

Bible Study Service in Malang, December 16, 2010 (Thursday Evening)

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:*

Jesus appears as King of kings and Great Shepherd to divide sheep and goats at the time of His second coming. A strict separation will happen, even to two people on one bed, referring to a husband and the wife in a marriage who can also be separated; one is lifted up and another will be left.

Sheep's position is at the right hand, and goat's position is at the left hand.

The base of separation is not physical thing, but **heavenly wisdom**.

Ecclesiastes 10:2

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

The sheep are at the right hand because of having heavenly wisdom, so they can enter into heaven. The goats are at the left hand because of not having heavenly wisdom or being spiritually foolish, so they enter into everlasting fire or hell.

Matthew 25:41

25:41 *"Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels:*

The facts found in foolish goats are as follows:

1. Being unsteady or not solemn in the true shepherding, even being unshepherded.

For example: Judas was shepherded by Jesus Himself, the perfect shepherd in the true shepherding but Judas was unsteady or not solemn as follows:

- a. Being not solemn or not always be in the sheepfold.

John 10:1-2

10:1. *"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door, but climbs up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber.*

10:2 *"But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep.*

The sheep have to persevere always in the sheepfold, namely Holy Place, in which there are three equipments, referring to three main services as follows:

1. Golden Candlestick = perseverance in committing General Service.
2. Table of Showbread = perseverance in committing Bible Study Service and Holy Communion.
3. Golden Altar of Incense = perseverance in committing Prayer Service.

We indeed have to pass through narrow gate, referring to tearing the flesh.

Being patient in the sheepfold is as Israelites' being in the land of Goshen, Mary's being at Jesus' feet, and Jacob's being calm in the tent.

Genesis 47:6

47:6 *"The land of Egypt is before you. Have your father and brothers dwell in the best of the land; let them dwell in the land of Goshen. And if you know any competent men among them, then make them chief herdsmen over my livestock."*

Pharaoh himself shew the land of Goshen, referring to shepherding land, as **the best placeto** be given to Jacob and all families of Joseph.

Pharaoh is the image of Satan, clever man, and powerful one, as well as Egypt is the image of the world.

If we are patient in the shepherding, we will experience **the best and eternal preservation and protection**.

It is as Mary, who chose the best part none could take away, or the eternal one.

On the contrary, the goats are not solemn or not patient in the sheepfold. Consequently, they lose the best and eternal part.

Esau, who hunted anywhere, maybe had been proud but then he was weary, thirsty, hungry, and asked Jacob his food. Afterward, he cried bitterly and had no chance to correct himself forever.

Pastors must **be patient** in the sheepfold.

Do not be deceived! A pastor who is not patient in the sheepfold is not a real pastor but a thief. Consequently, the congregation is scattered.

b. Being disobedient to the shepherding Word.

John 10:3-5

10:3 "To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice; and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.

10:4 "And when he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them; and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice.

10:5 "Yet they will by no means follow a stranger, but will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers."

The facts found in shepherded sheep are as follows:

1. **Being obedient to the shepherding Word.**
2. **Running away(not giving chance) when hearing strange voice.**

The strange voice means as follows:

- The voice of flesh and all its lusts, which are not in line to the true shepherding Word.
- The voice of other doctrines, which are not in line to the true shepherding Word.
Do not make speculation! "Little difference" will bring eternal separation, even in marriage.
- Gossips which are maybe false, and none knows the truth.

c. The goats are disobedient to the voice of shepherd. Why?

1. Because of hearing strange voice, namely the voice of flesh, other doctrines, and gossips which maybe are false.

Hosea 8:12

8:12 I have written for him the great things of My law, But they were considered a strange thing.

Giving chance to hear the strange voice, one will feel strange to the true Shepherding Word.

Being strange to the shepherding Word, he will feel as a stranger in shepherding and someday he will rebel against the true teaching Word.

Hosea 8:1

8:1. "Set the trumpet to your mouth! He shall come like an eagle against the house of the LORD, Because they have transgressed My covenant And rebelled against My law.

Hearing gossips for a long time until leaving the true shepherding Word, it will be difficult for one to return to God.

2. Because of using self-mind and feeling or egoism.

Have the mind and feeling of Jesus, who is not sinful but willing to be crucified.

