

Youth Service in Surabaya, June 29, 2013 (Saturday Evening)

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

Luke 4:38-41 is about 'Jesus heals Simon's wife's mother and others'.

Luke 4:38-40

4:38. Now He arose from the synagogue and entered Simon's house. But Simon's wife's mother was sick with a high fever, and they made request of Him concerning her.

4:39. So He stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her. And immediately she arose and served them.

4:40. When the sun was setting, all those who had any that were sick with various diseases brought them to Him; and He laid His hands on every one of them and healed them.

Peter's wife's mother is sick with a high fever.

Mother in law is a person who prepares Peter's bride.

For now, mother in law means person who has been so long in the teaching Word (bride tidings), but unfortunately he is lukewarm (fevered).

If we are lukewarm to the teaching Word, consequently we will be lukewarm in ministry and household too, like the church of Laodiceans.

Revelation 3:15-16

3:15. "I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot.

3:16. "So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth."

The signs of lukewarm life are as follows:

1. **Bragging or prioritizing physical things**, so one does not need God anymore.

Revelation 3:17

3:17. "Because you say, 'I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing' and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked."

The practice is being sleepy or joking when hearing Word and giving small part for the Word.

2. **Being neither cold nor hot.**

Revelation 3:15

3:15. "I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot.

Not being cold = being not cool which means there is no peace in ministry, but grumble, gossip, sense of envy, jealousy, and revenge.

Not being hot = being unfaithful, and not fervent in spirit, and there is no passion in ministry, but only a habit.

3. **Not being victorious nor defeated.**

Exodus 32:17-19

32:17. And when Joshua heard the noise of the people as they shouted, he said to Moses, "There is a noise of war in the camp."

32:18. But he said: "It is not the noise of the shout of victory, Nor the noise of the cry of defeat, But the sound of singing I hear."

32:19. So it was, as soon as he came near the camp, that he saw the calf and the dancing. So Moses' anger became hot, and he cast the tablets out of his hands and broke them at the foot of the mountain.

How great Joshua, a young man, is, but Moses as a shepherd has the spirit of consideration.

For us now, how great **we are, we still need the shepherd's consideration.**

There is a golden calf which is worshipped in the sound of singing. It means there is **idolatry.**

Idol is hardness of heart.

The practices of the hardness of heart are as follows:

- o Having self-truth, which means covering sin by blaming others, the Word, God, and one does not want to be

reproved or advised.

- o Keeping sin up to the peak of sin.

4. **Being neither dead nor raised**, which means one does not experience renewal of life because of rejecting the true teaching Word and consequently he becomes flesh and blood man who has eighteen flesh attitudes and is sealed with 666.

II 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-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!*

The consequences of being lukewarm are as follows:

1. **Spiritual state becomes disarray.**

Revelation 3:17

3:17. *"Because you say, 'I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing' and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked"*

Being miserable, poor, and wretched means suffering life.

Being blind means life in the darkness of sin.

Being naked means being humiliated, cannot be glorified with God and perfected.

2. **Being vomited by God.**

Revelation 3:16

3:16. *"So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth."*

It means we do not satisfy God, but become useless, so we are cast out and perish forever.

God helps by rebuking Peter's wife's mother.

Rebuking means to tell the true teaching Word, convince, rebuke and exhort.

Luke 4:39

4:39. *So He stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her. And immediately she arose and served them.*

II Timothy 4:2

4:2. *Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all long suffering and teaching.*

The teaching Word as exhortation leads us in righteous and holy life that we are guided by God, there is a way out of problem, and opened way for our future.

The Word of God is like a rope that is used to help our lives.

If we reject it, the rope will be spun into a whip to chasten us that we return to righteousness and holiness.

Revelation 3:19-20

3:19. *"As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore be zealous and repent.*

3:20. *"Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me."*

Therebuke and chastisement of God are His helping hand to knock our heart.

When God knocks our heart, we must open it. It means we have to realize our sin, confess it to God and others, repent, and worship Him faithfully and fervently in spirit.

If we open the door, we can dine with Jesus and lean on His chest. We love God more than anything and vice versa; our life and death are in God's hand.

John 21:20-23

21:20. *Then Peter, turning around, saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following, who also had leaned on His breast at the supper, and said, "Lord, who is the one who betrays You?"*

21:21. *Peter, seeing him, said to Jesus, "But Lord, what about this man?"*

21:22. Jesus said to him, "If I will that he remain till I come, what is that to you? You follow Me."

21:23. Then this saying went out among the brethren that this disciple would not die. Yet Jesus did not say to him that he would not die, but, "If I will that he remain till I come, what is that to you?"

Our live and death are God's business. It means as follows:

- The merciful hand of God is able to take care of our life, give certainty, and all problems are finished by God.
- The merciful hand of God purifies and changes us until we are perfect, and spotless, and become as glorious as Jesus, that we are worthy to greet Jesus when He comes a second time. The door of marriage supper of the Lamb, the door of Paradise and the door of Heaven are opened.

Revelation 3:21

3:21. "To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.

God blesses us.