

Bible Study in Malang, September 30, 2010 (Thursday Evening)

Matthew 25:14-15

God trusts us, the sinful, with talents according to our own ability so there is no reason of not ministering Him. Thus, we were sinful but right now we can serve God because of His mercy and justice.

Matthew 25:16-30 is **THE ATTITUDE OF GOD TO THE TALENTS.**

Matthew 25:19

25:19 *"After a long time the lord of those servants came and settled accounts with them."*

God wants **the growth of the talents.**

Firstly, God gave $5+2+1=8$ talents.

They refer to eight people who were saved in Noah's ark. It points at the salvation of bride.

Matthew 25:20-23

25:20 *"So he who had received five talents came and brought five other talents, saying, 'Lord, you delivered to me five talents; look, I have gained five more talents besides them.'"*

25:21 *"His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.'"*

25:22 *"He also who had received two talents came and said, 'Lord, you delivered to me two talents; look, I have gained two more talents besides them.'"*

25:23 *"His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.'"*

There is a growth or increase in $5+2=7$ talents.

The figure 7 refers to the perfection of bride.

Thus, **the Lord wants the growth from the salvation of bride to the perfection.**

The example is Lot.

Genesis 19:16-17

19:16 *And while he lingered, the men took hold of his hand, his wife's hand, and the hands of his two daughters, the LORD being merciful to him, and they brought him out and set him outside the city.*

19:17 *So it came to pass, when they had brought them outside, that he said, "Escape for your life! Do not look behind you nor stay anywhere in the plain. Escape to the mountains, lest you be destroyed."*

Lot had gone out of Sodom-Gomorra but he still had to escape to the mountains so he did not die.

Revelation 21:9-10

21:9. *Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls filled with the seven last plagues came to me and talked with me, saying, "Come, I will show you the bride, the Lamb's wife."*

21:10 *And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God,*

The mountains denote to city New Jerusalem, referring to the perfection of bride. There is only perdition outside the New Jerusalem.

Lot is similar to the servants receiving five talents and two talents who had an increase of the talents from the salvation of bride to the perfection. Such servants are called faithful and good, and they will experience heavenly joy forever.

Genesis 19:24-26

19:24. *Then the LORD rained brimstone and fire on Sodom and Gomorrah, from the LORD out of the heavens.*

19:25 *So He overthrew those cities, all the plain, all the inhabitants of the cities, and what grew on the ground.*

19:26 *But his wife looked back behind him, and she became a pillar of salt.*

Lot's wife is similar to the servant receiving one talent. She looked behind, meaning she was influenced by the world, and she became the pillar of salt.

Matthew 25:18, 24-26, 30

25:18 "But he who had received one went and dug in the ground, and hid his lord's money.

25:24 "Then he who had received the one talent came and said, 'Lord, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you have not sown, and gathering where you have not scattered seed.

25:25 'And I was afraid, and went and hid your talent in the ground. Look, there you have what is yours.'

25:26 "But his lord answered and said to him, 'You wicked and lazy servant, you knew that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I have not scattered seed.

25:30 'And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

The servant receiving one talent hid the talent in the ground, meaning being influenced by the world so he became unfaithful in committing service and ministry even forsook them. He did not have the growth of the talents, and was called wicked and lazy servant. Consequently, he was cast into the outer darkness.

In these last days, there will be many children of God who become the pillar of salt or useless servants.

We have to become the **PILLAR** in the house of God in order not to become as Lot's wife.

1 Timothy 3:15

3:15 *but if I am delayed, I write so that you may know how you ought to conduct yourself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.*

The house of God = tabernacle = heavenly Kingdom.

There are three kinds of the pillars of Tabernacle as follows:

1. **The pillars of the Court**(https://www.gptkk.org/tabernacle_the+gate.html).

Exodus 27:9-11

27:9. " You shall also make the court of the tabernacle. For the south side there shall be hangings for the court made of fine woven linen, one hundred cubits long for one side.

27:10 "And its twenty pillars and their twenty sockets shall be bronze. The hooks of the pillars and their bands shall be silver.

27:11 "Likewise along the length of the north side there shall be hangings one hundred cubits long, with its twenty pillars and their twenty sockets of bronze, and the hooks of the pillars and their bands of silver.

