

Bible Study Service in Malang, March 21, 2013 (Thursday Evening)

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Peace and grace in the Lord Jesus Christ.

1 John 4:8

*4:8 He who does not love does not know God, for **God is love**.*

The theme is God is love.

God is love, meaning He shows Himself as the love to give it to the sinners, so they can be precious, useful, and joyful until they have eternal life forever.

While we receive the love of God through making peace, being obedient, and kneeling at the feet of Jesus, the love decreases on these last days.

Matthew 24:12

24:12 "And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold.

The terrible threat on these last days is as follows.

- The love grows cold as ice.
- The lawlessness abounds as blazing fire.

Those two things make the judgment of God come, namely the hail together with blazing fire.

Exodus 9:23-24

9:23 And Moses stretched out his rod toward heaven; and the LORD sent thunder and hail, and fire darted to the ground. And the LORD rained hail on the land of Egypt.

9:24 So there was hail, and fire mingled with the hail, so very heavy that there was none like it in all the land of Egypt since it became a nation.

Such a judgment has happened when the house of Israel is going out of Egypt.

Revelation 16:17,21

16:17 Then the seventh angel poured out his bowl into the air, and a loud voice came out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, "It is done!"

16:21 And great hail from heaven fell upon men, each hailstone about the weight of a talent. Men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail, since that plague was exceedingly great.

2 Peter 3:10

3:10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up.

The hail with the blazing fire coming out of heaven will also happen on these last days until the world perishes. It will happen when the Church is going out of the world to meet Jesus on glorious clouds.

Jude 1:21

1:21 keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

We must keep the love of God in our life, so we will not get the hail with fire.

God has given us safe places so that the hail with fire will not come to us. Such place is to keep the love of God as follows.

1. **House, referring to household or marriage.**

Exodus 9:18-21

9:18 "Behold, tomorrow about this time I will cause very heavy hail to rain down, such as has not been in Egypt since its founding until now.

9:19 "Therefore send now and gather your livestock and all that you have in the field, for the hail shall come down on

every man and every animal which is found in the field and is not brought home; and they shall die."'"
9:20 He who feared the word of the LORD among the servants of Pharaoh made his servants and his livestock flee to the houses.

9:21 But he who did not regard the word of the LORD left his servants and his livestock in the field.

The base of the marriage is the love.

The facts found in keeping the love in the marriage are as follows.

- Wife submits to the husband in everything.

Ephesians 5:22-24

5:22 Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord.

5:23 For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body.

5:24 Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything.

Being submissive to the husband is a duty that a wife must have. For example, Jesus submits to God until He sacrifices His life.

Submitting to the husband means the wife is placing the husband as her head and Jesus as the Head of the household. As a result, Jesus, the Head, will save the marriage.

The salvation of the marriage does not rely on the riches, high position in the office, big church building, et cetera, but the submission of the wife to the husband. If the wife has the submission to the husband, the marriage will be saved by Jesus although there are winds and waves. For example, Sarah submits to Abraham, so God pleads her and opens the doors of the marriage.

- Husband loves his wife as he loves his own body and does not do bitterly toward her.

Ephesians 5:25-27

5:25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her,

5:26 that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word,

5:27 that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.

It is the main duty of a husband. Rude words to a wife are as cracking to a vessel. Rough deed or a hit to her is as breaking to the vessel, so it is difficult to be repaired. In such condition, the husband is hitting himself. He becomes as a mad man near the tomb. It means the marriage is in the atmosphere of the tomb.

The husband must sacrifice in order to love his wife until the sacrifice of his soul.

If the husband can love his wife as his own body, he is placing Jesus as the Head of the marriage. The result is as follows.

- Jesus, the Head, is responsible to nourish and cherish the wife and children.

Ephesians 5:29

5:29 For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord does the church.

- Jesus sanctifies the marriage to bring it to the marriage supper of the Lamb of God.

1 Corinthians 7:3-4

7:3 Let the husband render to his wife the affection due her, and likewise also the wife to her husband.

7:4 The wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband does. And likewise the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife does.

If the husband loves the wife as his own body, he has full authority toward her and none may charge against. Likewise, a wife who is obedient to her husband will have full authority over her husband none may charge against. There is only Jesus with the power of His cross between the husband and the wife, so they can become one (1+1=1).

The submission of the wife to her husband is the core of Tabernacle teaching. The love of the husband to the wife is the core of Bride Tidings.

Thus, there is Tabernacle teaching and Bride Tidings in the marriage in which the husband loves the wife and the wife loves the husband. The marriage will become the house of prayer if it is in oneness and all problems will be solved by God.

Matthew 18:19

18:19 "Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven.

There are many problems in our life but the heaviest one is in marriage, namely divorce. The head, referring to the husband, will die if there is separation from the body, referring to the wife, in the divorce. In addition, there will be rottenness when there is remarriage.

- Children give honor and obey the parents.

Ephesians 6:1-3

6:1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.

6:2 "Honor your father and mother," which is the first commandment with promise:

6:3 "that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth."

As a result, the household becomes joyful and beautiful. The future life of the children will also become joyful and beautiful. It is the children who determine the joy of the marriage and ministry.

