

Bible Study Service in Malang, March 08, 2012 (Thursday Evening)

Matthew 26:57-68 is about **WITNESS and TESTIMONY**.

There are two kinds of witness and testimony as follows.

1. False witness or lying witness in verse 59-63a.
2. True witness in verse 63b-66.

Tonight we are going to learn verse 67-68.

Matthew 26:67-68

26:67 Then they spat in His face and beat Him; and others struck Him with the palms of their hands,

26:68 saying, "Prophecy to us, Christ! Who is the one who struck You?"

If one does not want to bear witness or to become true witness, he must become the false witness despising (formerly it happens through spitting and striking Jesus), even crucifying Jesus for the second time.

The Church of God at the last days will despise and crucify Jesus for the second time because of rejection to these two things.

1. Matthew 26:59-61

26:59 Now the chief priests, the elders, and all the council sought false testimony against Jesus to put Him to death,

26:60 but found none. Even though many false witnesses came forward, they found none. But at last two false witnesses came forward

26:61 and said, "This fellow said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days.'

John 2:19-21

2:19 Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."

2:20 Then the Jews said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will You raise it up in three days?"

2:21 But He was speaking of the temple of His body.

Rejecting the building of the temple of God or spiritual Tabernacle or the body of Christ. It means one rejects Tabernacle teaching.

Tabernacle teaching leads us to the building of Christ's body.

2. Matthew 26:64

26:64 Jesus said to him, "It is as you said. Nevertheless, I say to you, hereafter you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power, and coming on the clouds of heaven."

Rejecting the testimony of Jesus that He is High Priest, King of all kings, and Heavenly Bridegroom, who will come a second time on glorious clouds.

In shorts, the Church of God at the last days becomes the false witness despising even crucifying Jesus for the second time because of rejecting Bride Tidings in the light of Tabernacle which was revealed by God to the Late Rev. Van Gessel.

Our attitude to Bride Tidings in the light of tabernacle must be as follows: Do not doubt or hesitate and do not compare with other teachings and knowledge as well as do not make all teachings equal!

The teaching Word is about FAITH. The matter is only that we receive or not.

The condition of Church at the last days equals to the condition of the house of Israel rejecting Moses, who was on the Mount Sinai to receive these two things.

- Two tablets of stone or God's love as the core of Bride Tidings.
- Commandment to build Tabernacle = Tabernacle Teaching.

Thus, the house of Israel rejected Bride Tidings in the light of Tabernacle.

Exodus 32:17-18

32:17 And when Joshua heard the noise of the people as they shouted, he said to Moses, "There is a noise of war in the camp."

32:18 But he said: "It is not the noise of the shout of victory, Nor the noise of the cry of defeat, But the sound of singing I hear."
The condition of the house of Israel rejecting Bride Tidings in the light of Tabernacle was as follows.

- Not the noise of the cry of defeat, meaning not being dead.
- Not the noise of the shout of victory, meaning not resurrecting.

It equals to **spiritual lukewarmness**, not being cold or hot, which happened to the church of the Gentiles, namely the church of the Laodiceans at the last days.

Revelation 3:14-16

3:14. "And to the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write, â€œThese things says the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God:

3:15 "I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot.

3:16 "So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth."

THE PRACTICE of spiritual lukewarmness is as follows:

1. Not defeating nor winning = not being cold nor hot.

Meaning as follows.

- **Not being cold means there is no coolness, there is no peace but revenge, bitterness, envy, hatred, chaos, anxiety, and fear.**

Consequently, there is only weariness and heavy burden, there is no light and easy life even being bored in marriage, job, ministry, and being bored of living.

The life of God's servant does not depend on the intelligence or brain but heart.
Our heart determines whether our life is easy and light or weary and heavy laden.

Not being hot means unfaithfulness and there is no fervency in spirit doing service and ministry to God. The service and ministry decrease even become as a habit.

- **Not having life renewal.**

Revelation 3:17

3:17 "Because you say, â€œI am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothingâ€œ and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and nakedâ€œ"

The sign is "I ..." and always "I ...", meaning keeping the flesh as follows.

- Keeping "self-will", so there is disobedience to the Word, to parents and pastors.
- Keeping "self-interest", so one does not remember the other members of the body of Christ. He becomes as egoistic goat.
- Keeping "self-truth".
One may have the self-truth although what he does seems to be right because it is not in line with God's Word.
The self-truth is also signified with covering sins through blaming other people and the true teaching Word or God.

