

Bible Study Service in Malang, December 02, 2010 (Thursday Evening)

Followed by priests and candidates for priests upgrading III

Matthew 25:31-34

25:31. *"When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory.*

25:32 *"All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats.*

25:33 *"And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left.*

25:34 *"Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:*

At the time of Jesus' second coming, He appears as King of kings and Great Shepherd to separate sheep from goats.

The sheep are on His right side but the goats are on His left side.

The base of the separation is neither the riches nor the big church building nor the old age, and vice versa.

Ecclesiastes 10:2

10:2 *A wise man's heart is at his right hand, But a fool's heart at his left.*

The base of the separation is **heavenly wisdom**.

The sheep are on the right hand because of having the heavenly wisdom, and they will enter heavenly kingdom but the goats are on the left hand because of not having heavenly wisdom, and they will enter into eternal fire.

How can we receive the heavenly wisdom?

1. Through fear of the Lord [Ecclesiastes 9:10, Job 28:28].

The fear of the lord is the beginning of wisdom.

2. Through meekness.

James 3:13

3:13. *Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show by good conduct that his works are done in the meekness of wisdom.*

Now we are learning about the way to get the heavenly wisdom through **the meekness**.

James 1:21

1:21 *Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.*

The meekness means ability to receive God's Word although it is hard.

The process to receive the Word sharper than any two-edged sword is as follows:

1. **Being swift to hear the Word.**

James 1:19-20

1:19. *So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath;*

1:20 *for the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God.*

Hebrews 5:11-12

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.*

It means we do not hear the Word slowly, and not only the Gospel but the hard teaching Word, and we understand it.

The signs of hearing and understanding the Word are as follows:

- Being slow to speak = keeping in silence to check ourselves,
- Being slow to wrath = not being angry without any reason or love.

2. **Believing in the teaching Word so it becomes faith in our heart as the implanted word.**

James 1:21

1:21 *Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.*

The faith will save sinful people.

On the other hand, sinful people who reject the Word will never find help.

3. **Doing the Word = obeying the true teaching Word.**

James 1:22

1:22 But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

The teaching Word which is obeyed will become the heavenly wisdom.

The use of the heavenly wisdom is to build the spiritual house with the seven pillars or to enter into the building of the perfect Christ's body.

Proverbs 9:1

9:1. Wisdom has built her house, She has hewn out her seven pillars;

1 Peter 2:5

2:5 you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

The requirement to enter into the building of the spiritual house is being living stone or the priests and kings, namely those who have priest's offices.

The priest's office is as the tunic of many colors.

All men in the world will not have beautiful life if they do not have the priest's offices.

Having the priest's offices, we are called the living stones, meaning our life is only from the mercy of God so we can live anywhere, and anytime.

Leaving the ministry means being as Judas, whose life was so tragic.

The steps to build the spiritual house with the seven pillars are equal to build the perfect Christ's body as follows:

a. **Building the seven pillars in marriage/household.**

False marriage cannot reach the building of Christ's body.

1. **Colossians 3:18**

3:18. Wives, submit to your own husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.

Wife must submit to the husband in all things. Submission means not commanding or teaching the husband.

2. **Colossians 3:19**

3:19 Husbands, love your wives and do not be bitter toward them.

Husband must love his wife as his own body and not be bitter toward her.

3. **Colossians 3:20**

3:20 Children, obey your parents in all things, for this is well pleasing to the Lord.

Children must obey the parents, for this is well pleasing to the Lord, and He will give beautiful future.

4. **Colossians 3:21**

3:21 Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged.

Parents must not make the children discouraged through wrath that is with emotion or without any love, or through permitting the children to sin.

5. **Colossians 3:22-24**

3:22 Bondservants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh, not with eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but in sincerity of heart, fearing God.

3:23 And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men,

3:24 knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ.

Servants must work as to the Lord, so He will give the wage, and our lives will always be enough preserved by God.

6. **Colossians 4:1**

4:1. Masters, give your bondservants what is just and fair, knowing that you also have a Master in heaven.

Masters must work fairly and honestly as to the Lord, meaning there is no partiality.

7. 1 Timothy 5:5,7

5:5 Now she who is really a widow, and left alone, trusts in God and continues in supplications and prayers night and day.

5:7 And these things command, that they may be blameless.

A widow must hope in the Lord only through continuing in supplications and prayers night and day, as well as living in righteousness, holiness, and without spot.

