

New Year Eve Service, December 31, 2010 (Friday Night)

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:

Jesus appears as King of kings and Great Shepherd at the time of His second coming to divide sheep from goats. It is a strict separation until a husband can be separated from his wife.

The sheep are at the right hand of the Lord and the goats are at the left hand.

The base of the separation is as follows:

1. [Ecclesiastes 10:2] Heavenly wisdom.
2. [Matthew 25:35-45] Characteristics.

Ad. 2. THE SEPARATION BASED ON CHARACTERISTICS

Matthew 25:35,39-45

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.'

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;

25:43 'I was a stranger and you did not take Me in, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.'

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 at the left hand because of **egoism** as follows:

- Not loving other people who need.
- Not loving God.

John 14:15

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

Not loving God may happen when one is disobedient.

The goats are egoistic or without any love.

Isaiah 14:23

14:23. "I will also make it a possession for the porcupine, And marshes of muddy water; I will sweep it with the broom of destruction," says the LORD of hosts.

The egoistic goats are as the marshes of muddy water, namely they only want to receive but not to give, and not to visit other people who need.

Ezekiel 47:11

47:11. "But its swamps and marshes will not be healed; they will be given over to salt.

The consequences are as follows:

1. The marshes of muddy water will become the heap of salt, namely sins which are heaped up to the peak, that is to say the sins concerning eating-drinking such as smoking, being drunk, consuming narcotics, gambling, and the sins concerning marrying-giving in marriage.
2. Entering into the revival of building Babel's body, false church, or the bride of Satan who is perfect in uncleanness and

wickedness, going to perish in everlasting fire.

The sheep are on the right hand of God because of **having love** as follows:

- Loving other people who need.
- Loving God through being obedient to the true teaching Word.

Loving other people but without obedience means there is no love.

The sheep, which have love characteristic, will always give and visit other people who need, or the most despised men.

1 Corinthians 11:22

11:22. What! Do you not have houses to eat and drink in? Or do you despise the church of God and shame those who have nothing? What shall I say to you? Shall I praise you in this? I do not praise you.

Those who have nothing or the most despised men are the weakest part of the body of Christ, but it is needed the most.

The sheep having the love will enter into the revival of building Christ's body or the revival of Holy Spirit at the last rain until the perfect body of Christ is formed and ready to welcome Jesus' second coming.

The revival of Holy Spirit at the last rain begins with the marriage which is united, shepherding, inter-shepherding, up to the one perfect body of Christ between Israelites and Gentiles, the Bride of God who is ready to welcome Jesus' second coming.

The revival of building Christ's body is about GIVING and VISITING, beginning in marriage.

2010 is the year of being delivered as Israelites going out of Egypt. The quantity of the Israelites was 603,550 peoples.

2011 is **THE YEAR OF SEPARATION** between sheep and goats, and **THE YEAR OF REVIVAL**. The egoistic goats will go toward the revival of building Babel, but the sheep having love will enter into the revival of building the perfect body of Christ.

God's word in New Year Eve Service in 2011 is the continuation of the one in 2010. Israel was going to Canaan right after they went out of Egypt. Moses sent twelve spies to see the land of Canaan. Here there was a separation between the twelve spies as follows:

1. Ten spies.

Numbers 13:27-28

13:27. Then they told him, and said: "We went to the land where you sent us. It truly flows with milk and honey, and this is its fruit.

13:28 "Nevertheless the people who dwell in the land are strong; the cities are fortified and very large; moreover we saw the descendants of Anak there.

The ten spies are people who **magnify temptation more than the true teaching Word, or hear strange voices such as the sound of flesh, false teachings, or gossips, more than hearing the true teaching Word.**

Consequently, there is no obedience, not entering into Canaan.

The ten spies were followed by 603,548 peoples. Only two peoples did not follow. Let us be alert!

2. Two spies, namely Joshua and Caleb.

Numbers 14:6,8-9

14:6. But Joshua the son of Nun and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, who were among those who had spied out the land, tore their clothes;

14:8 "If the LORD delights in us, then He will bring us into this land and give it to us, 'a land which flows with milk and honey.'

14:9 "Only do not rebel against the LORD, nor fear the people of the land, for they are our bread; their protection has departed from them, and the LORD is with us. Do not fear them."

We have to OBEY the true teaching Word, whatever risk we may face! It means we have the love characteristic, not egoism.

As a result, Joshua was employed by God to enter into Canaan.

Joshua 3:2-6

3:2. So it was, after three days, that the officers went through the camp;

3:3 and they commanded the people, saying, "When you see the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God, and the priests, the

Levites, bearing it, then you shall set out from your place and go after it.

3:4 "Yet there shall be a space between you and it, about two thousand cubits by measure. Do not come near it, that you may know the way by which you must go, for you have not passed this way before."

3:5 And Joshua said to the people, "Sanctify yourselves, for tomorrow the LORD will do wonders among you."

