?"

24:46 "Blessed is that servant whom his master, when he comes, will find so doing."

There are many duties as parents such as feeding the child, et cetera, but the main duty is bringing the child to become faithful in committing service and ministry to the Lord.

The result of being the wise child is below:

- There is a beautiful and joyful future life.
- Giving joy to the parents.

Proverbs 15:20

15:20 A wise son makes a father glad, But a foolish man despises his mother.

- Being able to welcome Jesus' second coming.Â

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Matthew 25:1,13

25:1 "Then the kingdom of heaven shall be likened to ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom.

25:13 "Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming."

Jesus' second coming in glory as King of kings or Heavenly Bridegroom is to lift up the lives who are perfect and blameless, without any relationship with sins.

As a matter of fact, none knows the time of Jesus' second coming.

Church of God (the virgins) must be watchful to keep the lamp to burn continually to welcome Jesus' second coming.

All things we keep in the world will be meaningless if we are left when Jesus comes a second time.

Matthew 25:8-13

25:8 "And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.'

25:9 "But the wise answered, saying, 'No, lest there should not be enough for us and you; but go rather to those who sell, and buy for yourselves.'

25:10 "And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding; and the door was shut."

25:11 "Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, Lord, open to us!'
25:12 "But he answered and said, 'Assuredly, I say to you, I do not know you.'
25:13 "Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming.

A separation forever will happen between the wise virgins and the foolish ones.

The wise virgins always watch and are ready so there is oil for supply and their lamps burn continually.

The practice of watching is below:

1. Using the lengthening of God's patience to repent.

2 Peter 3:9

3:9 The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

2. Using the lengthening of God's patience to hear and to obey the promise or the Word about Jesus' second coming.

2 Peter 3:3-4

*3:3 knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts,
3:4 and saying, "Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation."*

Revelation 12:1

12:1 Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a garland of twelve stars.

The main purpose of our life must be to repent and to live holily in the light until we become the perfect bride of God with the light of sun, referring to the love of God, and the light of moon under her feet, referring to the redemption by Jesus' blood, and the light of the garland of twelve stars, referring to the gifts of Holy Spirit.

The practice of having the light of sun, moon, and stars is below:

1. The light of sun:loving/prioritizing God more than all things, obeying the Word of God whatever things we have to sacrifice. Jesus is obedient until being dead on the cross. It seems to be a failure for worldly people but actually He is successful and get wonderful power.

Successful people are the obedient ones.

2. The light of moon:being redeemed or delivered from sins, living in righteousness and holiness.
3. The light of stars:being faithful and fervent in spirit in committing service and ministry to the Lord.

Let us have the light little by little until someday we can appear as the light of the world, as the perfect Heavenly Bride.

Revelation 19:8

19:8 And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.

Having the light of sun, moon, and stars means having the clean and bright fine linen/the garments of Heavenly Bride on.

Revelation 12:14

12:14 But the woman was given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness to her place, where she is nourished for a time and times and half a time, from the presence of the serpent.

The Church of God is given the two wings of a great eagle to flee her to the wilderness for 3.5 years, being far away from the presence of antichrist.

Afterward, the two wings of a great eagle will lift us up to the glorious clouds to welcome Jesus' second coming and we enter into the marriage supper of the Lamb.

Revelation 19:9

19:9 Then he said to me, "Write: 'Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!'" And he said to me, "These are the true sayings of God."

Matthew 25:10

25:10 "And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding; and the

door was shut.

Only the wise virgins may enter into the marriage supper of the Lamb.

Afterward, we enter into the kingdom of peace a thousand years and the heavenly kingdom eternally.

On the other hand, the foolish virgins do not have the oil for supply so their lamps are quenched and here are the practices:

1. Not repenting but keeping sins even laughing in sins.

Laughing in sins means crying in hell.

2. Scoffing the Word preaching about Jesus' second coming (Bride Tidings).

2 Peter 3:3-4

3:3 knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts,

3:4 and saying, "Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation."

