

General Service in Malang, June 27, 2010 (Sunday Morning)

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.*

Church of God or the virgins must be watchful always in order to welcome Jesus' second coming in glory as Heavenly Bridegroom, King of kings.

What must be prepared is **the burning lamp**.

The requirements to keep our lamp to burn continually are below:

1. Hearing Bride Tidings.

Matthew 25:6

25:6 *"And at midnight a cry was heard: 'Behold, the bridegroom is coming; go out to meet him!'"*

2. Having the oil for supply or being anointed, filled, and overflowing with Holy Spirit.

Matthew 25:2-4

25:2 *"Now five of them were wise, and five were foolish.*

25:3 *"Those who were foolish took their lamps and took no oil with them,*

25:4 *"but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps.*

The Church of God is as ten virgins who can be divided into two groups as follows:

- Five wise virgins having the oil for supply so their lamps burn continually to welcome Jesus' second coming and rejoice forever.
- Five foolish virgins having no oil for supply so their lamps are almost quenched even already quenched and they cannot welcome Jesus' second coming because of being left at the time of Jesus' second coming or being perished.

The daily practice of being foolish virgins is **mocking at sin or despising Christ's sacrifice**.

Proverbs 14:9

14:9 *Fools mock at sin, But among the upright there is favor.*

In Old Testament, animal was used as the trespass offering but in New Testament it has been fulfilled by Christ's sacrifice.

Hebrews 6:4-6

6:4 *For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted the heavenly gift, and have become partakers of the Holy Spirit,*

6:5 *and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come,*

6:6 *if they fall away, to renew them again to repentance, since they crucify again for themselves the Son of God, and put Him to an open shame.*

Despising Christ's sacrifice means falling away as follows:

1. Departing from the true teaching Word to turn to the false teaching.
2. Denying the lord, not believing in Jesus because of facing temptations.
3. Christians who does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household.

1 Timothy 5:8

5:8 *But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.*

4. People who sin **deliberately** or live in sins or approve of them who practice them.
The term 'deliberately' means knowing that it is a sin but still doing it.

Romans 1:32

1:32 *who, knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are deserving of death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them.*

It includes the sin of not committing service to the Lord. Do not approve of those who do not commit the service to the Lord because of being tired, et cetera.

Hebrews 10:25-26

10:25 not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

10:26 For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins,

Hebrews 6:8

6:8 but if it bears thorns and briars, it is rejected and near to being cursed, whose end is to be burned.

The consequence of falling away is **being as thorns and briars or being in the curse of sin.**

Continuing in such condition, one is going to be burnt in the sea of fire and brimstone.

Ecclesiastes 7:6

7:6 For like the crackling of thorns under a pot, So is the laughter of the fool. This also is vanity.

The laughter of the fool is as the crackling of thorns under a pot.

The laughter of sinful people is the laughter of those who depart from faith and it becomes tears in hell.

1 Corinthians 1:30

1:30 But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God--and righteousness and sanctification and redemption.

Christ's sacrifice is the wisdom of God to redeem us from our sins.

All men in the world have already sinned since the days of Adam and Eve lived in the world. None may set men free from sins but Jesus, the only one man that has no sin. He is the only one God who was born as a man having no sin to set human being free from sin.

Christ's sacrifice will justify us, sanctify us and perfect us.

Hebrews 10:14

10:14 For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified.

We have the redemption of bride through the sacrifice of Christ.

Wise virgins will appreciate Christ's sacrifice to have the redemption of bride.

Revelation 14:1-5

14:1 Then I looked, and behold, a Lamb standing on Mount Zion, and with Him one hundred and forty-four thousand, having His Father's name written on their foreheads.

14:2 And I heard a voice from heaven, like the voice of many waters, and like the voice of loud thunder. And I heard the sound of harpists playing their harps.

14:3 They sang as it were a new song before the throne, before the four living creatures, and the elders; and no one could learn that song except the hundred and forty-four thousand who were redeemed from the earth.

14:4 These are the ones who were not defiled with women, for they are virgins. These are the ones who follow the Lamb wherever He goes. These were redeemed from among men, being firstfruits to God and to the Lamb.

14:5 And in their mouth was found no deceit, for they are without fault before the throne of God.

There are three sorts of the redemption of bride as follows:

1. Being redeemed from the earth with all of its influences [Revelation 14:3].

James 4:4

4:4 4 Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

The proof of being redeemed from the world is **being faithful and fervent in Spirit in committing service and ministry to the Lord.**

Being unfaithful = being bound to the world = committing adultery as Babel, the mother of harlots, did.

2. Being redeemed from among men (flesh) with all their wills/lusts [Revelation 14:4].

Romans 8:7

8:7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be.

The proof of being redeemed from the flesh is **being obedient to the Word of God whatever risk may come.**

3. Being redeemed from sin [Revelation 14:5].

It begins with not lying. Lie is a hidden thing or false saying. Not lying, **our words are true until we do not stumble in word, we are blameless.**

James 3:2

3:2 For we all stumble in many things. If anyone does not stumble in word, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle the whole body.

Being redeemed until being obedient and blameless, the Church will appear as **the perfect Bride of God.**

Revelation 12:1-4

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.

12:2 Then being with child, she cried out in labor and in pain to give birth.

12:3 And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great, fiery red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads.

12:4 His tail drew a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was ready to give birth, to devour her Child as soon as it was born.

Church of God that is redeemed by Christ's sacrifice is as a pregnant woman who is going to give birth. She is in the weakest condition as well as facing Satan with his power to destroy. There is only one thing she may do in such condition, that is to say **crying out to worship God.**

There are two kinds of the worship voice of the Church of the Lord as follows:

1. Crying out in labor and in pain [Revelation 12:2] = the worship in death experience.
2. Joyful voice = the worship in resurrection.

John 16:21

16:21 "A woman, when she is in labor, has sorrow because her hour has come; but as soon as she has given birth to the child, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world.

The worship in death and resurrection experience will be accumulated as a new song.

Revelation 14:2-3

14:2 And I heard a voice from heaven, like the voice of many waters, and like the voice of loud thunder. And I heard the sound of harpists playing their harps.

14:3 They sang as it were a new song before the throne, before the four living creatures, and the elders; and no one could learn that song except the hundred and forty-four thousand who were redeemed from the earth.

Revelation 19:6

19:6 And I heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude, as the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty thunderings, saying, "Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns!"

New song = the worship of Bride, the worship to Jesus as the King of kings.

We have to worship Him as our Heavenly Bridegroom from now on with saying "Alleluia" until He comes a second time.

Luke 23:41-43

23:41 "And we indeed justly, for we receive the due reward of our deeds; but this Man has done nothing wrong."

23:42 Then he said to Jesus, "Lord, remember me when You come into Your kingdom."

23:43 And Jesus said to him, "Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise."

The worship to the King will make the rain of God's mercy and kindness come down to us. We are in paradise right now, meaning the good and merciful hands of God **are able to preserve our lives wonderfully** in the middle of crises and impossible things. Physically, impossible matters become possible, failed matters become successful, and bad future lives become beautiful and joyful.

Spiritually, the merciful hands of God are able to renew us to become perfect as Jesus is perfect, we are worthy to get entry into paradise.

God blesses you.