

General Service in Malang, April 10, 2011 (Sunday Morning)

Matthew 26:6-13 is about the **PREPARATION FOR THE PASSOVER**.

Matthew 26:12

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

Preparation for the Passover = preparation for the death or slaughtering of Jesus as the Lamb of Passover (Lamb of God).

Jesus must die or must be slaughtered for two things as follows:

1. **To save people who have died and been rotten in sins.**
(To recover the broken clay pot.)
2. **To pour the Holy Spirit**, such that the recovered clay pot will not break anymore.

John 16:7

16:7. Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you.

A clay pot (our life) which is filled with knowledge, richness, etc. is highly valued as an alabaster flask. But remember, an alabaster flask will also break into pieces.

Our life must be filled with the Holy Spirit.

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Matthew 26:7, 12

26:7 a woman came to Him having an alabaster flask of very costly fragrant oil, and she poured it on His head as He sat at the table.

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

Life who is anointed or fulfilled with the Holy Spirit is as a woman who poured fragrant oil to the body of Jesus, for the preparation of His burial.

Pouring the oil = a service.

Jesus' head/ body = the body of Christ (all of us).

Burial = the last time in this world.

Thus, **life who is anointed/ fulfilled by the Holy Spirit is life who is used in the revival of building the perfect body of Christ (the revival of Holy Spirit in the last rain).**

Life who wants to be used in this Year of Revival, must be anointed and fulfilled by the Holy Spirit.

Life who is used by God is life who is anointed/ fulfilled by the Holy Spirit, no matter the richness, the intelligence, etc.

If one is spiritually withered (without the Holy Spirit), he will not be used by God.

The requirements for life who is used in the revival of Holy Spirit in the last rain are as follows:

1. **We must experience the ministry of reconciliation or redemption by the blood of Christ.**

I Peter 1:18-19

1:18 knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers,

1:19 but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.

We must experience redemption or reconciliation from sins by the expensive blood of Jesus (which is illustrated as a very costly fragrant oil).

We must be redeemed from:

- Heritage sins.

- Custom sins (especially sins which are not in agreement with the Word of God).
- Own sins, especially sins which will destroy us in the hell.

Revelation 21:8

21:8 But the cowardly(1), unbelieving(2), abominable(3), murderers(4), sexually immoral(5), sorcerers(6), idolaters(7), and all liars(8) shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."

Doing sins = throwing the clay pot. If we add or repeat the sins, it is equal to throwing again the broken clay pot, until being destroyed in the hell.

The consequences are as follows:

- a. The clay pot which is broken into pieces will not be useful again for God and the others (cannot be used), only be used for throwing (life who keeps the sins must like to say bad things about the others and judging the others).
- b. Being broken and perished forever in the hell.

The result of being redeemed life:

Revelation 1:5-6

1:5 and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood,

1:6 and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

- **We can live in the righteousness**, that is the expensive life (precious) in front of God.
Although we are great in the world, but as long as we still keep the wrong things, actually we have no value in front of God.
- **We are lifted as priests and kings**, that are lives who minister and serve God (expensive lives in front of God).

We are trusted by God in the ministry of reconciliation, ministry of building the perfect body of Christ.

II 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.

It is God who lifts up our life, not man.

If we are trusted by God, our life will become really beautiful. As a comparison, if we are trusted by human in this world, we will be happy. Moreover if we are trusted by God.

After being trusted by God, we must keep God's trust.

Do not let God's trust be shifted to the others!

Judas did not keep God's trust, such that his ministry was shifted to Matthias and Judas could not come back anymore in his whole lifetime. Judas was perished forever.

Life who is used by God = life who pleases God.

The result is our life becomes easy and light.

2. We must experience purification.

By what are we purified?

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 discernor 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.

We are purified by **the work of the teaching Word which is sharper than any two-edged sword.**

The work of the Word is able to purify us from sins, especially sins hidden within heart and mind.

If heart and mind are purified, our whole life will be purified.

- **Heart is purified from evil desire (desire of money)**, which causes stinginess and greediness, **and unclean desire**.

