

General Service in Malang, June 12, 2011 (Sunday Morning)

Matthew 26:14-16 Betrayal to the Lamb of Passover.

Judas Iscariot betrayed Jesus as the Lamb of God (the Lamb of Passover).

Reminder for us:

Judas Iscariot was an apostle and a treasurer (God's confidant), but he could betray Jesus. Who are we?

Why could Judas Iscariot betray Jesus?

1. Because Judas Iscariot entered false fellowship, fellowship without the true teaching Word (Judas came to the chief priests who clearly contradicted with Jesus) just because of "something".
2. Because Judas Iscariot did not want to surrender to Jesus (especially did not want to submit the sins), such that he delivered/ sold Jesus in thirty pieces of silver price.

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Exodus 21:32

21:32 If the ox gores a male or female servant, he shall give to their master thirty shekels of silver, and the ox shall be stoned.

Thirty pieces of silver is the price of an ox which likes to gore.

Actually Jesus is a good and an obedient (does not gore) ox or God's servant.

On the contrary, an ox who likes to gore is an antichrist (= against the anointing of Holy Spirit).

God's servant without the anointing of Holy Spirit will appear as wild beast with the mark 666, that is all his body, soul, and spirit are flesh. (We are talking about God's servant, no longer about people in general.)

The appearance is as follows:

II 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!

The peak of the character of flesh human is disobedient to God (the Word of God). It equals to being against God.

Jesus is obedient until his death, but antichrist is not obedient at all (against God).

When we are disobedient to the advice of our parents or pastor (advice according to the Word of God), we do not rebel human, but rebelling God.

The more we serve God, the more we sacrifice, but if we are disobedient (rebellious God), the more we become traitor.

God's servant who appears as wild beast with the mark 666 equals to broken and perished clay pot.

Jesus was willing to be sold in thirty pieces of silver price. It equals to He is willing to be considered the same as antichrist, in order to help us such that we do not become antichrist.

Jesus was also willing to die, rise, and go up to Heaven, to pour the Holy Spirit such that we become life who is poured, even filled and overflowing in Holy Spirit.

No matter how great a man in this earth is, he is just as fragile clay pot and will be destroyed (perished).

Our life must be filled with Holy Spirit such that it will not be destroyed as Judas/ antichrist, but becomes the golden pot that had the manna (life who is as perfect as Jesus).

Revelation 22:1

22:1. And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb.

Ezekiel 47:1-2

47:1. Then he brought me back to the door of the temple; and there was water, flowing from under the threshold of the temple toward the east, for the front of the temple faced east; the water was flowing from under the right side of the temple, south of the

altar.

47:2 He brought me out by way of the north gate, and led me around on the outside to the outer gateway that faces east; and there was water, running out on the right side.

Holy Spirit equals to pure river of water of life which is poured from God's throne. It equals to the water which was flowing from the temple of God.

The process of filling the Holy Spirit in our life:

1. Holy Spirit comes up to the ankles.

Ezekiel 47:3

47:3 And when the man went out to the east with the line in his hand, he measured one thousand cubits, and he brought me through the waters; the water came up to my ankles.

Acts 3:1-2, 5-7

3:1. Now Peter and John went up together to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour.

3:2 And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms from those who entered the temple;

3:5 So he gave them his attention, expecting to receive something from them.

3:6 Then Peter said, "Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk."

3:7 And he took him by the right hand and lifted him up, and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength.

Ankles without Holy Spirit = spiritual lameness.

Ankles point to the foundation (faith).

Holy Spirit comes to the ankles = **Holy Spirit strengthens our foundation (faith) such that we are not unsteady or fallen (not lame spiritually).**

God knows our needs. Many lives have unsteady faith and lameness spiritually, and therefore God wants to pour Holy Spirit.

