

Bible Study Service in Malang, May 22, 2012 (Tuesday Evening)

Matthew 27 refers to **seven sprinklings of blood upon the Ark of Covenant**.

Now it means suffering Jesus has experienced until He must die on the cross to save, sanctify, and bless even perfect us, His congregation.

There are seven passages in Matthew 27 that refer to seven sprinklings of blood.

We learn the first sprinkling of blood, namely Jesus handed over to Pontius Pilate and Judas's death [Matthew 27:1-10].

Matthew 27:1-5

27:1. When morning came, all the chief priests and elders of the people plotted against Jesus to put Him to death.

27:2 And when they had bound Him, they led Him away and delivered Him to Pontius Pilate the governor.

27:3 Then Judas, His betrayer, seeing that He had been condemned, was remorseful and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders,

27:4 saying, "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood." And they said, "What is that to us? You see to it!"

27:5 Then he threw down the pieces of silver in the temple and departed, and went and hanged himself.

Jesus suffered because of the betrayal of Judas Iscariot, His own disciple. He was sold and handed over to chief priests and the elders of Jews, and then to Pontius Pilate in order to be killed.

Finally Judas was remorseful and he hanged himself, meaning the regret was late and meaningless.

Galatians 3:13

3:13 Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree"),

Actually Jesus has been willing to die in curse on the cross in order to set us free from sin and the curse of sin or death but Judas kept hanging himself, meaning he despised the sacrifice of Christ and kept living in sins and the curses until perished forever.

There are three things that cause the curse as follows.

1. Transgression to God's Word.

Genesis 3:16-19

3:16. To the woman He said: "I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception; In pain you shall bring forth children; Your desire shall be for your husband, And he shall rule over you."

3:17 Then to Adam He said, "Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, 'You shall not eat of it': "Cursed is the ground for your sake; In toil you shall eat of it All the days of your life.

3:18 Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you, And you shall eat the herb of the field.

3:19 In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread Till you return to the ground, For out of it you were taken; For dust you are, And to dust you shall return."

Adam and Eve ate the fruit God had forbidden them to eat because of these reasons.

- Eve opened her ears to the voice of serpent or strange voice that was not in line with God's Word she had heard. It means not holding fast to the true teaching Word.

Comparing to the voice of Jesus, Judas also chose to hear the voice of chief priests.

2 John 1:10-11

1:10. If anyone comes to you and does not bring this doctrine, do not receive him into your house nor greet him;

1:11 for he who greets him shares in his evil deeds.

God forbids us more clearly in order to prevent the tragedy in Eden in the last days through His Word to John the apostle, namely *do not receive him into your house nor greet him.* Meaning we should not give little opportunity to hear strange voice such as false teaching, gossip, et cetera.

- Adam heard the voice of Eve, his wife, which was wrong.

Meaning the failure of Adam in his household because it was not husband became the head but the wife. Consequently, the head of the marriage was not Jesus but serpent.

If a husband becomes the head of the marriage, he will decide all things according to the Word and Jesus becomes

the Head of the marriage. On the contrary, if the wife becomes the head, the serpent will become the head of the marriage.

Consequently, Adam and Eve lived in the curses of sin.

Eve, the representative of women, experienced pain in conceiving and giving birth. It refers to pain inside the body or bitterness and sadness in heart, et cetera.

Adam, the representative of men, experienced labor in seeking money for daily life in the ambience of thorns.

It continues until the dust returns to dust, the food of serpent.

The ambience in curse is as being hanged between heaven and earth, there is no beauty in life. We must be alert. Judas is an apostle as well as a treasurer but he hanged himself because of rejecting the true teaching.

Genesis 3:14

3:14. So the LORD God said to the serpent: "Because you have done this, You are cursed more than all cattle, And more than every beast of the field; On your belly you shall go, And you shall eat dust All the days of your life.

Dust will return to dust and become the food of serpent, meaning there is no life renewal but carnal man who will be tormented by antichrist for three years and half.