If the wife submits to her husband, the husband loves his wife, and the children obey the parents, the household will become a place where they always long for as it is said "home sweet home". There is beauty and joy because of the love of God until the marriage reaches the marriage supper of the Lamb of God when Jesus comes a second time.

2. Goshen, referring to the shepherding.

Exodus 9:25-26

9:25 And the hail struck throughout the whole land of Egypt, all that was in the field, both man and beast; and the hail struck every herb of the field and broke every tree of the field.

9:26 Only in the land of Goshen, where the children of Israel were, there was no hail.

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."

The shepherding is the best place to keep the love of God as well as to preserve and protect our physical and spiritual life until we are perfect as Jesus is. Esau hunts many more, consequently he loses all things. On the contrary, Jacob dwells in tent and he gets all things.

Where can we be shepherded?

Shepherded people are as a branch dwelling in the true Vine, referring to Jesus or the true teaching Word. Thus, we have to be shepherded to the true teaching Word.

The sign of the true teaching Word is as follows.

- Being written in Bible.
- Being revealed by God through a verseâ?/?s explaining other verses in the Bible.

Who must be shepherded?

All people must be shepherded, including apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, teachers, and all servants of God.

The requirement of being shepherded is as follows.

- Being obedient to the shepherding Word.

John 10:4-5

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 shepherding Word is the true teaching Word God trusts to a pastor to preach to the congregation faithfully, continually, regularly and repetitively to become the food, so the congregation is preserved to grow in the spirituality to reach the perfection. The shepherding Word is preached in regularity as the loaves are arranged well on the Table of Showbread.

The duty of a sheep is faithfully eat the shepherding Word. As a result, the sheep will get all things. Therefore, a

sheep that is not faithful in eating the shepherding Word will wander and be pounced by wolves.

The task of a pastor is to faithfully feed the sheep. If a pastor is not faithful, he is wandering and putting the lions into the sheepfold, consequently there is no sheep anymore in it.

- Entering in the sheepfold.

John 10:1

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.

The physical sheepfold is our own church organization which may be different one another but the spiritual one must be one, namely the Holy Place of Tabernacle in which there are three kinds of equipment as follows.

- Golden Candlestick, referring to the perseverance in doing General Service as if the sheep is given drink.
- Table of Showbread, referring to the perseverance in doing Bible Study Service with Holy Communion as if the sheep is given the food.
- Golden Altar of Incense, referring to the perseverance in doing Prayer Service as if the sheep is breathing.

In such a place, the sheep can spiritually grow to reach the perfection.

It is difficult for our flesh to enter the sheepfold but our life will become easy and light.

Ezekiel 20:37

20:37 "I will make you pass under the rod, and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant;

The success of the preaching of the Word is when the sheep can enter into the sheepfold where God may count. Being counted means as follows.

- We do not lose our way or fall in sin but keep on being saved. Our salvation becomes firmer in the sheepfold.
- We can produce many fruits, namely the fruit of faith, hope, and love. Being shepherded means we become as a branch dwelling in the true Vine. Producing many fruits, God will become the Vinedresser [John 15:1-2], meaning we have the guarantee of assurance for our physical and spiritual life preservation. We can live in peace and all things become easy and light until someday we can have the fruit of perfection.

3. Our life or heart.

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.

If the love of God is poured in our heart, we will become strong and of good courage. It means as follows.

- Not being disappointed and hopeless or leaving God when we face all things but we can keep on being faithful and fervent in spirit serving and ministering to God.
- Keeping on holding fast to the true teaching Word, whatever risk we have to face.
- We do not sin, whatever risk we have to face.
- We keep on worshiping God to struggle with Him until we have the victory. We do not hope in others.

[Genesis 32:22-24,28] Jacob represents the men or pastors who have the struggle of facing Esau. Esau refers to antichrist and false prophets destroying the shepherding. It may come out of our nearest friends or family. The men must struggle for these things.

- To keep on holding fast to the true teaching Word. As a result, Jacob can get away from Esau.
- To face all problems in family or to have the salvation of the family.
- To get new name or to have life renewal. We are renewed so that we get the renewal and we do not become liar and thief stealing the tithes and offering or the possession of God.

[Mark 5] A mother must struggle also to touch the tip of Jesus' garment.

Revelation 19:13,16

19:13 He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God.

19:16 And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

The robe refers to the Bride Tidings. The struggle of a woman is to hold fast to the one true teaching Word. Let us hold fast to the Bride Tidings whatever problem we have now, and all things will be settled. The woman with the flowing of blood for twelve years can be helped by God. All impossible problems will be solved by God. The flowing of blood means there is division, whether in marriage or shepherding. God will help us if we want to hold fast to the true teaching Word.

The young people must struggle also in order to keep the employment of God in the revival of Holy Spirit at the latter rain, the true service, ministry, and worship. For example, Daniel must struggle to face the den of lions. If we want to keep on being employed by God with the true service, ministry, and worship, all other struggles will be helped by God for sure.

The mouth of lion refers to false teaching and sins up to the peak. God will help us to face it if we seriously serve, minister, and worship to God to keep on living in righteousness. He will also open the beautiful future life for us.

God blesses you.