There are sixty pillars of the Court.

The sixty pillars refer to the sixty people who are chosen to become the mighty men of faith or the **PILLAR OF FAITH**.

The sixty pillars can be divided into two groups as follows:

- o 56 pillars, being reckoned from Abraham to Joseph.

Luke 3:23,34

3:23 Now Jesus Himself began His ministry at about thirty years of age, being (as was supposed) the son of Joseph, the son of Heli,

3:34 the son of Jacob, the son of Isaac, the son of Abraham, the son of Terah, the son of Nahor,

All of them are circumcised from Israelites.

- o 4 pillars of the Gate of Tabernacle, referring to Matthew, Mark, John (the circumcised), and Luke (the uncircumcised, Gentiles).

In shorts, the sixty pillars consist of people from Israelites and Gentiles, meaning as follows:

- o The mercy and justice of God to the Gentiles to become the pillars.
- o Circumcision is nothing and uncircumcision is nothing, tribe is nothing, wealth is nothing, but keeping the commandments of God (the true teaching Word) is what matters, whatever risk may come.

1 Corinthians 7:19

7:19 *Circumcision is nothing and uncircumcision is nothing, but keeping the commandments of God is what matters.*

Jesus is obedient until He died on the cross.

The example of the first pillar of faith is Abraham.

Hebrews 11:8

11:8 *By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And*

he went out, not knowing where he was going.

Abraham was obedient when God called him to depart all things he had, and to go to a country he had not known yet.

God will never deceive if we are obedient.

The results are as follows:

- God blessed Abraham and his offspring until he became a blessing.

Genesis 12:1-2

12:1. Now the LORD had said to Abram: "Get out of your country, From your family And from your father's house, To a land that I will show you.

12:2 I will make you a great nation; I will bless you And make your name great; And you shall be a blessing.

Do not forget the Giver of the blessings after receiving them. Do not forget to give the tithe back to Him.

The secret of the blessings of Abraham is he became a blessing for other people after he received the blessing from God spiritually and physically.

Genesis 14:19-23

14:19 And he blessed him and said: "Blessed be Abram of God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth;

14:20 And blessed be God Most High, Who has delivered your enemies into your hand." And he gave him a tithe of all.

14:21 Now the king of Sodom said to Abram, "Give me the persons, and take the goods for yourself."

14:22 But Abram said to the king of Sodom, "I have raised my hand to the LORD, God Most High, the Possessor of heaven and earth,

14:23 "that I will take nothing, from a thread to a sandal strap, and that I will not take anything that is yours, lest you should say, 'I have made Abram rich' --

The tithe delivers Abraham from the binding of Sodom so he never looks back.

- Entering Canaan. It indicates that we are employed in the revival of building Christ's body until entering New Jerusalem.

2. **The pillars of the Door of Tabernacle**(https://www.gptkk.org/tabernacle_door+of+tabernacle.html).

Exodus 26:36-37

26:36 " You shall make a screen for the door of the tabernacle, woven of blue, purple, and scarlet thread, and fine woven linen, made by a weaver.

26:37 "And you shall make for the screen five pillars of acacia wood, and overlay them with gold; their hooks shall be of gold, and you shall cast five sockets of bronze for them.

The Door of Tabernacle refers to the infilling of Holy Spirit.

The pillars of the Door refer to **THE PILLARS OF HOPE**.

Galatians 2:9-10

2:9 and when (1) James, (2) Cephas, and (3) John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that had been given to me, they gave (4) me and (5) Barnabas the right hand of fellowship, that we should go to the Gentiles and they to the circumcised.

2:10 They desired only that we should remember the poor, the very thing which I also was eager to do.

We will learn about Paul's pillars of hope.

One who becomes the pillar of hope and anointed by Holy Spirit is strong and of good courage.

Ephesians 3:16

3:16 that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man,

The facts found in being strong and of good courage are as follows:

- Holding fast to the true teaching and rejecting other teachings expressly.

Galatians 1:6-10

1:6. I marvel that you are turning away so soon from Him who called you in the grace of Christ, to a different gospel,

1:7 which is not another; but there are some who trouble you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ.

1:8 But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you,

let him be accursed.

