

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

Peace and grace in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Exodus 5-11 is about the truth (The Court of Tabernacle).

Exodus 5 is about the truth in the Word of God. Exodus 6 is about the truth in character of God. This is the truly truth. Refusing the truth, the plague or the punishment from God will come.

This evening we will learn **the eighth plague** in Exodus 10:1-20, which is **the locust**. It happens already in Egypt, and it will happen also in the last days.

Revelation 9:1-3

9:1 Then the fifth angel sounded: And I saw a star fallen from heaven to the earth. To him was given the key to the bottomless pit.

9:2 And he opened the bottomless pit, and smoke arose out of the pit like the smoke of a great furnace. So the sun and the air were darkened because of the smoke of the pit.

*9:3 Then out of the smoke **locusts** came upon the earth. And to them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power.*

The locusts come from the bottomless pit. The locusts refer to two things, as follows:

1. **Devil spirit, it is an evil spirit and an unclean spirit.**
2. **War spirit.**

Revelation 9:7

*9:7 The shape of the locusts was like horses prepared for **battle**. On their heads were crowns of something like gold, and their faces were like the faces of men.*

In the last days there will be war among nations, tribes and the greatest war is the war in household including the war in shepherding.

To prevent the war, we must keep the peace in our heart. To keep the peace in our heart, we must be well shepherded [Psalms 23].

We learn the first one. The locusts is **devil spirit, it is an evil spirit and an unclean spirit** that hinder the development of the Word of God, as follows:

1. **Hindering the spread** of the seed of God's Word thus it will not grow.

Luke 8:5,12

8:5 "A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell by the wayside; and it was trampled down, and the birds of the air devoured it.

*8:12 Those by the wayside are **the ones who hear**; then the devil comes and **takes away** the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved.*

The practicing is as follows:

- Disturbing concentration/attention while listening to the Word of God.
- Using the logic thus being unable to believe in the Word, it means unsafe.

2. **Hindering the growth** of the seed of Word (it springs up then withers away).

Luke 8:6,13

*8:6 Some fell on rock; and as soon as it sprang up, **it withered away** because it lacked moisture.*

*8:13 But the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, **who believe for a while** and in time of temptation fall away.*

The practice is receiving God's Word with the nature of flesh, without faith. The Word does not become faith, there is no root in heart. When the Word points the sin, or there is tribulation, the life becomes withered.

3. **Hindering the process** of the conception of God's Word (it grows but there is no fruit).

Luke 8:7,14

8:7 And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up with it and choked it.

*8:14 Now the ones that fell among thorns are those who, when they have heard, go out and are choked with cares, riches, and pleasures of life, and bring **no fruit** to maturity.*

The obstacles are flesh desire, lust, ambition, that make us unable to practice the Word.

Luke 8:8,15

8:8 But others fell on **good ground**, sprang up, and yielded a crop **a hundredfold**.^{â[?][?]}When He had said these things He cried,^{â[?][?]}He who has ears to hear, let him hear!^{â[?][?]}

8:15 But the ones that fell on the good ground are those who, having heard the word with a noble and good heart, keep it and **bear fruit with patience**.

The fourth parable is about the seed that falls on good ground. The good ground points to the life that is free from locusts (evil spirit and unclean spirit). Therefore, in service and the preaching of God^{â[?][?]}'s Word, we need to cast out Satan.

This seed grows up well and bears fruit a hundredfold, which is the fruit of patience. The success of the preaching of God^{â[?][?]}'s Word is not only to make the one cry but also to make the one persevere

The practicing of the fruit of patience is as follows:

1. Persevering in shepherding pen.

Acts 2:41-42

2:41 Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them.

2:42 And they continued steadfastly in the apostles^{â[?][?]} doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.

