

Bible Study Service in Malang, January 13, 2011 (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 will appear as King of kings and Great Shepherd to divide sheep from goats at the time of his second coming. This separation is not between Christians and not Christians but the sons of God will be separated between the sheep and the goats.

This year is the year of separation. Let us become obedient sheep in sheepfold, so we are not separated but we are united to enter revival and get miracle.

The sheep are on the right hand but the goats are on the left hand.

The base of separation is not physical matters but spiritual ones as follows:

1. Heavenly wisdom.
2. Attitude/character.

ad. 2. Separation based on attitude/character

Matthew 25:35-40

25:35 *'for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in;*

25:36 *'I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.'*

25:37 *"Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink?*

25:38 *'When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You?*

25:39 *'Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?'*

25:40 *"And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.'*

The sheep have **loving attitude**, that is to say loving other people who need through giving and visiting them. It equals to loving God.

The love is eternal, so the sheep will enter into eternal heavenly kingdom.

Matthew 25:41-45

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:*

25:42 *'for I was hungry and you gave Me no food; I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink;*

25:43 *'I was a stranger and you did not take Me in, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.'*

25:44 *"Then they also will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?'*

25:45 *"Then He will answer them, saying, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.'*

On the contrary, the goats are on the left hand because of **egoism** or not loving other people who need, not giving, and not visiting. It equals to not loving God.

There are two separations in the book of Ezekiel as follows:

1. Separation between sheep and goats.

Ezekiel 34:17-19

34:17. *'And as for you, O My flock, thus says the Lord GOD: "Behold, I shall judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and goats.*

34:18 *"Is it too little for you to have eaten up the good pasture, that you must tread down with your feet the residue of your pasture--and to have drunk of the clear waters, that you must foul the residue with your feet?*

34:19 *"And as for My flock, they eat what you have trampled with your feet, and they drink what you have fouled with your*

feet."

The goats are egoistic about the teaching as follows:

- Fouling the true teaching Word through doing something false, saying falsely, and false marriage.
They are still in the shepherding but fouling it with many false things.
- Being stumbling block so other people cannot receive the true teaching Word.

Matthew 18:6

18:6 "But whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to sin, it would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were drowned in the depth of the sea.

Revelation 18:21

18:21 Then a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone and threw it into the sea, saying, "Thus with violence the great city Babylon shall be thrown down, and shall not be found anymore.

Such person will decrease continually until being drowned in the sea of fire and brimstone.

The sheep have loving attitude about the teaching as follows:

- Being honest in the true teaching Word.

Titus 2:7

2:7 in all things showing yourself to be a pattern of good works; in doctrine showing integrity, reverence, incorruptibility,

One will be honest in all matters if s/he can be honest in the teaching.

- Adorning the doctrine of God, meaning being obedient to do the true teaching Word.

Titus 2:10

2:10 not pilfering, but showing all good fidelity, that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Savior in all things.

Adorning the true teaching Word, we will be adorned with spiritual adornment or the adornment of bride.

1 Peter 3:3-5

3:3 Do not let your adornment be merely outward--arranging the hair, wearing gold, or putting on fine apparel--

3:4 rather let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in the sight of God.

3:5 For in this manner, in former times, the holy women who trusted in God also adorned themselves, being submissive to their own husbands,

The spiritual adornment is gentle and quiet spirit, not gossiping or giving much comment, et cetera, so there is peace in life. This condition can be seen from outside, in the obedience or being submissive.

2. Separation between sheep and sheep.

Ezekiel 34:20-21

34:20 'Therefore thus says the Lord GOD to them: "Behold, I Myself will judge between the fat and the lean sheep.

34:21 "Because you have pushed with side and shoulder, butted all the weak ones with your horns, and scattered them abroad,

There is separation between the fat and the lean sheep.

The fat sheep refer to Joseph's brothers, who were more senior and stronger than Joseph.

The lean sheep refer to Joseph, who was powerless.

The fat sheep have egoism as follows:

- Pushing with side.

Philippians 3:18-19

3:18 For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ:

3:19 whose end is destruction, whose god is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame--who set their mind on earthly things.

Meaning to follow the Lord in order to seek physical matters, so s/he does not want to suffer in the flesh or to sacrifice anything. Such person becomes the enemy of the cross.

On the contrary, the lean sheep are as Joseph. They are willing to bear the cross or suffer without any sins, and

willing to sacrifice all things for the Lord. There is crown or glory or eternal life behind the cross.

- Pushing with shoulder.

Meaning being unfaithful and not responsible in committing service and ministry.

Genesis 37:12,14-16

37:12. Then his brothers went to feed their father's flock in Shechem.

37:14 Then he said to him, "Please go and see if it is well with your brothers and well with the flocks, and bring back word to me." So he sent him out of the Valley of Hebron, and he went to Shechem.

