

Bible Study Service in Malang, November 18, 2010 (Thursday Evening)

Matthew 25:31-34

25:31. *"When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory.*

25:32 *"All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats.*

25:33 *"And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left.*

25:34 *"Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:*

Jesus appears as King of kings and Great Shepherd at the time of His second coming to separate sheep with goats. We have to fight after being shepherded righteously because there is separation between the sheep and the goats that the sheep are in the right hand and the goats are in the left hand.

What is the base of the separation?

Ecclesiastes 10:2

10:2 *A wise man's heart is at his right hand, But a fool's heart at his left.*

The sheep are in the right hand, referring to those who have **heavenly wisdom**. In Matthew 25:34, the sheep may enter into the everlasting heavenly kingdom or the last sheepfold.

The goats are in the left hand, referring to those who are foolish, and do not have heavenly wisdom. They will enter into everlasting fire.

Matthew 25:41

25:41 *"Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels:*

Nowadays we must struggle to become the sheep having heavenly wisdom, whose position is in the right hand.

The value of heavenly wisdom.

Proverbs 8:10-11

8:10 *Receive my instruction, and not silver, And knowledge rather than choice gold;*

8:11 *For wisdom is better than rubies, And all the things one may desire cannot be compared with her.*

Job 28:12-16

28:12 *"But where can wisdom be found? And where is the place of understanding?*

28:13 *Man does not know its value, Nor is it found in the land of the living.*

28:14 *The deep says, 'It is not in me'; And the sea says, 'It is not with me.'*

28:15 *It cannot be purchased for gold, Nor can silver be weighed for its price.*

28:16 *It cannot be valued in the gold of Ophir, In precious onyx or sapphire.*

We can conclude from the two testimonies that the heavenly wisdom is more valuable than anything in the world even nothing can be equal with it.

How can we get the heavenly wisdom?

1. Christ crucified, the sacrifice of Christ.

1 Corinthians 1:23-24,18

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.*

1:18 *For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.*

The sacrifice of Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God to save sinful people. Intelligence and riches of men cannot settle the sins, and neither can the religious men. Only Christ' sacrifice can settle the sins.

Ephesians 1:13

1:13 *In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having*

believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise,

We can get the heavenly wisdom or Christ's sacrifice through the gospel of salvation or good tidings.

The gospel of salvation is the gospel preaching about Jesus' first coming in the world to die on the cross to save sinful men.

The proof of receiving the heavenly wisdom is as follows:

- Believing in Jesus --> the Gate of Tabernacle.
- Repenting, or stopping sinning to return to God --> the Altar of Burnt Offering.
- Being renewed through water baptism and Holy Spirit baptism --> the Brazen Laver and the Door of Tabernacle.

Renewal of Life results in new life, namely **righteous life**.

Living in righteousness means having salvation.

Not being righteous means neither having salvation nor wisdom as the goats in the left hand.

One will be separated from others if s/he is not righteous although s/he has been shepherded. Judas was shepherded but he was not righteous, so he was separated from others.

2 Corinthians 5:18-19

5:18 Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation,

5:19 that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

Living in righteousness means one has been reconciled by Jesus' blood. In such condition, one is trusted to minister in the ministry of reconciliation for sinful people, or to bring good news for them.

2. Christ in glory.

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.

Christ in glory is the wisdom of heaven perfecting us to become as glorious as the Lord is. After living in righteousness, we must continue until we are perfected to become as perfect and glorious as Jesus is, and we deserve to inherit heavenly kingdom.

2 Corinthians 4:3-4

4:3 But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing,

4:4 whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.

We can receive the heavenly wisdom or Christ in glory through the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ or the true teaching Word or Bride Tidings.

The Bride Tidings is not the possession of one church or one organization because it is the revelation of God's Word through a verse explaining other verses.

The Bride Tidings is the gospel preaching about Jesus' second coming in glory as the King of kings or heavenly Bridegroom to sanctify and to perfect His Church to become His Bride.

The proof of receiving the heavenly wisdom is real in our **holy life**.

The requirement of living in holiness is we become as a branch attaining to the true Vine, meaning we are shepherded to the true teaching Word.

