

Bible Study Service in Malang, May 27, 2010 (Thursday Evening)

Matthew 25:1,13

25:1 *"Then the kingdom of heaven shall be likened to ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom.*

25:13 *"Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming.*

Church of God (the virgins) must be watchful always to be ready in welcoming Jesus' second coming in glory as King of kings, as Heavenly Bridegroom.

What must be kept is **our lamp that burns continually**.

There are two requirements to keep our lamp to burn continually as follows:

1. [Matthew 25:5-7] Receiving Bride Tidings = the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ.
2. Having oil for supply in vessel.

Matthew 25:2-4

25:2 *"Now five of them were wise, and five were foolish.*

25:3 *"Those who were foolish took their lamps and took no oil with them,*

25:4 *"but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps.*

ad. 2. Having oil for supply in vessel.

The Church of the Lord is as ten virgins who can be divided into two groups below:

1. Five wise virgins having the oil for supply.
2. Five foolish virgins having no oil for supply who will be left when Jesus comes a second time and perished.

There will be a separation between a husband and his wife; one will be lifted up and the other will be left. We must be careful.

Five wise virgins

The Church of the Lord is as five wise virgins having the oil for supply, meaning overflowing with Holy Spirit, so the lamp burns continually to welcome Jesus' second coming.

The daily practices of the five wise virgins are below:

1. **Hearing and doing the Word said by Jesus = being obedient to the true teaching Word.**

Matthew 7:24-25

7:24 *"Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock:*

7:25 *"and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock.*

The Word said by Jesus = the Word revealed through a verse's explaining another verse.

One who obeys the true teaching Word is as the one building his house on the rock. Such will be **endurable in facing test** and this is the practice of the burning lamp.

We have to be enduring in facing these three tests:

- o Heavy rain --> Satan in the air with the spirit of rebellion/wickedness and uncleanness.

Ephesians 2:1-2

2:1 *And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins,*

2:2 *in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience.*

Obedying Satan, one cannot obey the Word. On the other hand, one who obeys the Word will never obey Satan. We only need to choose whether we become wise virgins or the foolish ones.

The spirit of wickedness and uncleanness are the source of sins up to the peak, i.e. sins concerning eating-drinking and sexuality.

Being enduring in facing tests = not sinning = living in righteousness.

- Blowing wind --> false prophet with deceitful false teachings or the teachings which are not in line with the one we have received.

Ephesians 4:14

4:14 that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting,

The false teaching deceives man until he loses the right direction to heavenly kingdom.

2 Peter 2:1

2:1 But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Lord who bought them, and bring on themselves swift destruction.

Besides, the false teaching also makes him perished in hell.

Being enduring in facing tests = rejecting expressly false teachings/other doctrines which are not in line with what we have received.

Rejecting expressly = not giving a chance to hear other teachings because Eve heard Satan only once and fell into sin.

Being enduring in facing tests = holding fast the true teaching Word.

Mark 6:30

6:30 Then the apostles gathered to Jesus and told Him all things, both what they had done and what they had taught.

When Jesus sent His disciples, they had to be responsible of the teaching they taught (not about the quantity only). If the teaching is true, the consecration will be also true because the teaching is as a commander.

- Floods --> antichrist with the power of Mammon (the bind of money and idolatry), i.e. stinginess and greediness.
Being stingy = cannot give for the work of God or for other people who need.
Being greedy = seizing the rights of the Lord, i.e. the tithes and special offerings as well as seizing the rights of other people.

Being enduring in facing tests = loving to give until feeling more blessed to give than to receive.

We give for the Lord, in form of the tithe and special offering, and for the other people who need.

If we can feel more blessed to give than to receive, we will be able **to give our whole life to Jesus, Heavenly Bridegroom.**

Ephesians 5:25

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

Do not stop after building the foundation, continue it!

2. Building house and hewing out the seven pillars.

Proverbs 9:1

9:1 Wisdom has built her house, She has hewn out her seven pillars;

James 3:16-17

3:16 For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing are there.

