

Youth Service in Malang, August 27, 2011 (Saturday Evening)

Mark 16 refers to the resurrection of Jesus in the body of glory. It also refers to Shekinah Glory, the light of God's glory.

Mark 16:19

16:19. So then, after the Lord had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God.

Jesus rose in the body of glory, and then He ascended in the body of glory and sat down at the right hand of God.

Actually, there are four people who have been received up to heaven as follows:

1. Enoch.

Genesis 5:24

5:24 And Enoch walked with God; and he was not, for God took him.

He walked with God until he was received up to heaven.

Proverbs 3:32

3:32 For the perverse person is an abomination to the LORD, But His secret counsel is with the upright.

The fact found in walking with God is **honesty**, saying "yes" if "yes" and "no" if "no", beginning with the true teaching Word. Deception is an abomination to the Lord.

If we can be honest about the true teaching and about God Himself, we will be honest in everything.

2. Moses.

Deuteronomy 34:5-6

34:5. So Moses the servant of the LORD died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the LORD.

34:6 And He buried him in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth Peor; but no one knows his grave to this day.

He **died according to the Word of God** and then he was buried. The statement "*but no one knows his grave to this day*" means he was risen in the body of glory and received up to heaven.

Jude 1:9

1:9 Yet Michael the archangel, in contending with the devil, when he disputed about the body of Moses, dared not bring against him a reviling accusation, but said, "The Lord rebuke you!"

The body of Moses was disputed, meaning he was risen by God in the body of glory and received up to heaven.

Being dead according to the Word means that **his whole life in the world was according to the Word or he lived in righteousness.**

3. Elijah.

2 Kings 2:11

2:11 Then it happened, as they continued on and talked, that suddenly a chariot of fire appeared with horses of fire, and separated the two of them; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.

He was received up to heaven with a chariot of fire and horses of fire. The fire refers to Holy Spirit. The fact found in it is **being faithful and fervent in spirit, ministering God.**

Romans 12:11

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

If we are not faithful and fervent in spirit, it is as if we have no chariot of fire and horses of fire.

Elijah also had weakness that he was hopeless when Jezebel threatened him. But, Holy Spirit will cover all our weaknesses and powerlessness if we are faithful and fervent in spirit.

If the fire of Holy Spirit can lift us up to heaven, all physical things such as marks in the school, job, et cetera will be surely lifted up too.

4. **The Lord Jesus.**

Philippians 2:8-9

2:8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.

2:9 Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name,

The Lord Jesus ascended to heaven and sat down at the right hand of God. The fact found in it now is **obedience until our flesh does not sound anymore** as Jesus has been obedient to the point of death on the cross.

If we can become the honest servants of God who live in righteousness, holiness, faithfulness, and fervency in spirit, we can lift up our hands to God. He will also stretch His hands of mercy for us, so **we experience the power of lifting up** as follows:

1. The hands of God lift us up from paralysis on the bed.

John 5:8

5:8 Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your bed and walk."

The paralysis means as follows:

- Being unfaithful, not going forward in service and ministry. It must be changed to become faithfulness and fervency in spirit.
- Hoping in human or something in the world. Such person will easily become hopeless and disappointed. It must be changed to become hopeful on God fully through giving thanks always to Him.
- Uncleanness will be lifted up by God.
- Destruction in marriage, seeing that the bed refers to a marriage, can be helped and healed by God.
- Impossible matters can be made possible.

2. The hands of God lift us up from our sinking.

Matthew 14:30-32

14:30 But when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!"

14:31 And immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?"

14:32 And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased.

The sinking means as follows:

- Many failures in all aspects of life. The Lord is able to lift us up and give us success.
- There is spot or imperfection. The spot of Peter is his doubt. Fortunately, he could lift up his hand and cry "*Lord, save me!*" As a result, the hand of God was stretched to help us in His time properly, not too late or too soon. In addition, the hand of God will also sanctify and change our life. The doubtful Peter could be made believe, the rough can be made meek, lies can be made honesty. It happens until we are changed to become as glorious as He is when Jesus comes a second time, and we will be received up to heaven together with Him.

Philippians 3:20-21

3:20 For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,

3:21 who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself.

God blesses you.