

Youth Service in Malang, April 08, 2017 (Saturday Evening)

Peace and grace in the love of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Luke 11:24-26

11:24. "When an unclean spirit goes out of a man, he goes through dry places, seeking rest; and finding none, he says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.'

11:25. "And when he comes, he finds it swept and put in order."

11:26. "Then he goes and takes with him seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter and dwell there; and the last state of that man is worse than the first."

There are two possibilities of our life as follows:

1. The Spirit of God dwells in our life, so we become the house of prayer. We are blessed, defended and owned by God.
2. The evil and unclean spirits dwell in our life, so we become the den of thieves that will be destroyed forever.

The targets of evil and unclean spirits are as follows:

1. [verse 24] **The dry place.** It is the same as Christian who is dry spiritually. He is like the fig tree which is dried up from the roots.
If our heart is dry, our whole life will be dry too. It can be detected from the dry tongue/word.
2. [verse 25] **The house that is swept and put in order, but it is empty.**
It is the same as one who has been redeemed by the blood of Jesus. He is delivered from evil and unclean spirits (sins). He is justified and saved by God, but he is empty of ministry and God Himself.
It means that one becomes unfaithful in the ministry, even leaves it. He does not want to minister to God.
It is the same as insulting the blood of Jesus.

Consequently, that evil spirit takes with him seven other spirits more wicked than himself (1+7=8), so the last state of that man is worse than the first. It means sinning up to the peak. It is like the people who are outside of Noah's ark that contains eight saved persons.

Such life is used by evil and unclean spirits for the building of the body of Babylon or Satan's bride, namely the perfection in wickedness and uncleanness, who will be destroyed.

Romans 6:18

6:18. *And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness.*

We have to become slaves of righteousness after being redeemed by the blood of Jesus. We become the servant of God who ministers to Him faithfully and truly. We are used in the ministry of the building of the perfect body of Christ to greet Jesus when He comes a second time.

Exodus 3:17-18

3:17. "and I have said I will bring you up out of the affliction of Egypt to the land of the Canaanites and the Hittites and the Amorites and the Perizzites and the Hivites and the Jebusites, to a land flowing with milk and honey."'

3:18. "Then they will heed your voice; and you shall come, you and the elders of Israel, to the king of Egypt; and you shall say to him, 'The LORD God of the Hebrews has met with us; and now, please, let us go three days' journey into the wilderness, that we may sacrifice to the LORD our God.'

The Israelites are delivered from the bondage of the Egyptians to go to Canaan and minister to God. It means being delivered from the bondage of sin, justified, and saved to minister to God and enter the building of the body of Christ up to Canaan.

The signs of the true ministry are as follows [verse 18]:

1. **Sacrificing to God.** We do not ask or look for physical thing.
The true ministry is driven by the love of God in Christ's sacrifice, so we willingly sacrifice time, power, money, mind, *et cetera*, except the true teaching word (God Himself), until we surrender our whole life to God.
2. **Being done in the wilderness, not in Egypt.**

It means that the ministry is not influenced by the world and all of its influences, namely joy, business, difficulties, distress, *et cetera*, so we keep ministering to God faithfully. We do not use the ways of the world in the ministry, but the spiritual ones which are in accordance with the kingdom of heaven and in the anointing of Holy Spirit. Our ministry does not look for profit. We minister to God with our sacrifice and dedication. We do not hope anyone but only trust and hope to God.

3. **Three days' journey.**

It means that our ministry is signified by death and resurrection experience with Jesus. It is the same as cross experience or suffering in the flesh with Jesus.

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.*

God allows us to experience the cross because there is the Spirit of glory behind the cross.

Holy Spirit controls our life so we are not empty. Evil and unclean spirits cannot go inside us.

The results are as follows:

1. The Spirit of glory opens the way in the midst of the sea.

Exodus 14:16, 21

14:16. *"But lift up your rod, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it. And the children of Israel shall go on dry ground through the midst of the sea.*

14:21. *Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the LORD caused the sea to go back by a strong east wind all that night, and made the sea into dry land, and the waters were divided.*

The Spirit of glory is able to take care of us in the midst of difficulties in the world and finish all of problems up to the impossible ones.

We are used by God in the revival of Holy Spirit in the last rain or the building of the perfect body of Christ.

2. The Spirit of glory changes the bitter thing to sweet one.

Exodus 15:23-25

15:23. *Now when they came to Marah, they could not drink the waters of Marah, for they were bitter. Therefore the name of it was called Marah.*

15:24. *And the people complained against Moses, saying, "What shall we drink?"*

15:25. *So he cried out to the LORD, and the LORD showed him a tree. When he cast it into the waters, the waters were made sweet. There He made a statute and an ordinance for them. And there He tested them,*

The bitterness is changed into happiness in the Lord. We are happy although in the suffering. Failure is changed into success and beauty.

3. The Spirit of glory renews our life from fleshly men to spiritual ones like Jesus.

It starts from **obedience** until our flesh does not sound anymore.

And, the physical miracle happens too. The impossible thing becomes possible. The dead thing becomes alive.

It continues until Jesus comes a second time that we are changed to become as perfect as He is. It is the biggest miracle.

We are worthy to greet Jesus when He comes a second time. We are with Him forever.

God blesses us.