

General Service in Malang, February 06, 2011 (Sunday Morning)

Matthew 26 points to the golden pot that had the manna in Tabernacle's structure (the image pattern of Kingdom of Heaven).

At the top of Mount Sinai, Moses fasted for forty days and forty nights and got two things from God:

- Two tablets of stone.
- God's instruction about the building of Tabernacle [Exodus 25-40].

Hebrews 9:4

9:4 which had the golden censer and the ark of the covenant overlaid on all sides with gold, in which were the golden pot that had the manna, Aaron's rod that budded, and the tablets of the covenant;

Flesh man is a clay pot. In heaven, there is only golden pot. Therefore, the clay pot must be changed into golden pot.

The golden pot means as follows:

- **Renewal of life** from flesh man (clay) to become spiritual man as perfect as Jesus (gold).
- **Permanent/ perfect faith.**

This is the usefulness of doing the ministry, that is the clay pot will be changed into the golden pot.Â

As good as any human in the world (smart, rich, etc), they are only fragile clay pots. It means as follows:

- Easily being disappointed, discouraged, also easily being proud of something.
- Easily falling into sin, up to the peak of sins (eating-drinking sins: getting drunk, smoking, consuming drugs; and sexuality sins: wrong marriage).
- Life who will be perished forever.

But, God wants to attempt to make us the golden pot.Â

Such that the clay pot is not easily broken and fragile, it must be filled with FAITH (believing) IN JESUS up to the perfect/ permanent faith.

John 3:16

3:16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

Eternal life in the kingdom of Heaven = permanent/ perfect faith (the golden pot).

THE GROWTH OF FAITH in TABERNACLE SYSTEM:

1. Entering the Gate = faith (believing) in Jesus.

Outside Jesus, there is no Heaven, and human cannot enter the Heaven.

Where can we get the faith from?

Romans 10:17

10:17 So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Faith comes by hearing the word of God in the anointing oil of Holy Spirit (Christ) = the Word whose secret is revealed by the Holy Spirit, i.e. one verse is explained by another verse = God's own words = the true teaching Word.

Faith comes by hearing the true teaching Word = **the TRUE FAITH.**

The true faith saves people.

Because there is wrong faith, as the faith of Thomas, that is faith comes by seeing.

Faith comes by seeing do not have joy. It only believes God when there is help, but when there is no help from God, there is no more faith in God.

Satan tries to obstruct human to get the true faith, by disturbing during the preaching of the Word.

- The pastor no longer preaches the true teaching Word, but only jokes, knowledge, illustration that cannot be accounted for, which only raise the flesh's emotion and do not result in faith.

- The congregation is disturbed by not being serious during the preaching, being sleepy, such that the preaching do not result in faith.
Satan tries to obstruct when we are going to the church, and moreover during the preaching.
Being sleepy during the preaching is the disturbance of unclean spirit, because when the last verse is read, the sleepiness disappears. We have to fight against the sleepiness!

Psalm 118:19-21

118:19. Open to me the gates of righteousness; I will go through them, And I will praise the LORD.

118:20 This is the gate of the LORD, Through which the righteous shall enter.

118:21 I will praise You, For You have answered me, And have become my salvation.

If our praise is true (in the anointing of Holy Spirit), it will excite us on the preaching of the Word.
During the preaching and hearing to the Word = we queue to enter the Heaven's gate.

Let us yearn and cry for the revelation of the Word, such that we can understand and receive the Word, until practice it and becomes faith in our life.

If we can receive the revelation of the Word (**the Word becomes faith and practice**), we will get the opening doors in the world, up to the Heaven's gate.

Let us check from now, has the Heaven's gate been opened for us?

Genesis 28:16-17

28:16. Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place, and I did not know it."

28:17 And he was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven!"

The heaven's gate = the house of God, it is our place to minister and serve God.

The proof that the Heaven's gate has been opened for us: we always in the house of God = **we can become FAITHFUL and RESPONSIBLE in the ministry to God.**

Be careful! Often we like to spend much time in the world but do not like to minister and serve in the house of God.

If the Heaven's gate has been opened for us, God will also open the doors in the world.

2. The Table of Showbread = perseverance in Bible Study with Holy Communion Service.

Bread denotes the true teaching Word (there are two rows of showbread, six in a row = 66 books in the Bible).

A drink offering denotes the sacrifice of Christ.

God's longing is for filling our life with the true teaching Word and Holy Communion through the perseverance in the Bible Study with Holy Communion Service, such that we do not become broken clay pot, but become golden pot with perfect/permanent faith.

Matthew 26:1-2

26:1. Now it came to pass, when Jesus had finished all these sayings, that He said to His disciples,

26:2 "You know that after two days is the Passover, and the Son of Man will be delivered up to be crucified."

In the Bible Study with Holy Communion Service;

- Holy Communion = God becomes flesh.
- Bible Study = the Word of God is repeated until becomes flesh in our life.

The usefulness are as follows:

a. Philippians 3:1-2

3:1. Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord. For me to write the same things to you is not tedious, but for you it is safe.

3:2 Beware of dogs, beware of evil workers, beware of the mutilation!

The repeated Word (deeper and deeper) is to give us the assurance of faith = to firm our faith, such that we are not tossed by the false teachings = THE FIRM FAITH.

