

General Service in Malang, July 25, 2010 (Sunday Morning)

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 between the wise virgins and the foolish ones will happen at the time of Jesus' second coming as King of kings, as heavenly Bridegroom. The wise and the foolish will be separated forever although now they are in one house, one church, or committing the same ministry.

The foolish virgins are the description of the negligent Church of God so they do not know God and He does not know them [Matthew 25:12]. Consequently, they face a shut door, being left at the time of Jesus' second coming.

On the contrary, the wise virgins are the description of the watchful Church of God so they know God and He knows them. As a result, there is an opened door to enter into the marriage supper of the Lamb, into paradise up to New Jerusalem.

1 John 2:3

2:3. *Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments.*

How can we know and be known by God?

It can happen when **we keep His commandments, obey the true teaching Word.**

The wise virgins are the Church of God obeying the true teaching Word and having the burning lamps, meaning **living in the light of righteousness and holiness until being the light of the world.** There is no darkness in such an obedient person.Ā

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.*

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.*

The light of the world means the Church of God putting on the garment of sun, moon, and stars or the Bride of God who is ready to welcome Jesus' second coming; being the one whom God knows and who knows Him.

On the other hand, the foolish virgins are the disobedient Church of God who commit service and ministry to the Lord carelessly and their lamps are quenched, living in the darkness of sin up to the peak, i.e. sins concerning eating-drinking such as smoking, being drunk, gambling, consuming narcotics, and the sexual sins.

The one who is disobedient to the Word will be naked and left at the time of Jesus' second coming for sure. Such person does not know God and He does not know him so the door is shut and he is sent out by God.

The nakedness hits the Church of God from age to age as follows:

1. **The age of Father God (Adam to Abraham).**

Adam and Eve were naked.

Genesis 3:6-7

3:6. *So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.*

3:7 *Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings.*

Adam and Eve were disobedient to the true teaching Word so they became naked.
This nakedness happened to them in paradise which refers to the protection and the preservation of God.

Now the nakedness happens suddenly in the marriage of the sons of God while they are in the atmosphere of paradise which is full of blessings.

Therefore, the things we must take heed when the marriage is in the atmosphere of paradise are below:

- Obedience; do not be arrogant or disobedient.
- Do not have on the garment of self-truth.
The self-truth happens through blaming others to cover one's sins.

2. **The age of the Son of God (Abraham to Jesus' first coming).**

A young man was naked.

Mark 14:51-52

14:51 Now a certain young man followed Him, having a linen cloth thrown around his naked body. And the young men laid hold of him,

14:52 and he left the linen cloth and fled from them naked.

This young man had served the Lord but he was naked.

This nakedness happens in the Church of God in facing suffering/temptation/sorrow.

The nakedness means disappointment, hopelessness until one does not walk with God anymore.

Disappointed person is as having HIV so he cannot fight against the virus of sin and there is no control in life.

3. **The age of Holy Spirit God (Jesus' first coming to His second coming).**

Now it is the lengthening of God's longsuffering if Jesus has not come yet.

The church of Laodiceans was naked.

Revelation 3:14-17

3:14. "And to the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write, 'These things says the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God:

3:15 "I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot.

3:16 "So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth.

3:17 "Because you say, 'I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing' --and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked--

The nakedness happens to the church of Laodiceans when they are full of physical blessings.

The practices of being naked are below:

- Misusing the blessings from God only for self-interest, not for the building of Christ's body.
- Being arrogant because of physical blessings. Afterward, one may be arrogant spiritually until he does not need the Word of God anymore.

If the church of God or a marriage or a shepherding does not prioritize the true teaching Word, the spirituality will be lukewarm or naked and vomited and left at the time of Jesus' second coming.

Being lukewarm means below:

- Being neither cold nor hot [Revelation 3:15-16].
Not being cold means there is no peace but envy, revenge, bitterness, jealousy.
Not being hot means being unfaithful, not being fervent in spirit in committing service and ministry to the Lord.
- Being neither dead nor alive.
Not being dead means not being dead to sin.
Not being alive means not being resurrected in new life, not living in righteousness because new life is in righteousness.

Being neither dead nor alive means there is no renewal of life but being carnal men because of keeping eighteen characteristics of flesh and being stamped 666 by antichrist. Such a life becomes an unclean beast.

2 Timothy 3:1-5

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!

Drawing near Jesus' second coming, there are many churches get sick with a fever.

Matthew 8:14-17

8:14. Now when Jesus had come into Peter's house, He saw his wife's mother lying sick with a fever.

8:15 So He touched her hand, and the fever left her. And she arose and served them.

8:16 When evening had come, they brought to Him many who were demon-possessed. And He cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all who were sick,

8:17 that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: "He Himself took our infirmities And bore our sicknesses."

Lying sick with fever means there is an infection, meaning something wrong or unfinished in physical matters such as in finance, study, et cetera as well as in spiritual matters such as sins.

The mother of Peter's wife refers to the one preparing the bride.

Jesus has prepared a place in heaven but unfortunately there are many become bride who has many unfinished things.

John 19:28-30

19:28 After this, Jesus, knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, said, "I thirst!"

19:29 Now a vessel full of sour wine was sitting there; and they filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on hyssop, and put it to His mouth.

19:30 So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.

This morning God wants to stretch His hands to finish all matters.

We have to lift up our hands to Him through confessing our sins to Him and other people.

After all things are finished by God, do not be in silence but minister Him seriously until He knows and says "where I am, there my servant will be also." Meaning we become His Bride and nothing may separate us with Him.

John 12:26

12:26 "If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also. If anyone serves Me, him My Father will honor.

God blesses you.