

Youth Service in Malang, January 18, 2014 (Saturday Evening)

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

Luke 6 refers to righteousness.

God creates human according to His image and as glorious as Him. He puts him in Eden and he lives in happiness.

Since human falls into sin, he loses God's image and glory. They live in curse and will perish forever.

God is not willing if human He created gets curse and perishes. So, He wants to return human to become as glorious as Him.

God's effort is called **God's upbringing**.

There are seven kinds of God's upbringing are as follows:

1. **Luke 6:1-5** is about the body is brought up by God to enter in **spiritual activity**.
2. **Luke 6:12-16** is about the soul is brought up by God that we have **spiritual position** in the Kingdom of Heaven,
3. **Luke 6:17-19** is about the spirit is brought up by God,
4. **Luke 6:6-11** is about the deed is brought up by God,
5. **Luke 6:20-26** is about the mind is brought up by God,
6. **Luke 6:27-45** is about the heart is brought up by God,
7. **Luke 6:46-49** is about life journey is brought up by God.

Ad. 3. the spirit is brought up by God

Luke 6:17-19

6:17. And He came down with them and stood on a level place with a crowd of His disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem, and from the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, who came to hear Him and be healed of their diseases,

6:18. as well as those who were tormented with unclean spirits. And they were healed.

6:19. And the whole multitude sought to touch Him, for power went out from Him and healed them all.

The practice of sick spirit (tormented by Satan) is fall into sin. If it continues, we will die spiritually.

The practice of spiritual death is ones live in sin, and do not want to be released from sin.

The way to help sick spirit is as follows:

Luke 6:19

6:19. And the whole multitude sought to touch Him, for power went out from Him and healed them all.

We must have private contact with Jesus. We have to touch Him and be touched by Him through the Word, Holy Spirit and love of God.

The spiritual recovery happens at **a level place** (not at the valley or hill).

Level place refers to **level heart**. After being touched, his spirituality becomes healthy and occupied by Jesus.

If we continue in emptiness, seven evil spirits will come and we will be sick again and die spiritually.

In fact, after human falls into sin, human's heart is not level, but full of hills and valleys. It means that human is haughty and pessimistic. Moreover, he is serpentine like snake.

Genesis 6:5-6

6:5. Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

6:6. And the LORD was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart.

The heart of man is only evil and unclean that results in deed and saying that make God heartbreaking and embarrassing, make shepherd lament, sore parent's heart especially about marriage.

We have to enter **water baptism to get level heart**.

I Peter 3:20-22

3:20. who formerly were disobedient, when once the Divine longsuffering waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight souls, were saved through water.

3:21. There is also an antitype which now saves us â€œbaptism (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,

3:22. who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, angels and authorities and powers having been made subject to Him.

Water baptism means that one who has died to sins is buried with Jesus in the water to receive level heart.

The sign of level heart or good conscience is obedience to parents, shepherd and God.

If we have level heart, our spirit is healthy.

Level heart or healthy spirit is described as three things and one of them is **pasture**.

The pasture means one can contain the shepherding Word, be shepherded well and correctly, especially for the Gentiles.

If the Gentile is not shepherded, his fate is like a woman of Canaan who is worth dog.

Matthew 15:22-26

15:22. *And behold, a woman of Canaan came from that region and cried out to Him, saying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David! My daughter is severely demonâpossessed."*

15:23. *But He answered her not a word. And His disciples came and urged Him, saying, "Send her away, for she cries out after us."*

15:24. *But He answered and said, "I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."*

15:25. *Then she came and worshiped Him, saying, "Lord, help me!"*

15:26. *But He answered and said, "It is not good to take the childrenâs bread and throw it to the little dogs."*

The dog licks vomit means that the saying of the Gentiles who are not shepherded often sores others and becomes stumbling-block.

If mouth is not correct, the deed will not be correct and good but evil and unclean.

If one is not shepherded, his life will be destroyed, his marriage and children are hit by Satan, and the life is not calm, but full of stress, suffering and lots of tear.

Life who is tormented by Satan does not have future but failure.

Our **heart** determines whether we can be shepherded well or not.

If the heart is not good, one will not be able to be shepherded.

God has made effort to make our heart level.

Our effort is to eat the shepherding Word.

This woman made effort like dog eating the crumbs.

It means to humble our life as low as we can, have appreciation and earnest need to the Word.

Matthew 15:27-28

15:27. *And she said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their mastersâ table."*

15:28. *Then Jesus answered and said to her, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be to you as you desire." And her daughter was healed from that very hour.*

The signs that we can eat shepherding Word are as follows:

a. We can justify the Word.

It means that we can blame ourselves, and confess our mistakes and weakness.

We can confess our sin to God and others. If we are forgiven, do not sin anymore.

b. Practicing the Word.

It means that we obey the Word of God whatever risk may come.

The results are as follows:

1. Spiritual miracle, or the biggest miracle, namely dog is lifted up as God's sheep.

Becoming the sheep of God means having good deed and saying, namely good and correct deed (holy) and not lying.

2. Physical miracle.

The hand of the Chief Shepherd is able to care our life miraculously even abundantly, and we can give thanks to God.

The hand of the Chief Shepherd finishes our problem miraculously even the impossible one.

The hand of the Chief Shepherd is able to give successful and beautiful future in His time.

3. When Jesus comes a second time, we are changed as glorious as Him.

God blesses us.