The Bible Study Service is important, such that our faith will not fall, but keep steadfast until God's second coming.

b. Malachi 3:2-3

3:2 " But who can endure the day of His coming? And who can stand when He appears? For He is like a refiner's fire And like launderers' soap.

3:3 He will sit as a refiner and a purifier of silver; He will purify the sons of Levi, And purge them as gold and silver, That they may offer to the LORD An offering in righteousness.

Bible Study service is to purify the spots (outside sins) and corrosion (inside sins), such that our ministry pleases God and lasts until Jesus' second coming, we are lifted up and together with Him forever.

The priests **MUST** persevere in the Bible Study service, until we are presented as choice gold and silver. Only perseverance is not enough, we must also be purified.

Proverbs 10:20

10:20. The tongue of the righteous is choice silver; The heart of the wicked is worth little.

Choice silver = right tongue/ words, not telling lies, not covering anything.

If one does not want to persevere in Bible Study service, or be purified, he will be filled with lies/trickeries, hide the sins, until kill the others.

Matthew 26:3-4

26:3 Then the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders of the people assembled at the palace of the high priest, who was called Caiaphas,

26:4 and plotted to take Jesus by trickery and kill Him.

Gold = God's love, being obedient.

If we are honest, there must be love/ obedience (not rebelling).

If we are not honest, there must be no love, there is only lies and hatred/ killing.

Haggai 2:6-8

2:6 "For thus says the LORD of hosts: 'Once more (it is a little while) I will shake heaven and earth, the sea and dry land;

2:7 and I will shake all nations, and they shall come to the Desire of All Nations, and I will fill this temple with glory,' says the LORD of hosts.

2:8 'The silver is Mine, and the gold is Mine,' says the LORD of hosts.

Gold and silver = life used by God on the revival of Holy Spirit in the last rain.

Silver and gold are God's own means as follows:

Although the world is shaken in crisis, God's servant as silver and gold will be **cared and protected directly by God**, remain in **peace**, until really **become God's own (God's bride) forever**.

3. The golden pot that had the manna = PERMANENT/ PERFECT FAITH.

Our faith can become perfect as gold through the test of faith.

I Peter 1:6-7

1:6. In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials,

1:7 that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ,

Do not doubt Jesus nor step back from perseverance when there are trials!

By various trials, God's aim is to grow our faith.

The example is Job.

Job 1:1-3

1:1. There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job; and that man was blameless and upright, and one who

feared God and shunned evil.

1:2 And seven sons and three daughters were born to him.

1:3 Also, his possessions were seven thousand sheep, three thousand camels, five hundred yoke of oxen, five hundred female donkeys, and a very large household, so that this man was the greatest of all the people of the East.

Job was a great people physically and spiritually.

Why did God put him in trials? Because Job did not have perfect faith, the proofs are as follows:

- Grumbling frequently.

Job 3:1

3:1. After this Job opened his mouth and cursed the day of his birth.

- Frequently being disappointed and discouraged, until asking for death; also easily being proud.

Job 3:11

3:11. "Why did I not die at birth? Why did I not perish when I came from the womb?"

Being disappointed and discouraged = feeling himself great or able to do everything, such that when something is not achieved, he easily gets disappointed and discouraged.

- Feeling himself right, such that blaming God and the others.

Job 32:1-2

32:1. So these three men ceased answering Job, because he was righteous in his own eyes.

32:2 Then the wrath of Elihu, the son of Barachel the Buzite, of the family of Ram, was aroused against Job; his wrath was aroused because he justified himself rather than God.

Therefore, God let Job experience trials until he completely lost everything such that Job can have the perfect faith (gold).

Job 23:10

23:10 But He knows the way that I take; When He has tested me, I shall come forth as gold.

The results of the test of faith are as follows:

James 5:10-11

5:10 My brethren, take the prophets, who spoke in the name of the Lord, as an example of suffering and patience.

5:11 Indeed we count them blessed who endure. You have heard of the perseverance of Job and seen the end intended by the Lord; that the Lord is very compassionate and merciful.

- **Perseverance.**

Whatever happens, we must keep persevering, especially in three kinds of main service (the shepherding).

- **Patience.**

- **Patience in sorrows.**

- Do not grumble, but keep giving thanks to the Lord!

- **Patience in waiting God's time.**

- Do not look for a way out by yourself!

- Way out outside the Word = deadlock and destruction.

- **Confidence.**

II Corinthians 5:6-7

5:6 So we are always confident, knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord.

5:7 For we walk by faith, not by sight.

Job 42:5-6

42:5 "I have heard of You by the hearing of the ear, But now my eye sees You.

42:6 Therefore I abhor myself, And repent in dust and ashes."

Being confident = whatever our condition is, whether in blessings or in ruins;

- **We confess that we are just clay which have no ability and are not worthy.**

- If we succeed, it is because of God's help. We are only clay which has no power, no grandeur.

- If we fail, it is proper for us since we are just clay.

- **We keep looking and worshiping God only, believing and entrusting ourselves fully to God.**

- We stretch out our hands to God and God also stretches out His merciful hands to us = we live in God's grace, and God will conduct miracles in our life.

God is able to make miracles doubly. Carnally, God is able to recover our downfall. Spiritually, God will renew us until we become as perfect as Him.

God blesses us.