3:17 But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy.

The pillars mean godly characteristics as follows:

- Pure = holy in heart.
- Peaceable = confessing and forgiving one another, there is no bitterness in heart.
- Gentle.
- Willing to yield.
- Full of mercy and good fruits.
- Without partiality, just.

Exodus 32:26-27

32:26 then Moses stood in the entrance of the camp, and said, "Whoever is on the LORD's side -- come to me."

And all the sons of Levi gathered themselves together to him.

32:27 And he said to them, "Thus says the LORD God of Israel: 'Let every man put his sword on his side, and go in and out from entrance to entrance throughout the camp, and let every man kill his brother, every man his companion, and every man his neighbor.'

Whoever is on the Lord's side putting his sword on his side will hold fast the true teaching Word. No matter who comes, whether he is our siblings or friend, or neighbor, do not have fellowship with other doctrines!

- Without hypocrisy = being upright and faithful.

Matthew 24:45,48,51

24:45 "Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his master made ruler over his household, to give them food in due season?

24:48 "But if that evil servant says in his heart, 'My master is delaying his coming,'

24:51 "and will cut him in two and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites. There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Being upright and faithful, we have adorned the teaching Word.

Titus 2:10

2:10 not pilfering, but showing all good fidelity, that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Savior in all things.

Psalms 11:7

11:7 For the LORD is righteous, He loves righteousness; His countenance beholds the upright.

The upright and faithful will be able to see the countenance of the Lord.

3. Building the battlement.

Proverbs 31:30

31:30 Charm is deceitful and beauty is passing, But a woman who fears the LORD, she shall be praised.

Proverbs 9:10

9:10 "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

The wise bride **fears the Lord**.

Proverbs 8:13

8:13 The fear of the LORD is to hate evil; Pride and arrogance and the evil way And the perverse mouth I hate.

Fearing the Lord means being redeemed by Jesus' blood until being delivered from sins even hating sins, include hating lies to become upright.

Uprightness means saying 'Yes' if 'Yes' and 'No' if 'No' because the other comes from Satan.

It begins with upright to the Lord, upright in teaching and in all matters.

Song of Solomon 8:9

8:9 If she is a wall, We will build upon her A battlement of silver; And if she is a door, We will enclose her With boards of cedar.

Appreciating the redemption, being delivered from sins, hating the sins and being upright mean we build a battlement of silver.

Revelation 14:3-5

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 forty-four thousand who were redeemed from the earth.

14:4 These are the ones who were not defiled with women, for they are virgins. These are the ones who follow the Lamb wherever He goes. These were redeemed from among men, being firstfruits to God and to the Lamb.

14:5 And in their mouth was found no deceit, for they are without fault before the throne of God.

The source of the wisdom is below:

- Christ's sacrifice --> Holy Communion.

1 Corinthians 1:22-24

1:22 For Jews request a sign, and Greeks seek after wisdom;

*1:23 but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness,
1:24 but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.*

- Bride Tidings.

Colossians 1:27-28

1:27 To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

1:28 Him we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus.

We are not being tormented by committing Bible Study Service and Holy Communion because the Lord is giving us wisdom from heaven in the service.

The function of the wisdom is below:

- Protecting and preserving our life in the middle of this difficult world until the time of antichrist reigning over the world.

Revelation 13:18

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.

At the time of antichrist reigning over the world, the wisdom and grace of the Lord will give us the wings of a great eagle to flee us to the wilderness far away from the presence of the serpent.

- Giving beautiful and joyful future up to the eternal life.

Proverbs 24:14

24:14 So shall the knowledge of wisdom be to your soul; If you have found it, there is a prospect, And your hope will not be cut off.

- Performing physical miracle that impossible matters can be possible and the spiritual miracle in form of the renewal of our life little by little to become as glorious as Jesus is.

1 Corinthians 2:7-9

2:7 But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which God ordained before the ages for our glory,

2:8 which none of the rulers of this age knew; for had they known, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

2:9 But as it is written: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him."

God blesses you.