Experiencing the torment of antichrist, one will be tormented and beheaded if he keeps on believing and worshipping Jesus. Afterwards, he will arise when Jesus comes a second time. Nevertheless, only few can endure like that.

Not enduring but worshipping antichrist, he will perish together with antichrist forever.

1 Timothy 4:1-5

4:1. Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons,

4:2 speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron,

4:3 forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from foods which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth.

4:4 For every creature of God is good, and nothing is to be refused if it is received with thanksgiving;

4:5 for it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer.

False teachings infiltrate through these two things in the last days.

- Food.

The false teaching forbids one to eat food which is allowed by God.

Spiritually it means rejecting or forbidding the true teaching.

Physically, it means returning to the Law.

Mark 7:18-19

7:18 So He said to them, "Are you thus without understanding also? Do you not perceive that whatever enters a man from outside cannot defile him,

7:19 "because it does not enter his heart but his stomach, and is eliminated, thus purifying all foods?"

We can eat all food after Jesus died to fulfill the Law as long as we give thanks and get sanctification through God's Word and prayer.

1 Timothy 4:5

4:5 for it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer.

We are sanctified from the curse of sin and thorns.

The purpose of eating physically is to be full and healthy. One will not get satisfaction even fall in sin if the purpose of eating physically is to satisfy the lust of flesh.

- Marriage.

The false teaching forbids human to get married in righteous manner according to the rule.

There are three requirements of having righteous marriage according to the rule as follows.

- a. Having permission of the parents with their physical consideration.

- b. Having permission of the pastor with his spiritual consideration, so the marriage can be blessed and affirmed by God.

The requirement is holiness and oneness in faith, teaching, and baptism.

- c. Having permission of government and being recorded according to the rule in government office.

The purpose of getting married is to become one flesh to reach bigger oneness in the one perfect body of Christ, so we can welcome the second coming of Jesus and enter the marriage supper of the Lamb of God or spiritual marriage.

We enter the world through the door of physical marriage and we will go out of it through the door of spiritual marriage.

One will never be satisfied even he will fall into sins concerning marrying-being given in marriage if the purpose of getting married is only to satisfy the flesh.

The false teaching brings the sons or servants of God to enter the sins of Babylon, sins concerning eating-drinking and marrying-being given in marriage, through food and marriage.

Proverbs 23:2-3

23:2 And put a knife to your throat If you are a man given to appetite.

23:3 Do not desire his delicacies, For they are deceptive food.

We have to put the knife to our neck in order not to enter the sins of Babylon. The knife refers to the true teaching. Rejecting the knife of the true teaching Word, the cord will hang on the neck as Judas who hanged himself.

Putting knife to the neck means we want to get the sanctification done by the true teaching Word from the lust of flesh, so we can worship God. We get the real satisfaction from God and we will never seek satisfaction from sins concerning eating-drinking and marrying-being given in marriage, we do not fall into such sins.

2. Stealing the possession of God, namely tithes and offering because the heart is bound with the lust of money.

Malachi 3:8-10

3:8 "Will a man rob God? Yet you have robbed Me! But you say, 'In what way have we robbed You?' In tithes and offerings.

3:9 You are cursed with a curse, For you have robbed Me, Even this whole nation.

3:10 Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, That there may be food in My house, And try Me now in this," Says the LORD of hosts, "If I will not open for you the windows of heaven And pour out for you such blessing That there will not be room enough to receive it.

The house Israel stole the tithes and offerings, so they were considered as the Gentiles.

The tithe relates to the food in the house of God, namely shepherding Word.

The house of Israel became as the Gentiles because of being without the shepherding Word or teaching Word. It means they became accursed dogs, not the people of God anymore.

The Gentiles without the tithe or the teaching Word equal to accursed dogs also.

Licking the crumbs, referring to shepherding Word, the Gentiles experience the exalting of God from dogs to sheep of God.