Being saved and baptized, the Church of the first rain continue in persevering as follows:

- Persevering in fellowship, referring to **the Golden Candlestick**.
- Persevering in teaching and the breaking of bread, referring to **the Table of Showbread**.
- Persevering in pray and worship, referring to **the Golden Altar of Incense**.

Those refer to the perseverance in Holy Place. For the church of the last rain, those refer to the perseverance in shepherding pen, which is the perseverance in three main services.

- The Golden Candlestick, referring to the perseverance in doing **General Service**, the fellowship with God the Father.
- The Table of Showbread, referring to the perseverance in doing **Bible Study and Holy Communion**, the fellowship with Son of God.
- The Golden Altar of Incense, referring to the perseverance in doing **Prayer Service**, the fellowship with God the Holy Spirit.

Persevering is not from physical thing, but it is from the fruit of the preaching of God^{â[?][?]}'s Word.

If we persevere in doing three main services, then we will be sanctified continually by God the Trinity until ^{â[?][?]}*I shall not want*^{â[?][?]}, meaning until our body, soul and spirit are flawless. The more we are being sanctified, the more God will keep our physical.

2. Persevering in ministry.

Hebrews 12:1

12:1 Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us **lay aside every weight**, and **the sin which so easily ensnares us**, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,

The term and condition to serve God (doing spiritual race) is the holiness, meaning as follows:

- The burden of sin must be left, meaning the sins from past must be confessed. If it is forgiven, do not do the sin anymore.
- Being free from the sin that blocks or the snare of sin.
The snare of sin is being put by Satan at places that we used to pass. For example is arrogance, disappointment, hopelessness, uncleanness.

Ephesians 4:7,11-12

4:7 But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ^{â[?][?]}'s gift.

4:11 And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers,

4:12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,

The life that serves with holiness will receive the ministry and the gift of Holy Spirit, which is the beautiful robe, thus

we can be used in serving the building of the body of Christ.

1 Timothy 4:14

4:14 Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you by **prophecy with the laying on of the hands of the eldership**.

The ministry and the gift of Holy Spirit are being given by the preaching of God's Word and the laying on of the hands of pastor. After being consecrated do not be unfaithful doing the ministry and the gift of Holy Spirit. If so, one will be naked and lives in tears. **We must keep on being faithful and fervent until the end of line.** Do not be disturbed by the burden of sin and the snare of sin.

2 Timothy 2:5

2:5 And also if anyone competes in athletics, he is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules.

We must serve in holiness until we get **the crown of bride**.

3. Persevering in waiting God's coming.

Revelation 3:10

3:10 Because you have kept My command **to persevere**, ...

Psalms 27:14

27:14 Wait on the Lord; Be of **good courage**, And He shall **strengthen your heart**; Wait, I say, on the Lord!

The term and condition is **being strong and of good courage**, it is same with being obedient to the true teaching Word whatever the risk that we should face. Maybe we do not have enough strength, but God sees our obedience.

Revelation 3:8

3:8 ^aI know your works. See, I have set before you **an open door, and no one can shut it**; for you have **a little strength**, have kept My word, and have not denied My name.

If we obey, we live in the hand of God that is strong and merciful. The result is as follows:

- The hand of God that is strong and merciful will open the door, meaning give the way out from all problems until the impossible problem and give the bright and successful future.
- The hand of God that is strong and merciful is able to protect and care us in the days of Antichrist.

Revelation 3:10

3:10 Because you have kept My command **to persevere**, **I also will keep you from the hour of trial** which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth.

- The hand of God that is strong and merciful is able to make us as a pillar in New Jerusalem.

Revelation 3:12

3:12 He who overcomes, I will make him **a pillar in the temple of My God**, and he shall go out no more. I will write on him the name of My God and the name of the city of My God, the New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God. And I will write on him My new name.

It means the strong hand of God is able to purify and renew us from carnal men to spiritual ones, until we become God's bride in His second coming. Even though we do not have enough strength but if we obey, we will become **the pillar in New Jerusalem**.

God blesses us.