3:6 Then Joshua spoke to the priests, saying, "Take up the ark of the covenant and cross over before the people." So they took up the ark of the covenant and went before the people.

2011 is the year of separation. There will be separation between sheep and goats but we will enter into the year of revival if we want to have the love characteristic. **THE YEAR OF REVIVAL IS THE YEAR OF MIRACLE. The important thing is that WE HAVE THE LOVE CHARACTERISTIC.**

The revival to enter into Canaan is the revival to enter into the building of Christ's body lead by the Ark of Covenant. The mercy seat is made of pure gold, referring to Jesus as Heavenly Bridegroom. The ark is made of wood overlaid with gold, referring to the Church of God as the Bride.

Thus, the revival to enter into Canaan will be lead by Bride Tidings.

The requirement of entering into Canaan is by seeing, going after, and taking up, meaning all aspects of our life must be in line with the Bride Tidings.

Taking up means responsibility to obey the true teaching Word, to preach, and to bear witness about it.

Joshua 3:4

3:4. "Yet there shall be a space between you and it, about two thousand cubits by measure. Do not come near it, that you may know the way by which you must go, for you have not passed this way before."

There shall be a space between us and the Ark of Covenant, about two thousand cubits by measure.

The figure 2000 refers to the volume of Holy Place of tabernacle, referring to **sheepfold**.

A pastor must be patient in the sheepfold. If the pastor is not patient, the sheep will be scattered.

There are three equipments in the Holy Place which refer to the perseverance in committing three main services as follows:

1. Golden Candlestick -->perseverance in committing General Service.
2. Table of Showbread -->perseverance in committing Bible Study Service and Holy Communion.
3. Golden Altar of Incense -->perseverance in committing Prayer Service.

Psalm 23:1

23:1. <>The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

We shall not want in the sheepfold because we are preserved physically and spiritually until we are spotless. This is miracle God will do.

Joshua 3:15-17

3:15. and as those who bore the ark came to the Jordan, and the feet of the priests who bore the ark dipped in the edge of the water (for the Jordan overflows all its banks during the whole time of harvest),

3:16 that the waters which came down from upstream stood still, and rose in a heap very far away at Adam, the city that is beside Zaretan. So the waters that went down into the Sea of the Arabah, the Salt Sea, failed, and were cut off; and the people crossed over opposite Jericho.

3:17 Then the priests who bore the ark of the covenant of the LORD stood firm on dry ground in the midst of the Jordan; and all Israel crossed over on dry ground, until all the people had crossed completely over the Jordan.

The result of entering into the revival of building Christ's body is the miracle that we walk on dry ground.

Isaiah 52:13-15

52:13. Behold, My Servant shall deal prudently; He shall be exalted and extolled and be very high.

52:14 Just as many were astonished at you, So His visage was marred more than any man, And His form more than the sons of men;

52:15 So shall He sprinkle many nations. Kings shall shut their mouths at Him; For what had not been told them they shall see, And what they had not heard they shall consider.

Walking on dry ground equals to a root's growing on dry ground.

It refers to **life journey based on Christ's sacrifice, the journey in cross or passing the narrow gate, or the suffering in flesh without any sins or because of the true teaching.**

Walking on the way of cross, we experience these things:

1. **Resurrection power** as follows:

- Giving us new way in dry ground, a way without any sin but righteousness and holiness. We leave our past sins, and the future sins are hindered by God.
- Preserving and protecting us although we are little, weak, and powerless as a root coming out of dry ground. The resurrection power cannot be learnt by anyone, imitated, predicted, or hindered by anyone.
- Defeating the death, temptation, and problems, even the impossible ones.

2. **Glory power, lifting up power from God.**

2 Kings 2:8-11

2:8. Now Elijah took his mantle, rolled it up, and struck the water; and it was divided this way and that, so that the two of them crossed over on dry ground.

2:9 And so it was, when they had crossed over, that Elijah said to Elisha, "Ask! What may I do for you, before I am taken away from you?" Elisha said, "Please let a double portion of your spirit be upon me."

2:10 So he said, "You have asked a hard thing. Nevertheless, if you see me when I am taken from you, it shall be so for you; but if not, it shall not be so."

2:11 Then it happened, as they continued on and talked, that suddenly a chariot of fire appeared with horses of fire, and separated the two of them; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.

Why do we need the lifting up power?

- Because we often sink. Peter has sunk also.

Matthew 14:29-30

14:29. So He said, "Come." And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus.

14:30 But when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!"

- In order to welcome Jesus' second coming as King of kings, Heavenly Bridegroom.
The glory power is **life renewal power, beginning with being strong and of good courage.**
Peter sank because he was doubtful.

The meanings of being strong and of good courage are as follows:

- Holding fast one true teaching Word.
- Being obedient whatever risks may come.
- Believing in the Lord and totally surrendering ourselves to Him.

1 Thessalonians 3:13

3:13. so that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all His saints.

Being strong and of good courage are a strong foundation to get the miracle! The last miracle happens when we become as glorious as God and we become His Bride.

God blesses you.