The Bride Tidings is the Word sharper than any two edged sword, solid food.Â

In short, the foolish virgins do not repent and are not sanctified so they live in darkness, there is no light of the sun, moon, and stars.

The practices of living in the darkness are below:

1. The sun is dark: not loving God, not obeying His Word, hating other people or slandering them.
2. The moon is dark: living in sins up to the peak, i.e. sins concerning eating-drinking and marrying-giving in marriage.
3. The stars are dark: committing service and ministry to the Lord unfaithfully even leaving them.
Leaving the ministry means being falling stars as Judas is.

Acts 27:20

27:20 Now when neither sun nor stars appeared for many days, and no small tempest beat on us, all hope that we would be saved was finally given up.

If the sun, moon, and stars are dark, the storm will come for sure. The wind and waves come suddenly, none may predict the time. The storm can be in the form of physical problem or the storm of sin.

Consequently, one becomes hopeless and leaves the service and ministry until being left at the time of Jesus' second coming.

Matthew 25:11-12

25:11 "Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, Lord, open to us!'

25:12 "But he answered and said, 'Assuredly, I say to you, I do not know you.'

Revelation 19:17-18,21

19:17 Then I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the birds that fly in the midst of heaven, "Come and gather together for the supper of the great God,

19:18 "that you may eat the flesh of kings, the flesh of captains, the flesh of mighty men, the flesh of horses and of those who sit on them, and the flesh of all people, free and slave, both small and great."

19:21 And the rest were killed with the sword which proceeded from the mouth of Him who sat on the horse. And all the birds were filled with their flesh.

Furthermore, the foolish virgin will enter into the supper of great slaughter by the judgment sword of God until being drown in the sea of fire and brimstone.

It is better to be the wise virgins and receive the sanctification done by the Word of God right now.

John 6:16-21

6:16 Now when evening came, His disciples went down to the sea,

6:17 got into the boat, and went over the sea toward Capernaum. And it was already dark, and Jesus had not come to them.

6:18 Then the sea arose because a great wind was blowing.

6:19 So when they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and drawing near the boat; and they were afraid.

6:20 But He said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid."

6:21 Then they willingly received Him into the boat, and immediately the boat was at the land where they were going.

The disciples were threatened by wind and storm so they were going to be perished but the Lord did not let it happen.

As for God, He comes in the midst of us with a power to lift us up through the Word sharper than any two-edged sword.

As for us, 'do not be afraid.' Meaning as follows:

1. Do not be afraid to the Word but let us consume and practice it until we can confess our sins, be forgiven and we do not sin anymore but being sanctified.

Sinning, we are separated from God.

Finishing our sins, the Lord is stretching his hand to us.

2. Being shepherded

Luke 12:32

12:32 "Do not fear, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

The greatest wave which is able to make people drown is doubt.

Being shepherded, we can live in peace and rest although we have only little strength.

There is preservation and protection of God as Great Shepherd in the shepherding.

It is so real in the three kinds of main service to the Lord as follows:

- o Golden Candlestick (https://www.gptkk.org/tabernacle_golden+candlestick.html) -->fellowship with Holy Spirit God, the light of stars.
- o Table of Showbread (https://www.gptkk.org/tabernacle_table+of+showbread.html) -->fellowship with the Son of God, the light of moon.
- o The Golden Altar of Incense (https://www.gptkk.org/tabernacle_the+golden+altar+of+incense.html)-->fellowship with Father God, the light of sun.

There is light from God in the shepherding, as well as the new hope from God.

3. Worshiping God.

Revelation 1:17

1:17 And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, "Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last.

Psalms 118:15-16

118:15 The voice of rejoicing and salvation is in the tents of the righteous; The right hand of the LORD does valiantly.

118:16 The right hand of the LORD is exalted; The right hand of the LORD does valiantly.

Trusting and entrusting ourselves fully to God, crying His name, and His hand is stretched to us to exalt us and to lift us up on the glorious clouds when Jesus comes a second time.

God blesses you.