The thought and feeling can fill Peter at the time Jesus commanded him to throw his net at noon such as he was in deep stress, et cetera.

Saul used his thought and feeling two times until he became disobedient as follows:

• **1 Samuel 13:10-13**

13:10 Now it happened, as soon as he had finished presenting the burnt offering, that Samuel came; and Saul went out to meet him, that he might greet him.

13:11 And Samuel said, "What have you done?" And Saul said, "When I saw that the people were scattered from me, and that you did not come within the days appointed, and that the Philistines gathered together at Michmash,

13:12 "then I said, 'The Philistines will now come down on me at Gilgal, and I have not made

*supplication to the LORD.' Therefore I felt compelled, and offered a burnt offering."
13:13 And Samuel said to Saul, "You have done foolishly. You have not kept the commandment of the LORD your God, which He commanded you. For now the LORD would have established your kingdom over Israel forever.*

In the time of pressure, Saul used self-thought and feeling. Consequently, he was guilty because of his disobedience, and even he blamed other people. He blamed Samuel by saying that Samuel was late although actually Samuel came on time.

• **1 Samuel 15:15,22-23**

15:15 And Saul said, "They have brought them from the Amalekites; for the people spared the best of the sheep and the oxen, to sacrifice to the LORD your God; and the rest we have utterly destroyed."

15:22 Then Samuel said: "Has the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, As in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, And to heed than the fat of rams.

15:23 For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, And stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, He also has rejected you from being king."

In time of blessings, Saul used his carnal feeling so he became disobedient to the Lord. He used self-thought and feeling. Disobedience is foolishness or the sin of idolatry.

The consequence of disobedience is losing the best and eternal part.
Saul lost his kingdom forever.

All things will become foolishness, idolatry, and evil-doers if they are not in line to the Word, although they are good according to the thought and feeling of human (Matthew 7).

The Word is often not in line to our fleshly thought and feeling but it is truly the thought and feeling of Jesus. It is as Jesus doing good things but He had to be crucified and cursed.

Likewise, Abraham was commanded to sacrifice Isaac, a commandment which is not in line to the thought and feeling of man.

3. Being bound by money or loving it = materialism.

Luke 12:15,18-21

12:15 And He said to them, "Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses."

12:18 "So he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build greater, and there I will store all my crops and my goods.

12:19 'And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, and be merry."

12:20 "But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?'

12:21 "So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God."

It is not false to have much money but do not love the money until the love of it is bigger than our love to God.

Why can a man be bound by money? Because he supposes that his life relies on the money.
Much money or less one cannot determine our life.

Do not rely on money in committing ministry!

The signs of life relying on money are as follows:

- Seeking money in illegal ways, or not according to the Word of God.
- Forsaking service and ministry in order to seek money.
We may study or work, even we have to do it diligently but all things must be arranged well so they do not hinder our service and ministry to the Lord, and He will help us.
- Using blessings for physical matters only.
Using money for physical matters only without any relationship with the spiritual ones, it will be lead to the peak of sin, namely sins concerning eating-drinking and marrying-giving in marriage.

Remember that there is God's possession in every blessing we have received. There is part for spiritual matters and physical ones, so we have to manage it well.

- Being stingy or unable to give.

1 Timothy 5:8

5:8 But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

Besides, we have to care other people who need, beginning in our household.

The proof of being free of the binding of money is we can feel **it is more blessed to give than to receive**.

Such life is rich before God, as the church of Macedonia, who lives in deficiency but can give.

- Being greedy or seizing the possession of other people, beginning with God's possession.

Ephesians 5:5

5:5 For this you know, that no fornicator, unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God.

Greediness is idolatry.

Consequently, one loses heavenly kingdom because he cannot enter into it.

4. Admitting that there is no God (atheism).

Psalm 14:1

14:1.<< To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.>> The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God." They are corrupt, They have done abominable works, There is none who does good.

Atheism is idolatry.

Because of admitting that there is no God, one worships idol or something that is not God such as money or other things.

The facts found in it are as follows:

- Enjoying sinning up to the peak without any fear.
- Agreeing even encouraging other people to sin.

