

Bible Study Service in Malang, May 05, 2011 (Thursday Evening)

Peace for you in the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Matthew 26 points to **golden pot that had manna**.

Matthew 26:12-13

26:12 "For in pouring this fragrant oil on My body, she did it for My burial.

26:13 "Assuredly, I say to you, wherever this gospel is preached in the whole world, what this woman has done will also be told as a memorial to her."

How great a man in the world is, s/he is only as mortar pot that is fragile, broken, and perished forever. Therefore, it must be filled, and anointed with Holy Spirit to the fullness.

The life who is filled, and anointed with Holy Spirit to the fullness equals to a woman pouring fragrant oil to Jesus' body for His burial.

Pouring oil means a ministry. The body refers to Jesus' body. The burial means the last time.

Thus, the woman pouring fragrant oil to Jesus' body for His burial equals to **life who is employed in the ministry of building perfect Christ's body or God's Bride in the last time**.

The woman sacrificed the oil which cost 300 denarii. It equals to the wage of one year working or much money.

Meaning all things must be sacrificed for the ministry of building Christ's body except one thing, namely the true teaching Word because it is Jesus Himself.

Being employed in the ministry of building Christ's body, all sacrifices will always be remembered by God, He never fools us. Being remembered always by God means we are placing Jesus as the Head.

Matthew 8:20

8:20 And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head."

Jesus really longs to place Himself as the Head of His Church or His body but the head of it is often the wolves and birds, not Jesus. Let us be alert of it.

Let us also long to place Jesus as our Head. The practice is as follows:

1. Throwing away all birds and wolves from our lives [Matthew 8:20].

It equals to experiencing **the sanctification from wicked spirit (wolves) and unclean spirit (birds) which dwell or hide in heart and mind**.

Revelation 18:2

18:2 And he cried mightily with a loud voice, saying, "Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and has become a dwelling place of demons, a prison for every foul spirit, and a cage for every unclean and hated bird!"

The wicked and unclean spirit head for the building of Babel's body, the bride of Satan.

Hebrews 4:12-13

4:12 For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

4:13 And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.

Only the true teaching Word or the Word sharper than any two-edged sword is able to sanctify our heart and mind from wicked and unclean spirit. There are twelve kinds of wicked and unclean spirit dwelling in the heart and mind of men.

Mark 7:21-23

7:21 "For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, (1)adulteries, (2)fornications, (3)murders,

7:22 "(4)thefts, (5)covetousness, (6)wickedness, (7)deceit, (8)lewdness, (9)an evil eye, (10)blasphemy, (11)pride, (12)foolishness.

7:23 "All these evil things come from within and defile a man."

Foolishness means not being able to be advised, and the foolish will go toward Babel.

If the heart and mind are sanctified from the twelve wicked and unclean spirits, the table of our life or the heart and mind will be filled with twelve loaves of bread which are set in two rows, six in a row (the figure 6 6).

Leviticus 24:5-6

24:5 "And you shall take fine flour and bake twelve cakes with it. Two-tenths of an ephah shall be in each cake.

24:6 "You shall set them in two rows, six in a row, on the pure gold table before the LORD.

The figure 66 refers to 66 books in Holy Bible or the true teaching Word.

The bread to eat equals to the true teaching Word that becomes the food of our life to fill and to satisfy our life as well as to grow our spirituality up to the maturity or perfection.

It is set in order means the true teaching Word is preached regularly in order or sequentially.

It is called true shepherding Word.

Having the true teaching Word or shepherding Word on the table of our life, referring to our heart and mind, we are placing Jesus as our Head. We always remember Him and He always remembers us.

Mark 8:14-19

8:14 Now the disciples had forgotten to take bread, and they did not have more than one loaf with them in the boat.

8:15 Then He charged them, saying, "Take heed, beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the leaven of Herod."

8:16 And they reasoned among themselves, saying, "It is because we have no bread."

8:17 But Jesus, being aware of it, said to them, "Why do you reason because you have no bread? Do you not yet perceive nor understand? Is your heart still hardened?"

