

Youth Service in Malang, March 21, 2015 (Saturday Evening)

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

Luke 8 refers to the Golden Candlestick. In Luke 8, there are seven stories that refer to seven lamps on the Golden Candlestick and they are as follows:

1. Many Women Minister to Jesus (Luke 8:1-3).
2. The Parable of the Sower (Luke 8:4-15).
3. The Parable of the Revealed Light (Luke 8:16-18).
4. Jesus's Mother and Brothers Come to Him (Luke 8:19-21).
5. Wind and Wave Obey Jesus (Luke 8:22-25).
6. A Demon-Possessed Man Healed (Luke 8:26-39).
7. A Girl Restored to Life and a Woman Healed (Luke 8:40-56).

We discuss the seventh story namely **A Girl Restored to Life and a Woman Healed**.

In Luke 8:40-56, there are three stories that are closely related, so they become one story. These three stories also refer to our personal life, namely body, soul and spirit as follows.

1. Jairus refers to weak **body** because of problem or heavy burden, namely facing his daughter who was sick and dying, there was no hope.
2. A woman who had a flow of blood for twelve years refers to weary **soul** that languishes; there is no rest and peace. It is like the blood keeps flowing for twelve years. There is a soul in the blood. Flowing of blood refers to weary soul.
3. A sick girl who died refers to dead **spirit**. It means having no relationship with God.

These three persons also refer to perseverance of faith. The Golden Candlestick was hammered until becoming beautiful.

We learn about the third perseverance of faith, namely **the perseverance of a young man**.

Luke 8:49-56

8:49. *While He was still speaking, someone came from the ruler of the synagogue's house, saying to him, "Your daughter is dead. Do not trouble the Teacher."*

8:50. *But when Jesus heard it, He answered him, saying, "Do not be afraid; only believe, and she will be made well."*

8:51. *When He came into the house, He permitted no one to go in except Peter, James, and John, and the father and mother of the girl.*

8:52. *Now all wept and mourned for her; but He said, "Do not weep; she is not dead, but sleeping."*

8:53. *And they ridiculed Him, knowing that she was dead.*

8:54. *But He put them all outside, took her by the hand and called, saying, "Little girl, arise."*

8:55. *Then her spirit returned, and she arose immediately. And He commanded that she be given something to eat.*

8:56. *And her parents were astonished, but He charged them to tell no one what had happened.*

A young man should have the perseverance of faith so **he does not experience spiritual death**.

What causes spiritual death?

Ephesians 2:1-2

2:1. *And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins,*

2:2. *in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience,*

The cause of spiritual death is disobeying God, so one walks according to Satan and sins, and lives in it. Consequently, he enters the second death, namely eternal death in the hell.

The practise of the perseverance of faith of young man is **eating spiritual food, namely the word of God**.

Luke 8:55

8:55. *Then her spirit returned, and she arose immediately. And He commanded that she be given something to eat.*

Hebrews 5:11-14

5:11. *of whom we have much to say, and hard to explain, since you have become dull of hearing.*

5:12. *For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of*

God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food.

5:13. For everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe.

5:14. But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

There are two kinds of spiritual food or the preaching of the Word of God as follows:

1. Milk, namely **the gospel of salvation**, gospel word or good news.

It is the word that tells Jesus' first coming to save sinners.

The process to receive salvation is as follows:

- believing Jesus as the only one Savior,
- repenting, namely we stop doing sin and return to God,
- being born again of water and spirit (water and Holy Spirit baptism), so we become like newborn baby and live in righteousness.

2. Solid food, namely **the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ**, teaching word that is sharper than any two-edged sword or bride tidings.

It is the word that tells Jesus' second coming in the glory as the King of kings and the Bridegroom on the glorious clouds to purify and perfect all of us until we become the bride of Heaven. It means that we have been mature in spirituality.

Being the bride means that we have been mature in spirituality.

The perseverance of faith of young men means we can hear and obey the gospel word, so we can live in righteousness.

We also hear and obey teaching word, so we can live in holiness. It is the attitude of shepherd life.

John 10:27

10:27. *"My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.*

So, the perseverance of faith of young men is being shepherded in true teaching word that is sharper than any two-edged sword. It is like a branch that abides in the true vine.

There are three kinds of attitude in the shepherding as follows:

1. **One rejects teaching word and does not want to be shepherded.**

For example, Judas was shepherded by Jesus Himself as Great Shepherd. Nevertheless, he did not want to be shepherded, but walked about and walked with people who were against Jesus.

Judas rejected teaching word by saying "It is not me."

