

Youth Service in Malang, April 23, 2011 (Saturday Evening)

Mark 15:20b-47 contains 7 things about the misery of Jesus upon the cross as follows:

1. Mark 15:22-23 (the crucifixion misery about His place/position in the world).
2. Mark 15:24 (the crucifixion misery about His garments).
3. Mark 15: 25-32 (the crucifixion misery about His position as a King).
4. Mark 15:33-34 (the crucifixion misery about His loneliness on the cross).
5. Mark 15:35-36 (the crucifixion misery about His will).
6. Mark 15:37-41 (the crucifixion misery about His death).
7. Mark 15: 42-42 (the crucifixion misery about His funeral).

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Mark 15:46

15:46 Then he bought fine linen, took Him down, and wrapped Him in the linen. And he laid Him in a tomb which had been hewn out of the rock, and rolled a stone against the door of the tomb.

Fine linen means as follows:

- Good or virtue deeds/behavior.
- Righteous and Holy deeds/behavior.
- Good deeds, Righteous deeds and Holy deeds come from inside the pure heart (if the heart is pure, it will show good deeds, right deeds and holy deeds).

The human heart is the warehouse of sins, meaning a hiding place for sins.

How do we change the heart to be holy?

Hebrews 4:12-13

4:12 For the word of God [is] living and powerful, and sharper than any two edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

4:13 And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things [are] naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we [must give] account.

With **the True Teaching Word (the Word that is sharper than any two edged sword).**

What things that must be purified in the heart?

Mark 7:21-23

7:21 "For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders,

7:22 "thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lewdness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness.

7:23 "All these evil things come from within and defile a man."

If our heart is purified from these things, we will be able to do **good / virtue deeds**.

II Corinthians 8:1-3

8:1 Moreover, brethren, we make known to you the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia.

8:2 that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded in the riches of their liberality.

8:3 For I bear witness that according to [their] ability, yes, and beyond [their] ability, [they were] freely willing,

The virtue/good deeds means giving for the ministry of building Christ's body, i.e. being able to spend time, energy, money until giving all of our lives to God.Â

Giving does not depend on the situation and condition of our lives, but it depends on the pure heart.

The good and holy deeds are deeds that are according to the God's will.

Revelation 19:7-8

19:7 "Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready."

19:8 And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.

The righteous and holy deeds become the bright fine linen (shining from the pure heart), i.e. the garment of Bride.

The world wants to imitate the fine linen garment. The garment is clean, but not bright because it does not come from the pure heart, and it is without righteousness and holiness. In many times, they do that for certain purposes.

Revelation 18:15-16

18:15 "The merchants of these things, who became rich by her, will stand at a distance for fear of her torment, weeping and wailing,,

18:16 "and saying, 'Alas, alas, that great city that was clothed in fine linen, purple, and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls! 'For in one hour such great riches came to nothing.'

I Peter 3:3-5

3:3 Do not let your adornment be [merely] outward arranging the hair, wearing gold, or putting on [fine] apparel,

3:4 rather [let it be] the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible [beauty] of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in the sight of God.

3:5 For in this manner, in former times, the holy women who trusted in God also adorned themselves, being submissive to their own husbands,

The practices of having the bright fine linen are as follows:

1. Being gentle:

- Being able to receive the Word no matter how hard or sharp it is
- Not being rude.

2. Being peaceful / silent:

- Having many self-correction/ being willing to be corrected
- Not giving much comment.

3. Being obedient.

Just like Sarah, even though she is given to another man, she remains obedient to Abraham.

And the results are:

- Having the opening of the womb door = there's solution of all problems, even the impossible one. There will be a beautiful and successful future.
- God will command blessings to us, blessings up to our descendants are preserved by God.

Deuteronomy 28:1-2

28:1 "Now it shall come to pass, if you diligently obey the voice of the LORD your God, to observe carefully all His commandments which I command you today, that the LORD your God will set you high above all nations of the earth.

28:2 "And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, because you obey the voice of the LORD your God:

- We can live in holiness (there are holy deeds) and love one another (doing virtue or good deeds).

I Peter 1:22

1:22 Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart.

Loving one another means only doing good deeds and not hurting others. We are not overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Our fine linen garment shines up to the brightest shining, until being ready to welcoming the Jesus' second coming.

God blesses us.