

Prayer Service in Malang, March 06, 2012 (Tuesday Evening)

Matthew 26:57-68 is about **WITNESS** and **TESTIMONY**.

There are two kinds of witness and testimony as follows.

1. False witness or lying witness in verse 59-63a.
2. True witness in verse 63-66.

Ad. 2. TRUE WITNESS

Matthew 26:63-66

26:63 But Jesus kept silent. And the high priest answered and said to Him, "I put You under oath by the living God: Tell us if You are the Christ, the Son of God!"

26:64 Jesus said to him, "It is as you said. Nevertheless, I say to you, hereafter you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power, and coming on the clouds of heaven."

26:65 Then the high priest tore his clothes, saying, "He has spoken blasphemy! What further need do we have of witnesses? Look, now you have heard His blasphemy!"

26:66 "What do you think?" They answered and said, "He is deserving of death."

Jesus became the example of true witness. He kept bore the true testimony although He had to face persecution and death. He bore witness that He was High Priest and King of all kings, Heavenly Bridegroom who will come a second time in glory on glorious clouds.

In shorts, Jesus bore witness about **Bride Tidings** or the true teaching Word, so we have to bear witness about Bride Tidings also, whatever risk may come.

We must bear witness to other churches or other Christians, so we can together enter the oneness of the perfect body of Christ or heavenly Bride who is ready to welcome Jesus's second coming.

The negative attitude can be seen in verse 65-66. We bear witness about the Bride Tidings and other people consider us as the one with self-truth the most, even they hate and will kill us.

One who rejects Bride Tidings will be conquered by the spirit of antichrist as follows.

1. The spirit of blasphemy.

Revelation 13:5-6

13:5 And he was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, and he was given authority to continue for forty-two months.

13:6 Then he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, His tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven.

Antichrist has mouth slandering the righteous, and blaspheming the true teaching or Bride Tidings even blaspheming God.

2. The spirit of hatred.

It begins from hatred without any cause until one persecutes and kills the sons of God in the time of antichrist's reigning over the world.

Consequently, he worships antichrist or being stamped with 666 and perishes together with antichrist forever.

If we receive Bride Tidings, we will become true worshipers of God. The true worship will be measured by God with three kinds of measurements as follows:

- **Revelation 5:8-9**

5:8 Now when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints.

5:9 And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll, And to open its seals; For You were slain, And have redeemed us to God by Your blood Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation,

Being redeemed by the blood of Jesus or God's love as follows.

- Being redeemed from every nation, tribe, and family, meaning we are redeemed from flesh with all its lusts and wills. As a result, we can be obedient.
- Being redeemed from tongue, meaning we are honest, there is no lie.

We are redeemed to become priests and kings.

In shorts, the true worshipers are priests and kings ministering God with obedience and honesty.

Proverbs 15:8

15:8 The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the LORD, But the prayer of the upright is His delight.

As a result, we can be the house of prayer. God will always bless and make us joyful.

• **Revelation 8:1-5**

8:1 When He opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour.

8:2 And I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and to them were given seven trumpets.

8:3 Then another angel, having a golden censer, came and stood at the altar. He was given much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all the saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne.

8:4 And the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, ascended before God from the angel's hand.

8:5 Then the angel took the censer, filled it with fire from the altar, and threw it to the earth. And there were noises, thunderings, lightnings, and an earthquake.

Silence refers to the peace of Holy Spirit.

The true worshipers will have peace, silence, and rest of Holy Spirit.

Meaning there is no evil, uncleanness, bitterness, anxiety, doubt, et cetera.

As a result, all things become easy and light. Not worshiping God, a little problem will become heavy.

There will be two contradictory things as follows.

- The true worshipers will experience silence continually up to the silence for about half an hour, namely we have paced Jesus as our Head.
- The false worshipers will experience noises, shaking or chaos, which do not stop up to the perdition of the world.

• **Revelation 11:1-2**

11:1 Then I was given a reed like a measuring rod. And the angel stood, saying, "Rise and measure the temple of God, the altar, and those who worship there.

11:2 "But leave out the court which is outside the temple, and do not measure it, for it has been given to the Gentiles. And they will tread the holy city underfoot for forty-two months.

A reed like a measuring rod is the shepherding Word or the teaching Word God trusts to a pastor or repeated Word to make our spirituality grow.

In shorts, the true worshipers must obey the shepherding Word.

Ezekiel 20:37

20:37 "I will make you pass under the rod, and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant;

The obedience in shepherding is as we pass under the rod of shepherding, so we are always in the sheepfold through our perseverance in doing three main services as follows.

- Golden Candlesticks -->perseverance in doing General Service.
- Table of Showbread -->perseverance in doing Bible Study Service.
- Golden Altar of Incense -->perseverance in doing Prayer Service.

As a result, our life is reckoned by God, meaning we are cared and possessed by God. He struggles for us.

The result of being reckoned by God is as follows.

- There is power of God's preservation and protection.
We are preserved and protected directly by God until the time of antichrist's reigning over the world although our life is only as a piece of hair.
- There is power of God's help.
All problems are solved by God, even the impossible one.
- There is power of sanctification and life renewal.
We are sanctified and changed until we are perfect as Jesus is and we are separated from the transgressors.

Ezekiel 20:38

20:38 "I will purge the rebels from among you, and those who transgress against Me; I will bring them out of the country where they dwell, but they shall not enter the land of Israel. Then you will know that I am the LORD.

The veil is torn when Jesus comes until the Ark of Covenant can be seen.

Revelation 11:19, 12:1

11:19 Then the temple of God was opened in heaven, and the ark of His covenant was seen in His temple. And there were lightnings, noises, thunderings, an earthquake, and great hail.

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.

We become perfect to be ready of welcoming Jesus's second coming. We enter the last shepherding in New Jerusalem.

God blesses you.