One, although he is a priest or God's servant, is an atheist if he likes to live in sin, or agrees other people who sin.

It can happen that one still admits Jesus with his saying but his heart has not believed in Him already so he feels that there is no condemnation in his sinning.

Romans 1:21-32

1:21 because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened.

1:22 Professing to be wise, they became fools,

1:23 and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man--and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things.

1:24 Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves,

1:25 who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

1:26 For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature.

1:27 Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due.

1:28 And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting;

1:29 being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil-mindedness; they are whisperers,

1:30 backbiters, haters of God, violent, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents,

1:31 undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving, unforgiving, unmerciful;

1:32 who, knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are deserving of death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them.

Idol is all things hindering us to love God.

Consequently, the atheist will be lead to the building of Babel's body and perished forever.

The way to resist the foolishness is as follows:

1 Corinthians 1:22-24

1:22 For Jews request a sign, and Greeks seek after wisdom;

1:23 but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness,

1:24 but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

Jesus must dead on the cross, that is foolishness for the Gentiles, **to make the Gentiles receive heavenly wisdom to enter into the perfect building of Christ's body or the perfect Bride of God.**

Christ's sacrifice is Holy Communion.

1 Corinthians 10:14-17

10:14 Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry.

10:15 I speak as to wise men; judge for yourselves what I say.

10:16 The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?

10:17 For we, though many, are one bread and one body; for we all partake of that one bread.

The functions of Holy Communion are as follows:

1. **To replace all foolishness and idolatry**, namely egoism or disobedience, materialism or the binding of money, and atheism or sinning and not worshipping the Lord.
2. **To unite us to become the one perfect body of Christ**, beginning from our marriage, shepherding, inter-shepherding, and the one perfect international body of Christ.

Ephesians 2:13-16

2:13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

2:14 For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation,

2:15 having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace,

2:16 and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity.

One body means one voice and true worship to Jesus, the King.

There is no idolatry in the one body of Christ. We only worship Jesus, saying "Alleluia".

Revelation 19:6-7

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!

19:7 "Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready."

From now we have to have already entered into the revival of uniting the body of Christ, and worshiped Jesus as the Head, King of kings, and Heavenly Bridegroom.

Jesus as the Head is responsible for His body until He died on the Hill of Skulls.

The Hill of Skulls, which worldly men consider as a terrible place or execution place, is chosen by the Lord to prove that He is the head who takes the responsibility for His body.

No matter what condition we have this time, do not be doubtful but let us worship Him.

The results will be real as follows:

a. **Zechariah 14:17-18**

14:17 And it shall be that whichever of the families of the earth do not come up to Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, on them there will be no rain.

14:18 If the family of Egypt will not come up and enter in, they shall have no rain; they shall receive the plague with which the LORD strikes the nations who do not come up to keep the Feast of Tabernacles.

The first result is that the Lord will pour the rain of blessings.

The physical meaning is He preserves us in the middle of dry desert of the world. The spiritual meaning is He blesses us with the revelation of the Word, Holy Spirit, and God's love. We live in heavenly joy.

Besides, He provided the grass for cattle, meaning there is blessing for committing our service and ministry.

Deuteronomy 11:14-15

11:14 'then I will give you the rain for your land in its season, the early rain and the latter rain, that you may gather in your grain, your new wine, and your oil.

11:15 'And I will send grass in your fields for your livestock, that you may eat and be filled.'

Save a part of blessings we have received for our service and ministry so we are always ready anytime God sends us.

If the part of God's blessing for the service and ministry is eaten up for self-interest, it will be same as eating grass.

b. Matthew 18:26-27

18:26 "The servant therefore fell down before him, saying, 'Master, have patience with me, and I will pay you all.'

18:27 "Then the master of that servant was moved with compassion, released him, and forgave him the debt.

The second result is that the mercy of the King is able to help us.

1. To settle all debts in finance, work, and study.
2. To settle bed, referring to problems in marriage and children.
3. To settle ministry.
4. To settle the debt of sin, so we are forgiven, sanctified, and changed until someday we become perfect and blameless as Jesus is.

Jesus has finished all things for us through His sacrifice on the cross.

John 19:30

19:30 So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.

God blesses you.