

Bible Study Service in Malang, March 13, 2014 (Thursday Evening)

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Peace and grace in the love of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Matthew 21:13

21:13 And He said to them, "It is written, *My house shall be called a house of prayer,* but you have made it a *den of thieves.*"

It is the desire and will of God that His house becomes a house of prayer or His dwelling place He may bless. Nevertheless, the fact and also God's grief are that His house becomes a den of thieves full of curses and perdition.

How can we be the house of prayer?

We must pay attention to the three kinds of house, namely household, the house of God or the shepherding, and the house of prayer.

Matthew 21:12-13

21:12 Then Jesus went into the temple of God and *drove out* those who bought and sold in the temple, and overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves.

21:13 And He said to them, "It is written, *My house shall be called a house of prayer,* but you have made it a *den of thieves.*"

As for God, He drove out the people who bought and sold in the temple. It means as follows.

1. Firm sanctification that hurts our flesh. It is the sprinkling of blood.
2. God drove out the sinful men from the garden Eden to the world which is full of curses and perdition.

Thus, God drove out means that He performs the last sanctification with the sprinkling of blood that makes our flesh suffer in order to return the den of thieves to the house of prayer or to return sinful people to garden Eden or the one thousand years kingdom of peace up to New Jerusalem.

We must be sanctified from the spirit of antichrist in the two manifestations as follows.

1. The spirit of selling-buying that makes the house of God as a marketplace. The sign is cheapness of price, without the true consecration, crowd and noisiness or flesh amenities without the true teaching Word, and looking for physical profit.
2. Indignant spirit or anger without love.

Matthew 21:15

21:15 But when the chief priests and scribes saw the wonderful things that He did, and the children crying out in the temple and saying, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" **they were indignant**

Matthew 21:17

21:17 Then He left them and went out of the city to Bethany, and He lodged there.

If one is filled with the spirit of selling and buying, he will be left by God and not feel His presence. Moreover, he becomes the den of thieves. If our life is sanctified from the spirit of selling and buying and indignant spirit, there will be God's presence and we can be the house of prayer. The cause of indignant spirit or anger without love is jealousy as well as not appreciating the blessings and use of God.

The growth of indignant spirit from age to age is as follows.

1. **The beginning. The representative was Cain.**

Genesis 4:3-5, 8

4:3 And in the process of time it came to pass that Cain brought an offering of the fruit of the ground to the LORD.

4:4 Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat. And the LORD respected Abel and his offering,

4:5 but He did not respect Cain and his offering. And Cain was very angry, and his countenance fell.

4:8 Now Cain talked with Abel his brother; and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother and killed him.

The indignant spirit destroyed the marriage and ministry.

1 John 3:12

3:12 *not as Cain who was of the wicked one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his works were evil and his brother's righteous.*

Cain was envious, so his works and ministries were evil. He also hated the righteous.

Genesis 4:4

4:4 *Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat. And the LORD respected Abel and his offering,*

The right attitude in facing the evil or antichrist is like Abel's, namely offering the firstborn of his flock and of their fat. It means the firstborn and best offering for God or the service and ministry that prioritize God.

Luke 10:39, 42

10:39 *And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at Jesus's feet and heard His word.*

10:42 *"But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her."*

We must have the attitude of Mary, namely the best and eternal ministry.

Thus, we must have the right consecration, namely the firstborn, best, and eternal one, in facing the antichrist. Such consecration is signified by listening to the Word of Jesus and obeying the will of God. The Word of Jesus is the Word that is revealed through a verse that explains other verses in the Bible or the true Teaching Word.

Matthew 7:21-23

7:21 *"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven.*

7:22 *"Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?'*

7:23 *"And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'*

The measure of success in the service and ministry to God is not the form and greatness of the ministry, but obedience to the true Teaching Word. It will open the door of Paradise and heavenly kingdom.

Hebrews 11:4

11:4 *By faith Abel offered to God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, through which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts; and through it he being dead still speaks.*

Although Abel has passed away, his service and ministry can continue to reach the eternal heavenly kingdom because his consecration is the firstborn, best, and eternal one.

Cain was still alive at that time, but he served with his disobedience, so he did evil and the antichrist ruled over him and God drove him out. Finally, he perished forever.