Matthew 26:8

26:8 But when His disciples saw it, they were indignant, saying, "Why this waste?"

- a. **Being stingy = cannot give** (time, money, energy, mind, etc.) even **thinking that sacrificing for God is a waste**.

Matthew 26:10

26:10 But when Jesus was aware of it, He said to them, "Why do you trouble the woman? For she has done a good work for Me."

Every sacrifice for the service of building body of Christ is NOT A WASTE. It is a GOOD DEED for GOD.

Thus, God is able to make everything good in our life.

- b. **Being greedy = robbing the others' belonging**, especially starting from God's own, that is the tithes and special offerings.

A tithe is related with the availability of spiritual food (the Word).

If there is spiritual food (the Word), we will be able to grow spiritually and will not enter future spiritual famine.

- **Heart is purified from "hair"**.

John 12:3

12:3 Then Mary took a pound of very costly oil of spikenard, anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped His feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the oil.

- a. **Hair = all the prides** (relying on intelligence, richness, etc.).
We must be purified from all our prides such that we can SUBMIT to God.
Life who does not want to submit, cannot be used by God.

Let us not rely on ourselves, but rely on God and fully surrender to God.

- b. **Hair = worthy feeling, such that asking for the rights** (not being satisfied).
If one asks for the rights, there will be fighting, disputing, hatred, etc.

In the other hand, if heart is purified and we do not ask for the rights, we become servants who only have duties (without rights).

Jesus' own pattern also serves without rights, there are only duties (He was not wrong, but He had to leave the Heaven and was crucified to save human).

Our rights and wages are in the hands of God, and God never fools us.

- c. **Hair = slipperiness, hypocrisy**.
The practices are covering sins by doing good things, covering sins by blaming the others, and covering sins by reversing the Word's verses (as Adam and Eve who hide in the back of the trees).

Let us become an honest life.

An honest life will be used by God and his prayer will be answered by God.

3. We must be anointed with the anointing oil of Holy Spirit.

Leviticus 21:12

21:12 nor shall he go out of the sanctuary, nor profane the sanctuary of his God; for the consecration of the anointing oil of his God is upon him: I am the LORD.

We must be inside the Holy Place, that is the shepherding pen, such that we are always anointed by the Holy Spirit.

We must **be well shepherded**, starting from the pastor, and then being followed by the congregation.

Inside the Tabernacle's Holy Place (which was built following the pattern of the Heaven), there are three devices, which denote **the perseverance in three main services**;

- Perseverance in General Service (drinking).
- Perseverance in Bible Study and Holy Communion (eating).
- Perseverance in Worship Service (breathing).

Outside the shepherding pen, we will be spiritually withered.

The usefulness of the anointing oil of Holy Spirit:

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.

Holy Spirit pours God's love in us, such that **we may become STRONG and of GOOD COURAGE**;

- **Not easily being disappointed and desperate** in facing everything.
- **Keep holding on one true teaching Word.**
- **Do not want to do sins** although there are opportunities, benefits, threats, etc.
- **Being obedient whatever the risk.** This is the shepherded life.

For a woman (wife, the bride), neck is for submission (OBEDIENCE).

An example of not good life:

Queen Vashti was commanded by her husband, King Ahasuerus, to come with the royal crown (it means that she will be shown as a good pattern), but she was being disobedient. Her neck was not used to submit, but to shake her head.

The consequence was the queen position was taken from Vashti and given to Esther.

Submission = worship, believing and fully surrendering to God.

We stretch out our hands to God and God will also stretch out His hands to us.

The results are as follows:

a. I Chronicles 19:13

19:13 Be of good courage, and let us be strong for our people and for the cities of our God. And may the LORD do what is good in His sight."

God makes everything good in our life.

The example is Peter was being strong and obedient when he was commanded by Jesus to launch the nets during the day, although the Word of God contradicted his logic. The result is God makes everything good.

b. I Thessalonians 3:13

3:13 so that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all His saints.

God is able to perfect us as His bride, and we are ready to welcome His second coming on the glorious clouds.

God blesses us