The definitions of spiritual lameness are as follows:

- Being doubtful, hopeless, desperate in facing any temptations and problems in every field. The ankles are weak, such that there is no strength following Jesus. Let alone entering Heaven, they even cannot enter the temple of God.
- Being doubtful to the true teaching Word, because of being wavered by false teaching. As people in uncertainty still ask where Heaven is and where hell is. At the end they will not enter the Kingdom of Heaven. We cannot consider "everything is the same" or "little difference is okay". In the science world, it will be a mistake if there is any little difference, moreover in the Word of God. The Word of God is more certain than science.
- Being obstructed many times to enter the temple of God, to minister God. Actually, entering the temple of God equals to entering the Beautiful Gate. If we are not lame spiritually, we will attend a service and serve God although there are any obstacles.
- Following Jesus just to look for physical matters (financial, mate, etc). Maybe that life is faithful in God's temple, but his life is not beautiful, even the most pitiable among all men.

I Corinthians 15:19

15:19 If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most pitiable.

The example is Judas, he was an apostle and a treasurer, but he was following Jesus just to look for money.

The consequence is his life is not beautiful, being the most pitiable, and will be perished forever.

I Peter 1:6-7

1:6. In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials,

1:7 that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ,

If Holy Spirit strengthens our ankles, Holy Spirit will strengthen or confirm our faith, such that we become **ENDURABLE (hardy) in facing any temptations physically and spiritually (false teaching, sins), any challenges and obstacles.**

In Tabernacle, **Holy Spirit strengthens ankles equals to entering the Gate.**

Acts 3:8

3:8 So he, leaping up, stood and walked and entered the temple with them ^{and} "walking, leaping, and praising God.

The proof we enter the temple of God is being **FAITHFUL and PRIORITIZING service and ministry to God, more than anything.**

The result is **we will enjoy glory with God.**

2. **Holy Spirit comes up to the knees,** such that we can kneel down = **humbling ourselves, being lowly in heart and gentle.**

Ezekiel 47:4a

47:4a Again he measured one thousand and brought me through the waters; the water came up to my knees.

Many people want to be exalted, and are difficult to humble themselves. Holy Spirit is able to help us.

Acts 7:60

7:60 Then he knelt down and cried out with a loud voice, "Lord, do not charge them with this sin." And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

- o **Being GENTLE= ability to forgive the others and forget it.**

It is not easy to kneel down = it is not easy to forgive the others who have hurt us.

But, let us surrender everything to God. This morning, we have to reconcile everything!

- o **Being LOWLY IN HEART= ability to confess our sins solemnly, and if we are forgiven we should not do sins anymore.**

It is not easy for everyone to confess the sins, especially when someone in higher position must confess to his inferior. Holy Spirit will help us.

Thus, **Holy Spirit helps us to kneel down = repentance = Altar of Burnt Offerings.**

II 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.

We are still in God's patience:

- o God has not come for the second time yet.
- o We still get longevity.

Our major aim in life is REPENTANCE.

Being rich, getting bachelor degree, etc. without repentance means we have not reached the aim of life

If we can repent, the result is **everything becomes easy and light.**

In the other side, if one wants to be exalted (keeping the sins), that life will be tired, exhausted, and in heavy laden. He just likes the people who always want to tiptoe, moreover if he wants to jump.

It is better that we kneel down (repent), and everything will be easy and light.

3. **Holy Spirit comes up to the waist.**

Ezekiel 47:4b

47:4b Again he measured one thousand and brought me through; the water came up to my waist.

Waist for a woman (the illustration of the church of God) is a distinction since there is womb inside. Womb points to new-birth.

John 3:5-8

3:5 Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.

3:6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

3:7 Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.'

3:8 The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit."

We must be born again from water and Spirit.

We were born from physical mother with inheriting blood-flesh human. It equals to fragile and broken clay pot, that does not proper to enter the Kingdom of Heaven.

Therefore, we must be born again from God by water and Spirit.

- o **Birth from water = water baptism=The Brazen Laver.**

Romans 6:4

6:4 Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

We who have repented (died from sins), must be buried in water with Jesus, to rise in new life with Heavenly life, that is **LIFE in RIGHTEOUSNESS**.