2. **Exodus 32:17-19**

32:17 And when Joshua heard the noise of the people as they shouted, he said to Moses, "There is a noise of war in the camp."

32:18 But he said: "It is not the noise of the shout of victory, Nor the noise of the cry of defeat, But the sound of singing I hear."

32:19 So it was, as soon as he came near the camp, that he saw the calf and the dancing. So Moses' anger became hot, and he cast the tablets out of his hands and broke them at the foot of the mountain.

The sound of singing and dancing.

Meaning as follows.

- **Singing or ministering only by the encouragement of flesh desire.**
The proof is being fervent in spirit to sing but not like that in hearing the Word of God. One does not prioritize the Word anymore.
- **Singing or ministering without life renewal but keeping on being flesh man.**

Such ministry will go toward antichrist with stamp 666 and forever perdition.

For example, a woman who had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bent over and could in no way raise herself up in the synagogues.

II Timothy 3:1-5

3:1. But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come:

3:2 For men will be lovers of themselves⁽¹⁾, lovers of money⁽²⁾, boasters⁽³⁾, proud⁽⁴⁾, blasphemers⁽⁵⁾, disobedient to parents⁽⁶⁾, unthankful⁽⁷⁾, unholy⁽⁸⁾,

3:3 unloving⁽⁹⁾, unforgiving⁽¹⁰⁾, slanderers⁽¹¹⁾, without selfâ€œcontrol⁽¹²⁾, brutal⁽¹³⁾, despisers of good⁽¹⁴⁾,

3:4 traitors⁽¹⁵⁾, headstrong⁽¹⁶⁾, haughty⁽¹⁷⁾, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God⁽¹⁸⁾,

3:5 having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!

Actually, we will result in new song if we minister with life renewal. Such ministry is righteous.

Revelation 14:3

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 fortyâ€œfour thousand who were redeemed from the earth.

- **Joy only because of physical things.**

The right one is that the joy of heaven cannot be influenced by anything in the world. We can be joyful whether we have physical blessings or not.

3. There is idolatry or golden calf.

Meaning prioritizing something more than the Word of God or Bride Tidings in the light of Tabernacle.

Luke 5:1

5:1. So it was, as the multitude pressed about Him to hear the word of God, that He stood by the Lake of Gennesaret,

The sign of right service to God is as follows:

- prioritizing the Word of God more than all things,
- the main purpose is to hear the Word of God.

True service to God is to press about Jesus, so we can feel Godâ€œs presence.

Be alert!

Exodus 32:1

32:1. Now when the people saw that Moses delayed coming down from the mountain, the people gathered together to Aaron, and said to him, "Come, make us gods that shall go before us; for as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him."

The service to God that does not prioritize the true teaching Word will only gather together to Aaron as follows:

- only prioritizing human;
- only prioritizing money;
- only prioritizing blessings, including marriage partner, et cetera.

It equals to worshiping golden calf.

Be alert with the attitude of Aaron that followed the will of the congregation!

There is no wisdom outside the Word. **Being wise means doing all things according to the true teaching Word.**

Exodus 32:6

32:6 Then they rose early on the next day, offered burnt offerings, and brought peace offerings; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play.

Living in sins up to the peak of sin, namely sins concerning eating-drinking and marrying-being given in marriage.

The hidden leaven of sin will spread until being the peak of sin.

We have to keep praying because we still have sin or weakness but let us be delivered from it soon after the Word points it! Do not plead or keep the sin!

THE CONDITION of the Church at the last days which is lukewarm is as follows.

1. Exodus 32:25

32:25 Now when Moses saw that the people were unrestrained (for Aaron had not restrained them, to their shame among their enemies),

Previously, the Gentiles were dogs, but then being lifted up as shepherded sheep.

Quitting the shepherding or being without the Word of God, the condition of the Gentiles equals to unrestrained horse.

Servant of God must be firm or assertive!

Do not want the congregation to like you so they will not be hostile to you!

(Aaron was not firm and he followed the will of the congregation for Aaron had not restrained them).

The meaning of unrestrained horse is being wild and not shepherded as follows.

- The person may be in the shepherding but the heart is wandering.
The life only follows the lust and will of flesh.
- The other possibility is rejecting the true teaching Word and leaving the sheepfold. One becomes as unrestrained horse that is difficult to catch, meaning it is difficult for him to return to the sheepfold if there is no mercy of God.