There are many contrasts in our household, such as the differences between a husband and his wife or parents with their children, so it is difficult to be in oneness but they all can be united if each of them obeys the true teaching Word.

The seven pillars in household are as the candlestick with seven lamps.

It is useful to counter the darkness of basket and bed.

The bed refers to economy. It cannot destroy us if we have the lamp.

Besides, it refers to sin concerning eating-drinking such as smoking, being drunk, and consuming narcotics.

The bed refers to sins concerning sexuality, namely all kinds of sexual sin.

b. Building seven pillars in shepherding.

The Church of God in the last days is as a sheep among wolves. It only needs the Shepherd.

Thus, **we have to be shepherded in the true shepherding** these last days.

The requirements of being shepherded are as follows:

1. Entering into the sheepfold or the Holy Place, referring to the perseverance in committing three main services as follows:

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

In such a condition, our body, soul, and spirit will have the fellowship with God the Trinity.

2. Consuming shepherding Word = obeying the shepherding Word.

John 10:27-28

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

10:28 "And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand.

Being shepherded, we are in the hand of Great Shepherd, and we have these results:

1. Guarantee for sure that our lives are preserved right now up to the eternal life.
2. None may snatch us from God, we cannot fall into sin or be deceived by false teaching.
3. We are sanctified intensively, and continually from our heart, which is the source of sins.

Matthew 15:19

15:19 "For out of the heart proceed (1)evil thoughts, (2) murders, (3) adulteries, (4) fornications,(5) thefts, (6) false witness, (7) blasphemies.

Being sanctified from these seven things, we are building the new seven pillars.

The shepherding is all about the heart. Only those who have good hearts may be shepherded and make the shepherding a pleasant place.

The beginning of blaspheming is slandering other people.

Revelation 13:5-6

13:5 And he was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, and he was given authority to continue for forty-two months.

13:6 Then he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, His tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven.

We must be sanctified from these seven things until we do not stumble in words.

James 3:2

3:2 For we all stumble in many things. If anyone does not stumble in word, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle the whole body.

c. **Building seven pillars in spiritual house or perfect Christ's body.**

James 3:17

3:17 But the wisdom that is from above is first (1)pure, then (2)peaceable, (3)gentle, (4)willing to yield, (5) full of mercy and good fruits, (6)without partiality and (7)without hypocrisy.

The heavenly wisdom gives us seven characteristics of Jesus as follows:

1. pure = holiness coming out of our deepest heart.
2. peaceable = confessing and forgiving one another.
3. gentle = not showing up.
4. willing to yield = being obedient, and willing to get correction.
5. full of mercy and good fruits = neither judging other sinful people nor agreeing other people who do the sin.
6. without partiality = being just, or unbiased.
7. without hypocrisy = not pretending but being sincere.

We must have the seven characteristics of Jesus because we are His Bride.

The peak is we have sincere heart as the heart of dove, there is no bitterness or revenge.

Having the sincere heart as the dove's heart, we have the voice of dove, namely the voice of worship.

Song of Solomon 2:14

2:14. "O my dove, in the clefts of the rock, In the secret places of the cliff, Let me see your face, Let me hear your voice; For your voice is sweet, And your face is lovely."

The sweet voice refers to the worship in the atmosphere of resurrection, and with heart giving thanks to God.

Nahum 2:7

2:7 It is decreed: She shall be led away captive, She shall be brought up; And her maidservants shall lead her as with the voice of doves, Beating their breasts.

Besides, there is voice of crying, referring to the worship in the atmosphere of death or contrite hearts.

Revelation 14:2-3

14:2 And I heard a voice from heaven, like the voice of many waters, and like the voice of loud thunder. And I heard the sound of harpists playing their harps.

14:3 They sang as it were a new song before the throne, before the four living creatures, and the elders; and no one could learn that song except the hundred and forty-four thousand who were redeemed from the earth.

The worship in the atmosphere of death and resurrection will someday be the new song.

Revelation 19:6

19:6 And I heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude, as the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty thunderings, saying, "Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns!"

The sun of God's love will shine to us when we have the voice of worship, and here are the results:

1. The love of God is as a shield to protect us from disaster, and preserve our live miraculously.

Psalms 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.

2. God's love and kindness settle all our problems.
3. God's glory changes our life little by little, beginning from our bright face until someday we become as glorious as God is.

Matthew 13:43

13:43 "Then the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears to hear, let him hear!"

Jesus has been willing to be so marred on the cross in order to shine His glorious face for us all.

God blesses you.