37:15 Now a certain man found him, and there he was, wandering in the field. And the man asked him, saying, "What are you seeking?"

37:16 So he said, "I am seeking my brothers. Please tell me where they are feeding their flocks."

Shechem means shoulder or responsibility.

Leaving Shechem frequently means being unfaithful and not having responsibility in committing service and ministry to the Lord.

Matthew 25:26,30

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.'

Being unfaithful and not having responsibility equal to being wicked and lazy servant, who will be cast into the outer darkness.

The lean sheep refer to those who are faithful and responsible in committing service and ministry to the Lord. Doing so, they will experience heavenly joy nothing may influence for sure.

Matthew 25:21

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.'

Such person will be employed in the revival of Holy Spirit in the last rain.

- Butted all the weak ones with horns.

Meaning being disobedient, or not obeying the true teaching Word. Do not hear strange voice, which is not in line with the true teaching Word, whoever the speaker! King Solomon fell because of hearing his wife's voice.

The consequence of being disobedient is falling into sins of wickedness and uncleanness.

Genesis 37:2

37:2 This is the history of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was feeding the flock with his brothers. And the lad was with the sons of Bilhah and the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to his father.

The lean sheep have loving attitude, namely obedience, whatever risk may come.

Genesis 37:13

37:13 And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers feeding the flock in Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." So he said to him, "Here I am."

Disobedience to the Word indicates there is NO love.

LOVE = OBEDIENCE to the true teaching Word whatever risk may come.

Being obedient, we will have no compromise with sins, whoever does the sins; we do not want to cover or plead them.

Jesus was obedient to the point of death on the cross, and we have to be obedient whatever risk may come.

Joseph lived in righteousness and holiness, and had no compromise with sin.

Afterward, he faced famine hitting Egypt and Canaan.

Genesis 41:49

41:49 Joseph gathered very much grain, as the sand of the sea, until he stopped counting, for it was immeasurable.

Abram refers to Father God, Isaac refers to Son of God, and Jacob refers to Holy Spirit God. It refers to the Lord Jesus Christ as Heavenly Bridegroom.

Joseph was born in the old life of Jacob, referring to the Church in the last days or the Bride of God.

The grain of Joseph refers to the Bride Tidings, which is revealed by God to the late Rev. van Gessel through a verse explaining other verses.

We will face physical famine and the spiritual one, which hit all over the world. **Our lives rely on how much we gather the teaching Word/Bride Tidings now. Our lives depend on how much we practice the teaching Word obediently.**

All teaching Word will peak on the Bride Tidings as all sheaves bowed down to Joseph's sheaf.

The function of teaching Word/Bride Tidings which is gathered or practiced (consumed) is as follows:

- a. It is able to preserve our lives physically and spiritually in facing crises in the world, even in facing antichrist.

Genesis 41:56-57

41:56 The famine was over all the face of the earth, and Joseph opened all the storehouses and sold to the Egyptians. And the famine became severe in the land of Egypt.

41:57 So all countries came to Joseph in Egypt to buy grain, because the famine was severe in all lands.

- b. It is able to bring us in the oneness of Christ's body.

Genesis 45:15

45:15 Moreover he kissed all his brothers and wept over them, and after that his brothers talked with him.

We will be united if we are holy. Unholy person cannot be united with the holy one.

Genesis 42:7,9,11

42:7. Joseph saw his brothers and recognized them, but he acted as a stranger to them and spoke roughly to them. Then he said to them, "Where do you come from?" And they said, "From the land of Canaan to buy food."

42:9 Then Joseph remembered the dreams which he had dreamed about them, and said to them, "You are spies! You have come to see the nakedness of the land!"

42:11 "We are all one man's sons; we are honest men; your servants are not spies."

The sin of spying must be sanctified. Do not come to church in order to spy or to look for the faults.

Let us come to church in order to be seen by God, so our hidden sins are shown and we can confess them honestly.

Spying and being not honest, one cannot be united with others, but be separated for sure.

Where there is honesty, there will be the oneness of the body of Christ.

- c. Bride Tidings which is practiced contains the power of resurrection, which is the care of God to us until we prevail against all our problems. Besides, the power of resurrection makes our life beautiful in His time.

Genesis 50:24-25

50:24 And Joseph said to his brethren, "I am dying; but God will surely visit you, and bring you out of this land to the land of which He swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob."

50:25 Then Joseph took an oath from the children of Israel, saying, "God will surely visit you, and you shall carry up my bones from here."

Exodus 13:19

13:19 And Moses took the bones of Joseph with him, for he had placed the children of Israel under solemn oath, saying, "God will surely visit you, and you shall carry up my bones from here with you."

It continues until we have the most beautiful thing, namely we become the bride of God.

God blesses you.