

Prayer Service in Malang, September 28, 2010 (Tuesday Evening)

Matthew 25:14-30 is about the parable of the talents.
The talent is the holy Heaven's property, that is the ministry.

Matthew 25:14-15

We were sinful but now we can minister God only because of His mercy and justice.

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. As a result, there is wage for present life up to the eternal one.

The negative attitude was shown by the servant receiving one talent, such that he was called as wicked and lazy servant, and received judgment from God.

Matthew 25:16-30 is also about GOD'S ATTITUDE TO TALENTS.

Matthew 25:19

25:19 After a long time the lord of those servants came and settled accounts with them.

God's attitude to talents is God wants the growth of talents.

At the beginning, God gave $5+2+1 = 8$ talents.

It reminds us to 8 people in the ark of Noah who were saved from the floodwaters. This refers to bride salvation.

The growth of talent is $5+2 = 7$ talents.

This refers to bride perfection.

So, God wants the growth from bride salvation to bride perfection.

Good and faithful servant has the growth from bride salvation to bride perfection to be ready to welcome God's second coming.

Genesis 19:16-17

19:16 And while he lingered, the men took hold of his hand, his wife's hand, and the hands of his two daughters, the LORD being merciful to him, and they brought him out and set him outside the city.

19:17 So it came to pass, when they had brought them outside, that he said, "Escape for your life! Do not look behind you nor stay anywhere in the plain. Escape to the mountains, lest you be destroyed."

Lot was saved from Sodom and Gomorrah (bride salvation), but he still had to run to the Mountain of New Jerusalem (bride perfection).

Genesis 19:24-26

19:24 Then the LORD rained brimstone and fire on Sodom and Gomorrah, from the LORD out of the heavens.

19:25 So He overthrew those cities, all the plain, all the inhabitants of the cities, and what grew on the ground.

19:26 But his wife looked back behind him, and she became a pillar of salt.

Lot's wife was saved, but she looked back such that she became a pillar of salt.

If we do not reach the perfection, we will become a pillar of salt, such that it means nothing.

Looking back = being affected by Sodom and Gomorrah, being affected by the world.

Lot = the servants receiving five and two talents, who grow to perfection.

Lot's wife = the servant receiving one talent.

Matthew 25:18, 24-25, 30

25:18 But he who had received one went and dug in the ground, and hid his lord's money.

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.'

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

The servant receiving one talent hid his talent in the ground (world). It means that he is affected by the world with its entire bustle, its

difficulties, its impurity, its sorrow, its pleasure, such that he becomes unfaithful until leaves the ministry, and becomes a pillar of unsalted and useless salt.

Unsalted salt = wicked and lazy servant = being useless.

Unsalted salt cannot prevent the decay. It means that this life is affected by the sin viruses and sin worms, living in decays. The consequence is being cast out into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, that is the hell with worms which will not dead but keep on gnawing.

The way out is being **SALTY SALT**.

Mark 9:47-50

9:47 *And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye, rather than having two eyes, to be cast into hell fireâ€?*"

9:48 *where ' Their worm does not die And the fire is not quenched.'*

9:49 *"For everyone will be seasoned with fire, and every sacrifice will be seasoned with salt.*

9:50 *Salt is good, but if the salt loses its flavor, how will you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and have peace with one another."*

During the spiritual growth from bride salvation to bride perfection, we have to keep on being salty salt.

Salty salt is a life which is always salted by the fire of Holy Spirit, or always lives in the anointing of Holy Spirit, the fulfillment of Holy Spirit, up to overflowing in Holy Spirit.

The requirements of a life which is always salted by the fire of Holy Spirit are as follows:

1. **Reconciliation** [Mark 9:50b] = confessing and forgiving the sins each other, such that we have peaceful heart. Peaceful heart is as we are in the Jerusalem to wait the Promise of the Father, that is the fulfillment of Holy Spirit.

Acts 1:4

1:4 *And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, "which," He said, "you have heard from Me;*

If there are bitter heart, disappointment, and despair, those are the signs of being unsalted salt. If there is unsalted salt, the sin viruses will enter in a while.

2. **Perseverance in worship.**

Acts 1:12-14

1:12 *Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey.*

1:13 *And when they had entered, they went up into the upper room where they were staying: Peter, James, John, and Andrew; Philip and Thomas; Bartholomew and Matthew; James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot; and Judas the son of James.*

1:14 *These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers.*

Perseverance in worship = there is a longing to be fulfilled by the Holy Spirit. As a pregnant woman, each day the longing to give birth gets bigger.

3. **The sprinkling of blood.**

1 Peter 4:12-14

4:12 *Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you;*

4:13 *but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy.*

4:14 *If you are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. On their part He is blasphemed, but on your part He is glorified.*

The sprinkling of blood is the suffering of the flesh with Jesus, a suffering of the flesh without doing sins.

For example when we are being slandered. If we keep silent, we will be anointed. But if we against the others, we will become unsalted salt.

When the flesh is pressed (olives are pressed), there will be olive oil, that is the overflowed Holy Spirit.

The functions of Holy Spirit are as follows:

1. Holy Spirit kills the sin viruses (unseen sin desires) and sin worms (sin deeds), such that we keep on being salty salt, i.e.

living in righteousness and purity until God's second coming.

Romans 8:13

8:13 For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

If we live in righteousness and purity, we will become God's servant who is right, faithful, and fervent in spirit.

God does not seek for great servant, but He seeks for righteous servant.

If we do not do rightly in the service, all the things will not be right.

Romans 12:11

12:11 not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord;

If we live in righteousness and purity, become instruments of righteousness and serve with faithfulness and fervency in spirit, we will get the Heaven's joy and can give the joy to the others.

2. Caring our carnal life.

Romans 8:11

8:11 But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

The deadly Jesus' body can be raised, moreover our life. Holy Spirit is able to care us even in the middle of difficulties or impossibilities.

3. Flattening the mountains = **solving our problems** even the impossible ones. Holy Spirit will also **give a beautiful future**, even **give a strong and courageous heart**, and we may become Christ's perfect body (finish the build of the body of Christ).

Zechariah 4:6-9

4:6 So he answered and said to me: " This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: ' Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,' Says the LORD of hosts.

4:7' Who are you, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel you shall become a plain! And he shall bring forth the capstone With shouts of "Grace, grace to it!"

4:8 Moreover the word of the LORD came to me, saying:

4:9 " The hands of Zerubbabel Have laid the foundation of this temple; His hands shall also finish it. Then you will know That the LORD of hosts has sent Me to you.

If the mountains are flattening, we will be able to see clearly the future, that is the beautiful future which is given by Holy Spirit to us.

God blesses you.