

Prayer Service in Malang, September 21, 2010 (Tuesday Evening)

Matthew 25:14-30 is about the parable of the talents.

Matthew 25:14-15, we were sinful but now we can minister God only because of His mercy and justice. If we have not ministered God, let us pray so that we can minister Him.

Matthew 25:16-30 is about **ATTITUDE TO TALENTS**.

The positive attitude was shown by the servant receiving five talents and the servant receiving two talents, such that they were called as good and faithful servants and received wage from God.

The negative attitude was shown by the servant receiving one talent.

Matthew 25:24-26,30

25:24 *"Then he who had received the one talent came and said, 'Lord, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you have not sown, and gathering where you have not scattered seed.*

25:25 *And I was afraid, and went and hid your talent in the ground. Look, there you have what is yours.'*

25:26 *"But his lord answered and said to him, 'You wicked and lazy servant, you knew that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I have not scattered seed.*

25:30 *And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'*

The servant receiving one talent hid the talent in the ground = being unfaithful, being lax, not ministering God, such that he was called as wicked and lazy servant.

Matthew 18:28,32

18:28 *"But that servant went out and found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and he laid hands on him and took him by the throat, saying, 'Pay me what you owe!'*

18:32 *Then his master, after he had called him, said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you begged me.*

The practice of being wicked and lazy is strangling the others' neck, i.e. judging the others, accusing the others, saying bad things about the others, gossiping the others, up to judging God, accusing God, and blaspheming God.

The consequence of strangling the others' neck is his neck will be strangled.

The neck is the relation between the head and the body = worship.

Thus, strangled neck means the relationship with God is disturbed, or **the worship is disturbed until cannot worship God**.

God's work is spiritual work. If it is ministered by spiritually withered life, it means nothing. As Jude who was spiritually withered but keep on ministering God, the result is perdition.

The consequences of not being able to worship God are as follows:

1. Spiritually withered up to spiritually died = not useful. All the ministries done with wither spirituality will not be useful. The ministry to God is spiritual work such that we should not become spiritually withered.
2. The talents are taken such that he will not be able to minister God anymore and will be given to the others. The example is Jude, whose talents was taken and replaced by Matthias.

Matthew 25:28

25:28 *So take the talent from him, and give it to him who has ten talents.*

3. Being cast into the outer darkness, i.e. the hell.

The right attitude is **judging ourselves under the Lord's feet**.

Luke 7:36-38

7:36 *Then one of the Pharisees asked Him to eat with him. And He went to the Pharisee's house, and sat down to eat.*

7:37 *And behold, a woman in the city who was a sinner, when she knew that Jesus sat at the table in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster flask of fragrant oil,*

7:38 *and stood at His feet behind Him weeping; and she began to wash His feet with her tears, and wiped them with the hair of her head; and she kissed His feet and anointed them with the fragrant oil.*

Judging ourselves= 'weeping', means that we realize, regret, and confess our sins solemnly to God and to the others. After being

forgiven, we should not no longer do the sins = receiving the anointing oil of Holy Spirit.

Romans8:26

8:26 Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

The Holy Spirit will help us to worship God with groaning which cannot be uttered. '**Groanings which cannot be uttered**' means as follows:

1. Until the flesh does not sound anymore/there are no more groanings.
2. Fully surrender to God as wife (the bride) fully surrender to husband (the groom) = the bride submission = **THE BRIDE WORSHIP.**

The result of the bride worship is there is no strangled neck but neck with chains.

Song of Solomon1:10

1:10 Your cheeks are lovely with ornaments, Your neck with chains of gold.

Proverbs3:3

3:3 Let not mercy and truth forsake you; Bind them around your neck, Write them on the tablet of your heart,

'Chains' = mercy and truth = being **the apple of God's eye which is most loved by God and under the shadow of God's wings.**

Psalms17:7-8

17:7 Show Your marvelous lovingkindness by Your right hand, O You who save those who trust in You From those who rise up against them.

17:8 Keep me as the apple of Your eye; Hide me under the shadow of Your wings.

There are three kinds of God's lovingkindness wings shadow as follows:

1. Hen's wings shadow for her brood, which denotes **warmness shadow.**

Luke13:34

13:34 "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, but you were not willing!"

The warmness shadow means God's lovingkindness is able to:

- Care our life marvelously in the middle of our powerlessness.
- Protect us marvelously from all disasters, from sins up to the peak of sins.

2. Dove's wings shadow, which denotes **calmness and peacefulness shadow** although there is storm and tempest.

Psalms55:7-9

55:7 So I said, "Oh, that I had wings like a dove! I would fly away and be at rest.

55:8 Indeed, I would wander far off, And remain in the wilderness. Selah

55:9 I would hasten my escape From the windy storm and tempest."

Dove's wings shadow means God's lovingkindness is able to:

- Escape us from the storm in the middle of the world such that we will become calm and peaceful.
- Calm the storm and the tempest, meaning solving all the problems miraculously and right on His time.

3. Great eagle's wings shadow, which denotes **purity shadow.**

Revelation12:14

12:14 But the woman was given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness to her place, where she is nourished for a time and times and half a time, from the presence of the serpent.

The purity shadow means that we **live in purity until become as perfect as Jesus.**

The results of having two wings of a great eagle are as follows:

- Evacuating us miraculously to the other wilderness, such that we cannot be seen and touched by the antichrist. For 3.5 years will be cared directly by God.
- Uplifting us to the glorious clouds on Jesus' second coming such that we will be together with Jesus forever.

God blesses you.