

Youth Service in Malang, October 21, 2017 (Saturday Evening)

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

Luke 11: 37-54 is about 'Woe to the Pharisees and Lawyers'

The Pharisees and Lawyers only prioritize the physical thing in their ministry and do not prioritize the teaching word that is sharper than any two-edged sword. As Jesus speaks, they do not talk about the word, but physical things.

Consequently, they are fulminated by God with six times of 'woe'.

THE FIFTH 'WOE'

Luke 11: 47-51

11:47. "Woe to you! For you build the tombs of the prophets, and your fathers killed them.

11:48. "In fact, you bear witness that you approve the deeds of your fathers; for they indeed killed them, and you build their tombs.

11:49. "Therefore the wisdom of God also said, 'I will send them prophets and apostles, and some of them they will kill and persecute,'

11:50. "that the blood of all the prophets which was shed from the foundation of the world may be required of this generation,

11:51. "from the blood of Abel to the blood of Zechariah who perished between the altar and the temple. Yes, I say to you, it shall be required of this generation.

The Pharisees and Lawyers are **the descendants of the killer**. The persons were killed from Abel to Zechariah. Abel was killed by Cain. It means that Cain was the descendant of the killer. Actually, Cain was the descendant of Adam, but he became the one of killer.

Why is it so?

1. **God did not respect Cain and his offering.**

Genesis 4: 3-5

4:3. And in the process of time it came to pass that Cain brought an offering of the fruit of the ground to the LORD.

4:4. Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat. And the LORD respected Abel and his offering,

4:5. but He did not respect Cain and his offering. And Cain was very angry, and his countenance fell.

Now, the offering refers to the ministry.

God did not respect Cain's offering because there was no sign of birthright, but just part of it.

It means that one does not prioritize God.

It means being unfaithful or not full.

God respected the ministry of Abel, so Cain's **heart** was very angry. It means envy and revenge. If Cain had had good heart, he would have learnt to Abel.

Cain's heart was dark. It means being **without lamp or Holy Spirit**. In the Tabernacle, it refers to golden candlestick.

2. Having the fallen countenance.

Genesis 4: 6-7

4:6. So the LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen?

4:7. "If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin lies at the door. And its desire is for you, but you should rule over it."

Having the fallen countenance is the same as not having beaming face. Jesus' face beamed.

Having the fallen countenance means being **without love**. In the Tabernacle, the love refers to the golden altar of incense.

If we worship less we will have fallen countenance even bad face like dog and swine.

3. **His deed** is hitting and killing Abel, and **his word** is a lie.

Genesis 4: 8-10

4:8. Now Cain talked with Abel his brother; and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother and killed him.

4:9. Then the LORD said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?" He said, "I do not know. Am I my brother's keeper?"

4:10. And He said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood cries out to Me from the ground.

It is the same as being **without the word of God**. In the Tabernacle, the word of God refers to the table of showbread.

Hitting may also happen through gossiping, slandering, *et cetera*.

Genesis 4: 11-12

4:11. "So now you are cursed from the earth, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand.

4:12. "When you till the ground, it shall no longer yield its strength to you. A fugitive and a vagabond you shall be on the earth."

'it shall no longer yield its strength' = if we minister partly, we will receive partly too.

Cain became a fugitive and a vagabond means being **unshepherded** or walking about.

The condition outside the sheepfold is very heavy because we will be against the lion that walks around.

'you are cursed from the earth' = if we walk about, **the consequences** are as follows:

- Living in the curse atmosphere, namely toil, weariness, heavy burden and tears.
- 'it shall no longer yield its strength' = physical and spiritual failure. We do not experience heavenly satisfaction, so we grumble a lot, blame and judge others. We cannot do introspection in our life. If we are not satisfied in the ministry, we will surely look for the other place to get the satisfaction or satisfaction in the world. Including the services to God are mixed with worldly satisfaction to attract the youth to come.

Being unshepherded is the same as **being scattered**, especially one does not know the destiny of his physical life. More than that, there is no one who is responsible for his salvation.

Give thanks to God if we are shepherded by the earnest pastor because there is one who is responsible for our life.

The first responsibility of parents and shepherd is feeding us. He gives good food and lifts up the intercession prayer.

Cain became the descendant of the killer because of the ministry.

If the ministry is not true, **the heart, face, and deed** will be false too until one is lost forever.

It is different from Abel.

Genesis 4: 2

4:2. Then she bore again, this time his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground.

Abel was a shepherd. We must be shepherded through the perseverance in committing three kinds of main service as follows:

1. Golden Candlestick or perseverance in doing General Service to have the fellowship with Holy Spirit God in the gifts. We are given drink.
2. Table of Showbread or perseverance in doing Bible Study Service with Holy Communion to get the fellowship with the Son of God in the Word and the sacrifice of Christ. We are given food.
3. Golden Altar of Incense or perseverance in doing Worship Prayer Service to get the fellowship with Father God in the love. We breathe in the love of God.. The love is eternal, so we live eternally although we die physically.

In the sheepfold, our body, soul and spirit attach to God the Trinity like a branch that abides in the true vine, so we always **experience purification up to there is no lie**. If we are not shepherded, we will lie.

If we are honest, our life has become sweet and we experience the happiness. If we lie, we will be cursed and live in bitterness.

If we are **holy**, we will be anointed by Holy Spirit that makes us become **faithful**.

Being holy and faithful is the same as offering the firstborn, namely **the best offering**.

Our ministry is that we live in holiness, faithfulness, and give the best offering.

If we give the best thing to God, He will respect our ministry and life, even He respects us although we have already died.

God takes heed to, regards, defends, and struggles for us.

Prioritize God! He will respect us.

The results are as follows:

1. God is able to **take care** of our physical life abundantly until we give thanks to Him, and our spiritual life is given **heavenly satisfaction and happiness**. We always give thanks to God.

2. God makes all things beautiful in His time. We have successful and beautiful future.
3. God changes us from fleshly men to spiritual ones like the incense that produces fragrance before God, namely being **obedient** until the flesh does not sound anymore.

It is the biggest miracle and the physical one happens too. All problems are finished and all doors are opened up to the one of heaven.

It continues until Jesus comes a second time that we are changed to become as perfect as He is. The people who have died and the others who still live until Jesus comes will be together in the body of glory to greet Him when He comes a second time on the glorious clouds.

If our ministry is signified with living in holiness and faithfulness and giving the best offering, God will respect us. He is able to do anything for us.

God blesses us.