2. Revelation 3:16

3:16 "So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth.

Being as vomit, meaning one lives in uncleanness and filthiness, so he cannot satisfy God but embarrasses and makes Him grieved.

Exodus 32:10

32:10 "Now therefore, let Me alone, that My wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them. And I will make of you a great nation."

CONSEQUENTLY, one is thrown away and gets judgment forever.

The Lord is just. His wrath only comes to false people. The house of Israel was judged while Moses was being blessed.

THE WAY GOD HELPS IS AS FOLLOWS.

Revelation 3:18-19

3:18 "I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see.

3:19 "As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore be zealous and repent.

He helps through advice, rebuke, and chastening.

1. **ADVICE.**

- **To buy pure gold** or to have pure, firm, and perfect faith as golden pot that had manna.
We can have the pure faith **through perseverance in doing Bible Study Service with Holy Communion** as if we mine gold. The deeper we are in the Word, the firmer faith we have.
- **To buy the oil of the anointing of Holy Spirit.**
We get it through **perseverance in doing General Service.**
Our eyes are open to see the field or work of God because of the anointing of Holy Spirit, so we can always be faithful and fervent in spirit doing our service and ministry according to the priest's office and the gifts God has given us.
On the contrary, our eyes will only look at physical things if there is no anointing of Holy Spirit.

The ministry and the gifts of Holy Spirit are the tunic of many colors.
The more we are faithful and fervent in spirit doing our service and ministry, the more beautiful life we have.
- **To buy white garments, referring to God's love.**
We get God's love through **perseverance in doing Prayer Service.**
We get God's love to cover our nakedness through worship prayer.

The conclusion is as follows.

The way God helps us is through His returning to the sheepfold.

Our spirituality is firm even increases up to the spiritual maturity or perfection.

Being firm, we are in the sanctuary whose coverings are four kinds.

2. **REBUKE.**

It happens through the true teaching Word's showing our sins to make us repent.

3. **CHASTENING.**

If the advice and rebuke of God are ignored and one keeps sinning, God will let His chastening come to him in all aspects of life.

The purpose of His chastening is as follows.

- To make us return to holiness.
- To make us return to faithfulness and fervency in spirit doing our service and ministry to the Lord.
- To make us return to the true shepherding.

If one still ignores or rejects the chastening of God, He will let him receive His judgment.

Revelation 3:20

3:20 "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.

God comes with advice, rebuke, and chastening as He is knocking the door of our heart.

We can feel the sound or vibration of God's love.

WE HAVE TO open the door of our heart.

Meaning as follows.

1. **Confessing our sins and condition honestly (BEING HONEST).**

After being forgiven, do not sin anymore!

2. **Matthew 6:27**

6:27 "Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature?"

Prioritizing the ministry of building Christ's body more than anything (BEING ACTIVE).

Knocking means there is only one cubit in distance. It refers to the measurement of Tabernacle. Thus, God wants to bring us to enter the revival of building Christ's body, referring to the positive meaning of one cubit.

We have to reconcile our sin and then we can minister in the building of Christ's body.

3. **Surrendering our whole life to God, there is no more anxiety.**

THE RESULT IS AS FOLLOWS.

1. **Revelation 3:20**

3:20 "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.

We dine with God (there is beautiful fellowship with Him). It is **especially when we hear the Word and consume Holy Communion in Bible Study Service.**

John 13:23

13:23 Now there was leaning on Jesus's bosom one of His disciples, whom Jesus loved.

We can **lean on Jesus's bosom** at that time, meaning we love Him more than anything.

The honest walks with God and can lean on Jesus's bosom.

If we lean on Jesus's bosom, **our death and life are in His hand.**

He is able to preserve our life, to help, and to give us beautiful future life. He is able to do all things for us. He is also able to sanctify and renew us.

John 21:20-22

21:20. Then Peter, turning around, saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following, who also had leaned on His breast at the supper, and said, "Lord, who is the one who betrays You?"

21:21 Peter, seeing him, said to Jesus, "But Lord, what about this man?"

21:22 Jesus said to him, "If I will that he remain till I come, what is that to you? You follow Me."

2. Revelation 3:21

3:21 "To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.

We are exalted to the throne of God and sit down with Him on His throne in New Jerusalem.

We are renewed, beginning from OBEDIENCE until our flesh does not sound anymore.

God blesses you.