

Ascension of Jesus Service in Malang, June 02, 2011 (Thursday Evening)

Matthew 26:14-16

26:14. Then one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests

26:15 and said, "What are you willing to give me if I deliver Him to you?" And they counted out to him thirty pieces of silver.

26:16 So from that time he sought opportunity to betray Him.

Judas betrayed Jesus, Passover Lamb, because of these reasons:

- Judas joined false fellowship or fellowship without the true teaching Word. It happened because he looked for physical things.
- Judas did not want to surrender but he kept his sins and lust, so he sold Jesus for thirty pieces of silver.

Exodus 21:32

21:32 "If the ox gores a male or female servant, he shall give to their master thirty shekels of silver, and the ox shall be stoned.

The thirty pieces of silver are the price of a goring ox, so it has to be killed.

Actually, Jesus is an obedient servant of God.

2 Thessalonians 2:1-4,8

2:1. Now, brethren, concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him, we ask you,

2:2 not to be soon shaken in mind or troubled, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as if from us, as though the day of Christ had come.

2:3 Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition,

2:4 who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.

2:8 And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming.

The servant of God who likes goring other people is antichrist and false prophet or rebellious man who will be perished forever when Jesus comes a second time.

Why does the rebellion happen?

Matthew 24:12

24:12 "And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold.

It happens because the love grows cold or the crisis of love or being without love.

The servant of God who is without love will become rebellious and perished. Be alert! Antichrist comes from inside us, not from outside.

The rebellion happens in these two places:

1. Marriage/household. The rebellion in marriage is as follows:

- Hatred(being without love) hits the marriage/household of God's servant until there is quarrel and violence, even murdering in it.

Matthew 10:21

10:21 "Now brother will deliver up brother to death, and a father his child; and children will rise up against parents and cause them to be put to death.

For example, Cain murdered Abel, and Joseph's brothers envied and hated Joseph even they wanted to kill him.

- Being unfaithful, until there is divorce and affairs.

Malachi 2:15-16

2:15 But did He not make them one, Having a remnant of the Spirit? And why one? He seeks godly offspring. Therefore take heed to your spirit, And let none deal treacherously with the wife of his youth.

2:16 "For the LORD God of Israel says That He hates divorce, For it covers one's garment with violence," Says the LORD of hosts. "Therefore take heed to your spirit, That you do not deal treacherously."

For example, Hophni and Pinehas who lay with the women who assembled, until there was Ichabod, there was no glory but judgment in Israel.

1 Samuel 2:22

2:22 Now Eli was very old; and he heard everything his sons did to all Israel, and how they lay with the women who assembled at the door of the tabernacle of meeting.

There are many destructions hit the marriage. It was written in Genesis Book up to Revelation Book, even in the last days. We have to be alert.

2. Service and ministry. The rebellion in service and ministry is as follows:

- Being unfaithful even leaving the service and ministry.

Hebrews 10:25-27

10:25 not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

10:26 For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins,

10:27 but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries.

Being unfaithful even leaving the service and ministry is a sin servants of God often do not realize, even it increases. It begins with habitual sin, that a man feel nothing not committing service and ministry, until it becomes intentional sin.

The highest level of advice in these last days is the advice of **being faithful in committing service and ministry.**

1 Timothy 4:8-10

4:8 For bodily exercise profits a little, but godliness is profitable for all things, having promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come.

4:9 This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance.

4:10 For to this end we both labor and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe.

There is double promise in the service, namely for present life and future one. We may fight in the world but we have to fight for our service to the Lord more than all things.

Acts 1:16-18

1:16 "Men and brethren, this Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke before by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus;

1:17 "for he was numbered with us and obtained a part in this ministry."

1:18 (Now this man purchased a field with the wages of iniquity; and falling headlong, he burst open in the middle and all his entrails gushed out.

All matters Judas had fought in the world became meaningless.

- Murmuring in committing service and ministry.

Numbers 16:11,32-33

16:11 "Therefore you and all your company are gathered together against the LORD. And what is Aaron that you complain against him?"

16:32 and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed them up, with their households and all the men with Korah, with all their goods.

16:33 So they and all those with them went down alive into the pit; the earth closed over them, and they perished from among the assembly.

Murmur happens because of insisting physical rights such as praise, high position, money, food, and beverage, as well as because of disobedience. The murmur is as cancer spreading over the weak parts of body.

Jude 1:11

1:11 Woe to them! For they have gone in the way of Cain, have run greedily in the error of Balaam for profit, and perished in the rebellion of Korah.

Being rebellious, one decreases physically and spiritually until s/he is left when Jesus comes a second time and

perished together with antichrist.

Jesus is actually an obedient servant but He was willing to be sold for thirty pieces of silver, meaning He was willing to be counted as a goring ox or rebellious man who must be perished or killed on the cross.