Genesis 28:20-22

28:20 Then Jacob made a vow, saying, "If God will be with me, and keep me in this way that I am going, and give me bread to eat and clothing to put on,

28:21 "so that I come back to my father's house in peace, then the LORD shall be my God.

28:22 "And this stone which I have set as a pillar shall be God's house, and of all that You give me I will surely give a tenth to You."

The tithe is our confession that we have been blessed by God. The base is truth. The formula is $10 \div 1 = 9$. The figure nine refers to the grace of God. Returning the tithes, we live by the grace of God which never stops.

The direction is toward the building of spiritual house of God or the perfect body of Christ.

The offering is our thanksgiving because we have been blessed by God. The base is the willingness of heart. The direction is toward the building of tabernacle or the perfect body of Christ.

Exodus 25:1-2

25:1. Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying:

25:2 "Speak to the children of Israel, that they bring Me an offering. From everyone who gives it willingly with his heart you shall take My offering.

Thus, we can enter the building of perfect body of Christ through giving tithes and offerings. In such condition, Jesus becomes the Head who is responsible for us, His body.

Stealing the tithe and offering, the head is serpent and one will perish.

3. Having many leaves without any fruit.

Matthew 21:18-19

21:18. Now in the morning, as He returned to the city, He was hungry.

21:19 And seeing a fig tree by the road, He came to it and found nothing on it but leaves, and said to it, "Let no fruit grow on you ever again." Immediately the fig tree withered away.

The fig tree that has many leaves should have the beginning fruit.

The leaves refer to the activity of the plant. Having many leaves but there is no fruit means one serves God actively but God is not satisfied.

Why does it have any fruit? Because it is by the road, referring to not being shepherded. Its condition is as a branch that does not attain to the true Vine and it will be burnt to perish forever.

The facts found in not being shepherded are as follows.

- Wandering, not being firm in shepherding.
It can happen through wandering in doing service and ministry or being in shepherding but the heart and ears wander.
The proof is hearing strange voice which is not in line with the shepherding Word.
Consequently, one meets lion that swallows, referring to false teachings and sins that make one fall and perish.
- Not persevering in the sheepfold; not persevering in doing three main services in shepherding system.
If we persevere in shepherding, our life becomes as a tree planted by river. We have coolness, safety and peace in the sheepfold. The Holy Place of Tabernacle is covered by four layers of coverings, so there is coolness inside it although it is in the midst of the desert.
- Not being obedient to the shepherding Word. It equals to being unholy and useless.

Not being shepherded, a servant of God will give Jesus fig leaves. On the contrary, by being shepherded we can produce fruits that satisfy God, namely fruit of obedience and faithfulness until the end that we die or Jesus comes a second time.

John 4:34

4:34 Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work.

Obedience and faithfulness equal to the ministry of Bride.

Being obedient and faithful, we are stretching our two hands to God and He will stretch His hand to us. It means we live in the mighty hand of God, Great Shepherd. Here are the results.

- The hand of God is able to give us guarantee of life assurance now in the middle of many difficulties in the world, for our beautiful future life up to the eternal one.

John 10:27-28

10:27 "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.

10:28 "And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand.

- The hand of God is able to give us guarantee of victory over enemy and problems, even the impossible one.

Psalms 118:15-16

118:15 The voice of rejoicing and salvation is in the tents of the righteous; The right hand of the LORD does valiantly.

118:16 The right hand of the LORD is exalted; The right hand of the LORD does valiantly.

- The hand of God leads us to the last shepherding in New Jerusalem.

Revelation 7:17

7:17 "for the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to living fountains of waters. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

The hand of God wipes away our tears and we get heavenly joy.

We have life renewal, from glory to glory, until we enter New Jerusalem where there is no tears.

The life renewal to go to New Jerusalem begins from there is no doubt but we can believe and entrust our life fully to God and He will lead us to New Jerusalem.

God blesses you.