Consequently, he fell headlong, burst open in the middle and all his entrails gushed out. It means his life was dirty and unclean until the depths of the heart and he perished.

2. **Being shepherded but outside of true teaching word.**

For example, a woman was bent over for eighteen years.

Luke 13:10-11

13:10. *Now He was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath.*

13:11. *And behold, there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bent over and could in no way raise herself up.*

Having no true teaching word to purify, one will be bent over. It means having spot or imperfection.

The meanings of being bent over are as follows:

- **Having worry.**

Proverbs 12:25a

12:25. *Anxiety in the heart of man causes depression.....*

We often worry about future and mate.

Consequently, we cannot prioritize ministry, nor be faithful and live in righteousness.

- **One does not experience renewal of life from carnal men to spiritual ones like Jesus.**

It means one keeps flesh man with its eighteen characteristics.

2 Timothy 3:1-5

3:1. *But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come:*

3:2. *For men will be lovers of themselves⁽¹⁾, lovers of money⁽²⁾, boasters⁽³⁾, proud⁽⁴⁾, blasphemers⁽⁵⁾, disobedient to parents⁽⁶⁾, unthankful⁽⁷⁾, unholy⁽⁸⁾,*

3:3. *unloving⁽⁹⁾, unforgiving⁽¹⁰⁾, slanderers⁽¹¹⁾, without self⁽¹²⁾ control⁽¹²⁾, brutal⁽¹³⁾, despisers of good⁽¹⁴⁾,*

3:4. *traitors⁽¹⁵⁾, headstrong⁽¹⁶⁾, haughty⁽¹⁷⁾, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God⁽¹⁸⁾,*

3:5. *having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!*

They minister but deny its power, so they have eighteen flesh characteristics and are sealed by antichrist (666).

- **One is not satisfied.**

Luke 13:15

13:15. *The Lord then answered him and said, "Hypocrite! Does not each one of you on the Sabbath loose his ox or donkey from the stall, and lead it away to water it?"*

A woman who was bent over spiritually withered so she looked for satisfaction of the world and was bound by sins up to the peak of sin, namely sin of eating-drinking and marrying-giving in marriage.

3. Being shepherded well and truly in true teaching word that is sharper than any two-edged sword.

For example, Mary sat at Jesus' feet and heard His word.

Luke 10:39

10:39. *And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at Jesus's feet and heard His word.*

Mary kept hearing Jesus' word which means hearing and obeying Jesus' word.

Jesus' word is the word whose secret is opened, namely a verse that explains another verse in the Bible.

Jesus' word cleans and purifies.

John 15:3

15:3. *"You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you.*

The young men who are shepherded well and truly are in the hand of Chief Shepherd. It is the same as we stretch out our hand to God and He, the Great Shepherd, also stretches out His merciful hand that has the power of resurrection.

God touches and holds us, so we live in Great Shepherd's merciful hand that has the power of resurrection.

Luke 8:54-55

8:54. *But He put them all outside, took her by the hand and called, saying, "Little girl, arise."*

8:55. *Then her spirit returned, and she arose immediately. And He commanded that she be given something to eat.*

The results are as follows:

- **Physical miracle happens.** We receive God's helping, so impossible thing becomes possible.
- **Spiritual miracle happens.** We experience renewing from death to life. It means we are purified and renewed.

Colossians 3:5-9

3:5. *Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication⁽¹⁾, uncleanness⁽²⁾, passion⁽³⁾, evil desire⁽⁴⁾, and covetousness⁽⁵⁾, which is idolatry⁽⁶⁾.*

3:6. *Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience,*

3:7. *in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them.*

3:8. *But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger⁽¹⁾, wrath⁽²⁾, malice⁽³⁾, blasphemy⁽⁴⁾, filthy language out of your mouth⁽⁵⁾.*

3:9. *Do not lie to one another⁽⁶⁾, since you have put off the old man with his deeds,*

We experience purification from six outer sins and six inner sins.

If number six is cast away, number seven will come. We become new men with seven signs until being perfect.

Colossians 3:12-14

3:12. *Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies⁽¹⁾, kindness⁽²⁾, humility⁽³⁾, meekness⁽⁴⁾, longsuffering⁽⁵⁾;*

3:13. *bearing with one another, and forgiving one another⁽⁶⁾, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do.*

3:14. *But above all these things put on love⁽⁷⁾, which is the bond of perfection.*

- **We have certainty** to win over the sins up to the peak of sin. We do not fall into sin but live in holiness. We also have certainty of God's caring for our life now up to successful, beautiful and the best future, even eternal life with God.

God blesses us.