1:9 As we have said before, so now I say again, if anyone preaches any other gospel to you than what you have received, let him be accursed.

1:10 For do I now persuade men, or God? Or do I seek to please men? For if I still pleased men, I would not be a bondservant of Christ.

If one does not reject other teachings expressly, he will only please men, not God. He becomes a bondservant of men, not of God.

A pillar cannot be oblique. We must be clear about doctrine!

As a result, we have the hope, and can be hoped to become perfect.

- Not looking back.

Philippians 3:12-14

3:12 Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me.

3:13 Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead,

3:14 I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

We must be strong and of good courage in countering the sins up to the peak, namely sins concerning eating-drinking and marrying-giving in marriage, so we can live righteously and holily to reach the perfection.

- Finishing the work of God until the end line, referring to bodily death or Jesus' second coming, through keeping faithful and fervent in spirit in committing service and ministry to the Lord although we must suffer.

Acts 20:22-24

20:22 "And see, now I go bound in the spirit to Jerusalem, not knowing the things that will happen to me there,

20:23 "except that the Holy Spirit testifies in every city, saying that chains and tribulations await me.

20:24 "But none of these things move me; nor do I count my life dear to myself, so that I may finish my race with joy, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.

1 Chronicles 28:20

28:20 And David said to his son Solomon, "Be strong and of good courage, and do it; do not fear nor be dismayed, for the LORD God--my God--will be with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you, until you have finished all the work for the service of the house of the LORD.

If we are strong and of good courage, God will finish all things, namely all our problems even the building of Christ's body.

3. The pillars of the Veil(https://www.gptkk.org/tabernacle_the+veil.html).

It refers to **THE PILLARS OF GLORY OR THE PILLAR OF LOVE.**

Exodus 26:31-32

26:31. " You shall make a veil woven of blue, purple, and scarlet thread, and fine woven linen. It shall be woven with an artistic design of cherubim.

26:32 "You shall hang it upon the four pillars of acacia wood overlaid with gold. Their hooks shall be gold, upon four sockets of silver.

There are four pillars, referring to four people who are chosen to ascend to heaven, i.e. Enoch, Moses, Elijah, and Jesus.

The example we will discuss now is Enoch.

Genesis 5:22-24

5:22 After he begot Methuselah, Enoch walked with God three hundred years, and had sons and daughters.

5:23 So all the days of Enoch were three hundred and sixty-five years.

5:24 And Enoch walked with God; and he was not, for God took him.

He walked with God **to love Him more than anything.**

We also have to walk with God through our perseverance in committing three main services as follows:

- Table of Showbread (https://www.gptkk.org/tabernacle_table+of+showbread.html) = perseverance in committing Bible Study Service and Holy Communion = we walk with Jesus, the Son of God.
- Golden Candlestick (https://www.gptkk.org/tabernacle_golden+candlestick.html) = perseverance in committing General Service = we walk with Holy Spirit God/Christ.
- Golden Altar of Incense (https://www.gptkk.org/tabernacle_the+golden+altar+of+incense.html) = perseverance in committing Prayer Service = we walk with Father God/the Lord in His love.

We are walking with the Lord Jesus Christ as our heavenly Bridegroom privately through our patience in committing the three main services.

We are being sanctified and renewed from carnal men to spiritual ones as Jesus is through our perseverance in committing the three main services.

Proverbs 3:32

3:32 For the perverse person is an abomination to the LORD, But His secret counsel is with the upright.

The evidence of walking with God is **HONESTY IN ALL MATTERS**, if yes say yes, and if no say no. Something hidden means there is a distance with God.

The results of walking with God are as follows:

- Peace, release, and rest from the Lord.

Psalm 62:2

62:2 Truly my soul silently waits for God; From Him comes my salvation.

Meaning all heavy burdens and weariness are born by Him.

Matthew 11:28,30

11:28 "Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

11:30 "For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

- We are lifted up by God.

Genesis 5:24

5:24 And Enoch walked with God; and he was not, for God took him.

It happens right now that we are lifted up from any fall in the world. He makes all things good and we can glorify Him. Furthermore, we will be lifted up on the glorious clouds when Jesus comes a second time, and we enter into paradise as well as New Jerusalem.

God blesses you.