

Prayer Service in Malang, February 12, 2013 (Tuesday Evening)

Peace and grace in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Matthew 28:11-15 is about the lie of the council or the spread of the darkness. The soldiers have known that Jesus has resurrected but they tell other people that Jesus is stolen because of the money they get. The false testimony spreads from generation to generation until the last days.

Thus, the spread of the darkness is the spread of false testimony or teaching that rejects the resurrection of Jesus, so the Church keeps on sinning and being carnal men to perish forever.

Matthew 21:12-14

21:12 Then Jesus went into the temple of God and drove out all those who bought and sold in the temple, and overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves.

21:13 And He said to them, "It is written, "My house shall be called a house of prayer," but you have made it a den of thieves."

21:14 Then the blind and the lame came to Him in the temple, and He healed them.

The spread of the false teaching is encouraged by the power of money or mammon or the spirit of selling-buying.

The true teaching Word in the Church of God will make the congregation worship God with true worship, so they can become the house of prayer to go toward perfection.

On the contrary, the false teaching in the Church which is encouraged by the spirit of selling-buying will make the congregation worship God with false worship until they become the den of thieves. The spirit of selling-buying causes spiritual blindness and lameness or imperfection, so one is left when Jesus comes a second time.

The spiritual blindness and lameness are the disease of heart. The spiritual blindness means that the heart is hard. It keeps the fault without any will to change. **Now we will learn about the spiritual lameness.**

I Kings 18:20-21

18:20 So Ahab sent for all the children of Israel, and gathered the prophets together on Mount Carmel.

18:21 And Elijah came to all the people, and said, "How long will you falter between two opinions? If the LORD is God, follow Him; but if Baal, follow him." But the people answered him not a word.

Being lame means one is doubtful or double-minded. The doubtful heart will encourage the false worship or the worship to Baal.

Baal means master, king, husband, or bridegroom, but it is the false one. If one cannot choose, he will get the false one, namely the false master, king, bridegroom, or the false Jesus.

The facts found in the doubtful heart are as follows.

1. Being doubtful to the true teaching, meaning as follows.
 - Not being able to firmly distinguish between the true teaching and the false one. It means one cannot distinguish the true service, ministry, and worship and the false ones.
 - Not being able to distinguish the right matter and the false one.
2. Being doubtful in facing problems or temptations.

Consequently, one cannot fully hope in God but in others, even he seeks the solution which is not in line with the Word of God.

James 1:6-8

1:6 But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind.

1:7 For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord;

1:8 he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

The consequence is as follows.

1. Being unstable in life. There is no peace but distress.

It is the main killer of human's physical and spiritual life.

2. Not receiving anything. The prayer is not answered by God, even the problems and tears increase.
3. Being drowned.

1 Kings 18:30

18:30 Then Elijah said to all the people, "Come near to me." So all the people came near to him. And he repaired the altar of the LORD that was broken down.

It means that the altar is broken down. One turns from the true worship to the false one.

The attitude of Elijah is as follows.

1. **Firmly repairing the altar of God which has been broken down.**

I Kings 18:30

18:30 Then Elijah said to all the people, "Come near to me." So all the people came near to him. And he repaired the altar of the LORD that was broken down.

The worship is the matter of heart. Repairing the altar means repairing our heart until we get the good conscience.

2. **Doing everything according to the true teaching Word.** As a result, the fire of Holy Spirit falls to us.

I Kings 18:36-40

18:36 And it came to pass, at the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that Elijah the prophet came near and said, "LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, let it be known this day that You are God in Israel and I am Your servant, and that I have done all these things at Your word.

18:37 "Hear me, O LORD, hear me, that this people may know that You are the LORD God, and that You have turned their hearts back to You again."

18:38 Then the fire of the LORD fell and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood and the stones and the dust, and it licked up the water that was in the trench.

18:39 Now when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces; and they said, "The LORD, He is God! The LORD, He is God!"

18:40 And Elijah said to them, "Seize the prophets of Baal! Do not let one of them escape!" So they seized them; and Elijah brought them down to the Brook Kishon and executed them there.