If we purposely keep wrong things, it equals to rejecting God and becoming antichrist.

- o **Birth from Holy Spirit = Holy Spirit baptism= the door of Tabernacle.**

John 3:8

3:8 The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit."

Birth from Holy Spirit makes us Heavenly people, as the wind, that is God's servant, the priests and kings.

Psalms 104:4

104:4 Who makes His angels spirits, His ministers a flame of fire.

God's servant as wind = God's servant who brings coolness and fragrance, who **GLORIFIES GOD**, being God's witness.

If we can glorify God, we will be able to unite the body of Christ.

In the other side, if we spread bad smell, everyone will run and be divided.

Fragrance = confessing if we are wrong, or keeping silent if we are right but are blamed.

If we cover the sins by doing something good ostensibly, it means nothing. The sins will result bad smell and sometime it will be revealed, as Judas.

Wind = feeling as nothing although there is something (one does not feel great), and people can feel coolness/ living testimony.

Isaiah 49:3-4

49:3 " And He said to me, ' You are My servant, O Israel, In whom I will be glorified.'

49:4 Then I said, 'I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and in vain; Yet surely my just reward is with the LORD, And my work with my God.'"

The result is God never fools us, our rights and rewards are with the Lord, and there is sureness guarantee from God.

4. Holy Spirit fulfills our life.

Ezekiel 47:5

47:5 Again he measured one thousand, and it was a river that I could not cross; for the water was too deep, water in which one must swim, a river that could not be crossed.

Psalms 23:6

23:6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the LORD Forever.

If Holy Spirit fulfills us, we can **persevere in shepherding (being SHEPHERDED) = entering the Holy Place (three equipments = perseverance in three main services).**

We cannot walk about anymore, and the flesh does not rule again.

The result is God never lies.

In the shepherding, **we will be satisfied; we will experience God's goodness and mercy.**

- God's goodness and mercy erase all impossibilities.
Comparing to his great brothers, David was only a shepherd of two or three sheep, but he was chosen by God to become the King of Israel.
- God's goodness and mercy lift us up from any fall.
David fell in sin with Bathsheba. Actually he had to be executed and perished, but God is able to lift us up as long as we want to confess and leave all sins.

If we are well shepherded, **Holy Spirit will overflow in us. Holy Spirit becomes a river that could not be crossed = being OBEDIENT until the FLESH DOES NOT SOUND ANYMORE= the veil is torn.**

We cannot walk, we only become obedient and follow the flow of Holy Spirit.

The examples are as follows:

- **Abraham (afather) was obedient** by submitting Isaac, the son of promise, his only son = **sacrificing the flesh feeling.**

If we preserve the flesh, the Word of God will always be considered "too much" (too long, too hard, etc.).

Abraham was obedient until the flesh does not sound anymore. It equals to loving God more than children.

The result is Jehova Jireh, the LORD will provide.

- **A widow in Zarephath(a mother) was obedient** by submitting a handful of flour and a little oil to God first = **sacrificing the flesh-interest.**

The result is God cared them in 3.5 years of drought. It equals to God cares us until 3.5 years the era of antichrist in this world.

Do not be egoistic!

The one who is egoistic (keep the flesh) will be scratched by antichrist.

If the flesh does not sound anymore, antichrist will not able to rule again.

- **I Peter 5:5-6**

5:5. Likewise you younger people, submit yourselves to your elders. Yes, all of you be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for " God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble."

5:6 Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time,

Young people is obedient to the advice of parents and pastor (which is according to the Word) = **sacrificing the carnal desire and flesh-interest.**

The results are we are exalted, everything will become beautiful, until we are lifted in the glorious clouds (the highest and the most beautiful), becoming His bride.

The disciples failed without Holy Spirit. Peter denied Jesus, Mary Magdalene was possessed by seven spirit of Satan, etc.

We need Holy Spirit.

With Holy Spirit, we can become obedient until the flesh does not sound anymore. Å

God blesses us.