8:18 "Having eyes, do you not see? And having ears, do you not hear? And do you not remember?"

8:19 "When I broke the five loaves for the five thousand, how many baskets full of fragments did you take up?" They said to Him, "Twelve."

The results will be real as follows:

1. The Lord is able to preserve our physical and spiritual life.

Our physical life is preserved until we can give thanks.

Our spiritual life is preserved until we can live in righteousness and holiness, and we are satisfied.

We will find no difficulty in life if we have God's Word because God Himself preserves our life.

2. The Lord protects us from leaven.

He protects us from the leaven of sin, so we will neither fall into sin nor lose our way. In addition, He protects us from the leaven of false teaching, so we will neither go astray nor lose our way.

3. The Word of God makes our life neat.

Ephesians 2:19-21

2:19 Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,

2:20 having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone,

2:21 in whom the whole building, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord,

The shepherding Word will neaten our life if we can appreciate it. It is able to neaten our messy life, including messy economy, and messy marriage. It is also leads us toward the building of Christ's perfect body.

2. Having the right marriage structure.

1 Corinthians 11:2-3

11:2 Now I praise you, brethren, that you remember me in all things and keep the traditions just as I delivered them to you.

11:3 But I want you to know that the head of every man is Christ, the head of woman is man, and the head of Christ is God.

Jesus -->man/husband -->woman/wife -->children.

The husband is the head, the wife is the body, and the children are the limbs.

The meaning of the husband as the head is as follows:

1. To become physical and spiritual flow for his wife and children.
The husband takes the responsibility physically to provide daily life needs.
He also takes the responsibility spiritually to flow the righteousness and holiness.
2. The husband decides all matters in the marriage according to the true teaching Word.
Be alert! Husbands should not follow the false wives like Adam has done because there will be curse. Parents should not follow their false children, or else there will be Ichabod (there is no God's glory) as what has happened to Priest Eli. Pastors should not follow false congregation, or else there will be Ichabod, as well as spiritual dryness and death.
3. He loves his wife as his own body and does not do bitterly toward her.

In such condition, the husband is placing himself as the head as well as placing Jesus as the Head of the marriage.

The meaning of the wife's being the body is as follows:

1. She becomes the ribs covering the weak parts, meaning covering the weakness of her husband and children through worshipping God.
2. The wife obeys her husband in all matters.

In such condition, she is placing her husband as the head as well as placing Jesus as the Head.

The children become the limbs, meaning they lighten their parents' burdens. They should not become the burden for their parents, or else their life will be weary or full of heavy burdens.

There will be beautiful future life if the children are obedient.

Colossians 3:20

3:20 Children, obey your parents in all things, for this is well pleasing to the Lord.

Having the right marriage structure, we are placing Jesus as the Head and our household has lamp on the lampstand. In such condition, there is light in the marriage, referring to honesty.

Titus 2:7

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

The beginning of honesty is about teaching, meaning we hold fast to the true teaching Word and do not give any chance to hear other teaching.

Hebrews 13:4-6

13:4 Marriage is honorable among all, and the bed undefiled; but fornicators and adulterers God will judge.

13:5 Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."

13:6 So we may boldly say: "The LORD is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?"

If we can be honest about the teaching, we will be honest about bed, meaning there is no fornication sin.

In addition, we can be honest in finance to give tithes and offerings. Furthermore, we can be honest in all matters, saying "Yes" if "Yes" and "No" if "No."

Being honest in all matters, the Lord becomes the Head of our marriage and our life.

The Lord becomes our Helper to make all wind and wave still, to help us from all problems and temptations.

Marriage life is as a boat which is often hit by wind and wave. Jesus shows Himself as Helper to save and to perfect our marriage life.

3. We have to worship God.

1 Samuel 1:3, 18-20

1:3 This man went up from his city yearly to worship and sacrifice to the LORD of hosts in Shiloh. Also the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, the priests of the LORD, were there.

1:18 And she said, "Let your maidservant find favor in your sight." So the woman went her way and ate, and her face was

no longer sad.