Meaning we do everything according to the true teaching Word in the anointing of Holy Spirit or the teaching Word that is sharper than any two-edged sword or Urim and Thummim. Do not carelessly do anything according to our flesh. All things must be in line with the Urim and Thummim, so High Priest will always plead us.

The attitude of the congregation must be as follows.

1. **Being baptized of water in right manner.**

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.

I Peter 3:20-21

3:20 who formerly were disobedient, when once the Divine longsuffering waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight souls, were saved through water.

3:21 There is also an antitype which now saves us through baptism (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,

It means the one who has been dead to sin is buried in water together with Jesus and then raised together with him to get the good conscience. The good conscience makes us confess our sins and forget the sins of other people.

2. **Receiving the work of the Word of God that is sharper than any two-edged sword or the work of Urim and Thummim.**

Diving in the water of baptism, we must then dive in the teaching Word, especially in Bible Study Service.

The result of the work of Urim and Thummim is as follows.

- The sanctification of our heart from seven evil unclean lusts, so we can get the holy heart.

Matthew 15:19

15:19 "For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies.

If our heart is holy, we will be able to see the Lord or worship Jesus as the King of kings and Heavenly Bridegroom.

Matthew 5:8

5:8 Blessed are the pure in heart, For they shall see God.

- Being strong and of good courage.

I Kings 18:39

18:39 Now when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces; and they said, "The LORD, He is God! The LORD, He is God!"

Meaning we can hold fast to the one true teaching Word that encourages us to worship Jesus, the King of all kings and Heavenly Bridegroom with the true worship.

Revelation 19:6-7,1,3-4

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!

19:7 "Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready."

19:1 After these things I heard a loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, saying, "Alleluia! Salvation and glory and honor and power belong to the Lord our God!

19:3 Again they said, "Alleluia! Her smoke rises up forever and ever!"

19:4 And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God who sat on the throne, saying, "Amen! Alleluia!"

The true worship is the reflection of the worship in heaven, namely the worship with saying "Alleluia".

Having the true worship, we must be strong and of good courage to earnestly persevere in our prayer and worship.

I Kings 18:41-43

18:41 Then Elijah said to Ahab, "Go up, eat and drink; for there is the sound of abundance of rain."

18:42 So Ahab went up to eat and drink. And Elijah went up to the top of Carmel; then he bowed down on the ground, and put his face between his knees,

18:43 and said to his servant, "Go up now, look toward the sea." So he went up and looked, and said, "There is nothing." And seven times he said, "Go again."

James 5:17

5:17 Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain; and it did not rain on the land for three years and six months.

Elijah can earnestly pray with faith. He can hear the sound of rain although he does not see it. Let us now persevere in our worship prayer. Moreover, it needs to be added with fasting and long night prayer. We bow down and confess that we are only clay which is powerless and unworthy of being helped because we have many sins. We only fully hope in God.

If we have the holy strong heart and good courage in our earnest praying to God, there will appear a cloud, as small as a man's hand. It means the hand of God's mercy and kindness that is stretched for us.

I Kings 18:44-45

18:44 Then it came to pass the seventh time, that he said, "There is a cloud, as small as a man's hand, rising out of the sea!" So he said, "Go up, say to Ahab, 'Prepare your chariot, and go down before the rain stops you.'"

18:45 Now it happened in the meantime that the sky became black with clouds and wind, and there was a heavy rain. So Ahab rode away and went to Jezreel.

The result is as follows.

- There is power of help from God to us that is able to make impossible matter possible.
- There is power of preservation and protection of God for our life from now in these days which are full of difficulties

until the days when antichrist reigns over the world.

For example, the house of Israel experiences drought for three years and six months but then there is heavy rain.

- There is power of sanctification and life renewal until we are renewed. We can produce the fruit of righteousness, holiness, and perfection for God.

James 5:18

5:18 And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth produced its fruit.

We produce many fruits, beginning from the fruit of our lips that is righteous and good and we worship saying "Alleluia".

God blesses you.