

Prayer Service in Malang, June 08, 2010 (Tuesday Evening)

Matthew 25:1-4

25:1 "Then the kingdom of heaven shall be likened to ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom.

25:2 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:

1. Having the oil for supply = overflowing in Holy Spirit = five wise virgins who will be able to welcome Jesus' second coming.
2. Having no oil for supply = five foolish virgins, so the lamps are almost quenched, even already quenched, and cannot welcome Jesus' second coming, being perished forever.

How is our condition these days? Are we ready to welcome Jesus' second coming with our condition now? If we still doubt it, let us repair it. If we are already ready, let us maintain and increase it.

The daily practice of foolish virgin: beginning in the spirit but ending in the carnality = losing the anointing of Holy Spirit = beginning with spiritual men but ending with carnal men.

Galatians 3:3

3:3 Are you so foolish? Having begun in the Spirit, are you now being made perfect by the flesh?

The carnal and flesh men cannot inherit the kingdom of heaven = cannot welcome Jesus' second coming, will be left on Jesus' second coming.

The wise virgin will begin in the carnality and end in the spirit, will begin with flesh men, and end with spiritual men.

The examples of wise virgins are:

1. Samaritan woman.

This Samaritan woman is a flesh human, since she has flesh marriage.

The practices of flesh marriage/wrong marriage:

The beginning of the marriage is wrong, i.e.:

- there are falls in sin, especially in sexual sin
- not being approved by the parents
- there is no legal marriage certificate from the government
- not being firm and blessed by God through a pastor
- marrying the people who does not know God
- marrying and divorcing.

The consequence of wrong marriage is being thirsty/not satisfied in the marriage, such that there are quarreling, marrying and divorcing, until sexuality sin.

John 4:10

4:10 Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water."

The way out is giving Jesus on the cross a drink of sour wine mingled with gall meaning confessing our sins honestly to God and the others, whatever the risks.

Then, Jesus will give us drink the living water, i.e. the overflowing Holy Spirit.

John 4:14

4:14 but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life."

The results are satisfactions, happiness, so that we can give testimony to the others until we can worship God.

2. Saul.

Acts 9:1-2

9:1 Then Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest
9:2 and asked letters from him to the synagogues of Damascus, so that if he found any who were of the Way, whether men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.

Saul = flesh men, because he serves the Lord with flesh emotion/ ambition, flesh strength (threatening), hatred (murdering). This flesh service is against the true Word, not being obedient to the Word.

The consequence is becoming a death prisoner = perdition.

Acts9:17

9:17 And Ananias went his way and entered the house; and laying his hands on him he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you came, has sent me that you may receive your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit."

After being anointed and filled by the Holy Spirit, we have to keep it until we may overflow in Holy Spirit, bounded in the spirit.

Acts20:22-24

20:22 And see, now I go bound in the spirit to Jerusalem, not knowing the things that will happen to me there,
20:23 except that the Holy Spirit testifies in every city, saying that chains and tribulations await me.
20:24 But none of these things move me; nor do I count my life dear to myself, so that I may finish my race with joy, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.

Saul was anointed and filled by the Holy Spirit until bounded in the spirit. This is the right ministry.

The practices of being bounded in the spirit are:

- Being obedient to God's will, whatever the risk [Acts 20:22].
- Serving the Lord with faithfulness and responsibility [Acts 20:24].
- Serving with willingness to suffer or sacrifice everything for God. [Acts 20:23].

3. Peter.

Peter, a flesh man, was denying God.

Denying God can be done through saying lie, and also through sin deeds.

Titus 1:16

1:16 They profess to know God, but in works they deny Him, being abominable, disobedient, and disqualified for every good work.

But after Holy Spirit's fulfillment in Jerusalem's attic, Peter became spiritual man.

Acts2:14,36

2:14 But Peter, standing up with the eleven, raised his voice and said to them, "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and heed my words.

2:36 "Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ."

Spiritual men will not deny Jesus in words and sin deeds.

Peter did not only dare to preach in front of a lot of people, but he also died on the cross with his head below.

God blesses you.