Mark 15:27-28

15:27 With Him they also crucified two robbers, one on His right and the other on His left.

15:28 So the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "And He was numbered with the transgressors."

Jesus was willing to be made as a rebellious man and die on the cross in order to help the servants of God who are rebellious in marriage and service/ministry and decreasing in life. They should be left and drown in the sea of fire and brimstone when Jesus comes a second time, but God wants to help them.

Commemorating the ascension of Jesus, let us **have the power of LIFTING UP done by The Lord**, so we will not decrease but be lifted up on the glorious clouds when Jesus comes a second time.

We **HAVE TO have the love of God** so we will never become the rebellious servant of God.

Carnal men do not have the love but emotion, ambition, and lusts.

1 John 4:9-10

4:9 In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him.

4:10 In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

Where can we get the love? It comes from Jesus who has died on **the cross** as a sin offering for us.

The process of receiving the love of God is as follows:

1. Making atonement with God and other people, meaning as follows:

- Confessing sins earnestly and honestly to God and men. Do not repeat the sin after being forgiven.
- Forgiving the sin of other people who have confessed it seriously, and forgetting it.

Finishing the sins, we have a peaceful heart.

The one message of Jesus at the time He ascended to heaven is that the disciples should not depart from Jerusalem. It refers to the peaceful heart, and we will get the anointing of Holy Spirit.

Romans 5:5

5:5 Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us. Å

Holy Spirit who overflows in our life will pour out the love of God in our heart.

The function of God's love is as follows:

- To give **extra strength** to us, so we are not hopeless or disappointed or proud in facing all things but we can be strong and of good courage waiting for Jesus' second coming.
- To cover all sins, so we can live in righteousness.

Amsal 10:12

10:12. Hatred stirs up strife, But love covers all sins.

Keeping sins, one must decrease.

If the sins are covered, our life will increase until we are lifted up when Jesus comes a second time.

2. Being shepherded to the true teaching Word.

John 21:15-19

21:15. So when they had eaten breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me more than these?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." He said to him, "Feed My lambs."

21:16 He said to him again a second time, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." He said to him, "Tend My sheep."

21:17 He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?" Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, "Do you love Me?" And he said to Him, "Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You." Jesus said to him, "Feed My sheep."

21:18 "Most assuredly, I say to you, when you were younger, you girded yourself and walked where you wished; but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will gird you and carry you where you do not wish."

21:19 *This He spoke, signifying by what death he would glorify God. And when He had spoken this, He said to him, "Follow Me."*

Being shepherded to the true teaching Word is as a branch attaining to the ONE true Vine.

The Lord spoke about the same thing three times to Peter. It refers to perseverance in three main services because a man consists of body, soul, and spirit.

- Golden Candlestick -->perseverance in General Service.
- Table of Showbread -->perseverance in Bible Study Service.
- Golden Altar of Incense -->perseverance in Prayer Service.

It starts from a pastor who must persevere in shepherding. A pastor who does not want to feed the sheep is a thief and robber.

Being outside the sheepfold, we only meet beasts with strange voices destroying our life.

The result of being shepherded is we can lift up our hand to God, **be obedient whatever risk may come, and whatever thing we have to sacrifice.**

Revelation 7:17

7:17 *"for the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to living fountains of waters. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."*

God will stretch His hand for us as follows:

- He leads us to the living fountains of waters, to beautiful future life.
- The hand of Great Shepherd will wipe away all our tears while we are being lead. He settles all our problems.
- He leads us to the throne of God in New Jerusalem.

3. Worship prayer.

Matthew 17:1-2

17:1. *Now after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, led them up on a high mountain by themselves;*

17:2 *and He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light.*

Worship prayer is as follows:

- Our wrestling in prayer together with God.
- Seeing Jesus' shining face as the sun.
- The process of tearing flesh with all its lusts, so we can receive the love of God.
Fasting prayer and night prayer hasten the process of tearing flesh to hasten the process of receiving the love of God.
- Being honest and confessing to God just the way we are.

Psalm 84:11

84:11 *For the LORD God is a sun and shield; The LORD will give grace and glory; No good thing will He withhold From those who walk uprightly.*

The results will be real as follows:

- The love as the sun will become a shield to protect us from sins, even the peak of sin, and we are protected from God's judgment.
- The goodness and mercy of God are able to make all matters good, to heal us, and to lift us up from all destruction.
- God's glory changes and renews us from carnal men to spiritual men as Jesus is.
Life renewal begins with our face. Pale face full of fear and anxiety is changed to bright face, so is sad face and marred face.

The bright face means as follows:

- There is heavenly joy.
- We can love our enemy, even we can repay good for evil.

It is until we are changed to become as glorious as Jesus when He comes a second time.

God blesses you.