It is the wisdom for the Gentiles (the nations which are not Israel, Colossians 1:27). The Gentiles are as donkeys. Both of the old donkeys and the young ones must be bound to the true vine. The old donkey should not be bound to the young one and vice versa.

The branch attaining to the true Vine will be sanctified intensively.

John 15:2

15:2 "Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit.

The one who is shepherded to the true teaching Word will have a chance to be sanctified intensively to bear the fruits of the Spirit and live holily.

Galatians 5:22-23

*5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,
5:23 gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.*

The holy life must have love. The love does not mean giving only but can be in the form of rebuke.
If we live holily, there will be joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

We have to have holiness first!

The self-control means quietness and obedience.

Jacob did not have potentiality but he was calm and obedient. As a result, he got all things. On the other hand, Esau had potentiality but he did not have self-control, quietness, and obedience, so he lost all things.

The holy one who is calm and obedient will be trusted to minister in bringing Bride Tidings or building the perfect Christ's body.

Here are the position of the servants who are trusted to bring the good news and the Bride Tidings:

1. As shining stars.

Daniel 12:3

12:3 Those who are wise shall shine Like the brightness of the firmament, And those who turn many to righteousness Like the stars forever and ever.

Revelation 12:3-4

12:3 And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great, fiery red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads.

12:4 His tail drew a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was ready to give birth, to devour her Child as soon as it was born.

Isaiah 9:15

9:15 The elder and honorable, he is the head; The prophet who teaches lies, he is the tail.

The stars are threatened to be drawn by false teachings and the sins concerning eating-drinking and sexuality, seeing that there is genital in the tail of dragon.

Philippians 2:15-16

2:15 that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world,

2:16 holding fast the word of life, so that I may rejoice in the day of Christ that I have not run in vain or labored in vain.

We have to hold fast ONE true teaching Word which has been life experience, so we will not be drawn by the tail of the dragon.

2. In the right hand of God.

Revelation 1:16

1:16 He had in His right hand seven stars, out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword, and His countenance was like the sun shining in its strength.

The stars are in the right hand of God.

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 right hand of God will give us victory over all sins and problems, even the impossible one. The right hand of God will work to give us victory sooner or later, and we just need to wait the time. The right hand of God will also exalt us, and give us beautiful future life.

Romans 10:15

10:15 And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, Who bring glad tidings of good things!"

Being in the right hand of God, our life journey will be beautiful in His time.

3. Being the army of heaven.

Psalm 68:11

68:11 The Lord gave the word; Great was the company of those who proclaimed it:

The duty of the army is to fight as follows:

- To fight in order not to become dry bone.

Ezekiel 37:2,10

37:2 Then He caused me to pass by them all around, and behold, there were very many in the open valley; and indeed they were very dry.

37:10 So I prophesied as He commanded me, and breath came into them, and they lived, and stood upon their feet, an exceedingly great army.

The great army should not become dry bone, even the dry bone has to become great army.

Proverbs 17:22

17:22. A merry heart does good, like medicine, But a broken spirit dries the bones.

Proverbs 14:30

14:30. A sound heart is life to the body, But envy is rottenness to the bones.

- To fight in order to minister in building Christ's body until it becomes perfect as the Bride of God.

Song of Solomon 6:10

6:10 Who is she who looks forth as the morning, Fair as the moon, Clear as the sun, Awesome as an army with banners?

Revelation 12:1

12:1. Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a garland of twelve stars.

Revelation 12:14

12:14 But the woman was given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness to her place, where she is nourished for a time and times and half a time, from the presence of the serpent.

The woman was given two wings of a great eagle that she might fly into the wilderness to her place, where she is nourished for a time and times and half a time from the presence of the serpent. Afterward, the two wings will lift us up on the glorious clouds to enter into the marriage supper of the Lamb, the paradise, and the throne of heaven in New Jerusalem.

Revelation 19:9

19:9 Then he said to me, "Write: 'Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!'" And he said to me, "These are the true sayings of God."

Being the bride of God is the most beautiful thing in our life that we may sit on the right hand of the throne of God.

Revelation 3:21

3:21 "To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.

God blesses you.