1:19 *Then they rose early in the morning and worshiped before the LORD, and returned and came to their house at Ramah. And Elkanah knew Hannah his wife, and the LORD remembered her.*

1:20 *So it came to pass in the process of time that Hannah conceived and bore a son, and called his name Samuel, saying, "Because I have asked for him from the LORD."*

We have to like worshiping God privately, whether in household or together in Church up to the peak, namely worship on glorious clouds when Jesus comes a second time.

The meaning of worship prayer is as follows:

1. The process of tearing flesh with all its lusts and wills, so **we can be obedient until the flesh does not sound anymore.**

For example, Jesus was obedient until He died on the cross and Peter was too until He was willing to sacrifice his soul.

John 21:18-19

21:18 *"Most assuredly, I say to you, when you were younger, you girded yourself and walked where you wished; but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will gird you and carry you where you do not wish."*

21:19 *This He spoke, signifying by what death he would glorify God. And when He had spoken this, He said to him, "Follow Me."*

The flesh often sounds the loudest sound about marriage and children as what has happened to Herod.

Matthew 14:3-6

14:3 *For Herod had laid hold of John and bound him, and put him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife.*

14:4 *Because John had said to him, "It is not lawful for you to have her."*

14:5 *And although he wanted to put him to death, he feared the multitude, because they counted him as a prophet.*

14:6 *But when Herod's birthday was celebrated, the daughter of Herodias danced before them and pleased Herod.*

The flesh becomes very tough about unclean marriage and when pleading false children, not being willing to have life renewal.

2. Seeing Jesus' shining face like the sun.

God is shining His perfect love in our worship. **He always remembers, and cares the people who are obedient or stretching their hands to Him and seeing His face.**

The result will be real as follows:

1. The love that is as the sun is useful to face Sodom and Gomorrah.

Genesis 19:20-24

19:20 *"See now, this city is near enough to flee to, and it is a little one; please let me escape there (is it not a little one?) and my soul shall live."*

19:21 *And he said to him, "See, I have favored you concerning this thing also, in that I will not overthrow this city for which you have spoken.*

19:22 *"Hurry, escape there. For I cannot do anything until you arrive there." Therefore the name of the city was called Zoar.*

19:23 *The sun had risen upon the earth when Lot entered Zoar.*

19:24 *Then the LORD rained brimstone and fire on Sodom and Gomorrah, from the LORD out of the heavens.*

The condition of the world in these last days is as Sodom and Gomorrah. Riches and intelligence or all things cannot counter it except the love of God which is as the sun.

God's love is able to preserve our life physically and spiritually in the middle of the difficulties in the world which is as Sodom and Gomorrah.

Sodom and Gomorrah become the Dead Sea now, in which there is nothing can live. **The love of God is able to**

preserve our life miraculously although we are in the middle of impossibilities.

Spiritually, the world becomes more wicked and unclean as Sodom and Gomorrah. **We will endure and keep living in righteousness and holiness if we have the love of God.**

The love which is as the sun also protects us from all disasters, even it protects us from antichrist and God's judgment. **The love of God also gives us rest and peace in the midst of many shakings in the world.**

2. The love that is as the sun is useful to face struggling which makes us afraid.

Genesis 32:28-31

32:28 And He said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel; for you have struggled with God and with men, and have prevailed."

32:29 Then Jacob asked, saying, "Tell me Your name, I pray." And He said, "Why is it that you ask about My name?" And He blessed him there.

32:30 And Jacob called the name of the place Peniel: "For I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved."

32:31 Just as he crossed over Penuel the sun rose on him, and he limped on his hip.

It is for facing the struggling in marriage, family, et cetera, even in getting new name. The original meaning of "Jacob" is liar, and then it is changed to become "Israel", whose meaning is winner. We are changed from mortal pot to become golden pot that had manna, and we have new name to enter into New Jerusalem.

3. The love that is as the sun is useful to remove all impossible matters.

The Lord is able to open the womb door like what has happened to Hannah, so she could give birth to Samuel. Impossible thing can be made possible.

God blesses you.