2. The age of the early rain Church.

Acts 6:1, 8-12

6:1 *Now in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplying, there arose a complaint against the Hebrews by the Hellenists, because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution.*

6:8 *And Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and signs among the people.*

6:9 *Then there arose some from what is called the Synagogue of the Freedmen (Cyrenians, Alexandrians, and those from Cilicia and Asia), disputing with Stephen.*

6:10 *And they were not able to resist the wisdom and the Spirit by which he spoke.*

6:11 *Then they secretly induced men to say, "We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses and God."*

6:12 *And they stirred up the people, the elders, and the scribes; and they came upon him, seized him, and brought him to the council.*

The indignant spirit was working physically and spiritually while the Church was growing in physical and spiritual life. The indignant spirit begins from envy and embitterment.

Acts 5:33

5:33 *When they heard this, they were furious and plotted to kill them.*

It will continue with murmuring and dissatisfaction, especially about physical matters. Consequently, one faces the angel of death.

He will also induce or provoke others to get angry without any reason, so there is movement to hinder the true ministry.

2 Timothy 2:16-18

2:16 But shun profane and idle babblings, for they will increase to more ungodliness.

2:17 And their message will spread like cancer. Hymenaeus and Philetus are of this sort,

2:18 who have strayed concerning the truth, saying that the resurrection is already past; and they overthrow the faith of some.

Murmur and provocation are the same as profane and idle babblings or cancer attacking the weak part of the body to cause spiritual dryness and death.

They are the spirit of the antichrist that haunts in the Church. Such must be fought with the wisdom of God and gentleness.

Acts 6:10

6:10 And they were not able to resist the wisdom and the Spirit by which he spoke.

Revelation 13:16-18

13:16 He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads,

13:17 and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

13:18 Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man: His number is 666.

The wisdom of God is Jesusâ Word or the true Teaching Word we hear seriously until we can understand (it is written on our forehead), believe (it is written in our heart to become faith), and obey (it is written in our hands). As a result, there is no place for the antichrist to mark with 666.

Acts 7:54-56, 59-60

7:54 When they heard these things they were cut to the heart, and they gnashed at him with their teeth.

7:55 But he, being full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God,

7:56 and said, "Look! I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!"

7:59 And they stoned Stephen as he was calling on God and saying, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit."

7:60 Then he knelt down and cried out with a loud voice, "Lord, do not charge them with this sin." And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

Gentleness means that we can forgive and forget the sins of others. At that time, we see the glory of Jesus who is standing at the right hand of God. Jesus is standing means that He is honoring, exalting, and using our life. He is ready to help us and do all things for us.

3. The last rain Church.

Revelation 12:17

12:17 And the dragon was enraged with the woman, and he went to make war with the rest of her offspring, who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

The anger of the antichrist is to the perfect Church and he makes war with the Church that is left in the world, namely the sons of God who have the commandments of God or Table of Showbread and the testimony of Jesus Christ or Golden Candlestick, but without the Golden Altar of Incense. It means that such Church does not worship God, the worship does not fulfill the measure or the flesh still speaks.

We must worship God in order to face the antichrist.

The worship is a process of life renewal from fleshy man to spiritual one as Jesus is. We are renewed to be like a baby.

Matthew 21:16

21:16 and said to Him, "Do You hear what these are saying?" And Jesus said to them, "Yes. Have you never read, â Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants You have perfected praiseâ"

The sign is sincerity and we only feel the love of God, so we become the dwelling place of Holy Spirit.

The functions of Holy Spirit are as follows.

- He makes us strong and of good courage.

Romans 5:5

5:5 Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

Being strong and of good courage means as follows.

- Not being disappointed or hopeless in facing all things, but keeping on believing and hoping in God.
- Keeping faithful and fervent in spirit in ministering to God.
- Keeping on holding fast to the true teaching, not being tossed to and fro by other teachings.
- Keep on living in righteousness, regardless of any risk we have to take.

- He gives us joy.

1 Peter 4:14

4:14 If you are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. On their part He is blasphemed, but on your part He is glorified.

- Holy Spirit performs miracle.

Titus 3:5

3:5 not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit,

The spiritual miracle is life renewal from fleshy men to spiritual ones who can be obedient.

Zechariah 4:6-7

4:6 So he answered and said to me: "This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: â??â??Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,â??â?? Says the LORD of hosts.

4:7 â??â??Who are you, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel you shall become a plain! And he shall bring forth the capstone With shouts of "Grace, grace to it!"â??â??"

The physical miracle happens that the impossible can be made possible.

It happens until Jesus comes a second time that we are renewed to be as glorious as Jesus is and able to enter Paradise and New Jerusalem.

God blesses you.