

General Service in Malang, February 13, 2011 (Sunday Morning)

Matthew 26 in the Tabernacle refers to **golden pot that had the manna**.

The spiritual meaning of the golden pot that had the manna is **LIFE RENEWAL** from carnal man or mortar to spiritual man or gold, being perfect as Jesus is.

We have to experience the life renewal.

As great as a man in the world is only mortar vessel, which is fragile and easy to be destroyed, as follows:

- Easily being hopeless, disappointed, and proud of something.
- Easily falling into sins up to the peak, namely sins concerning eating-drinking such as smoking, being drunk, and consuming narcotics, as well as sins concerning marrying-giving in marriage, that is to say sexual sins with all its kinds and false marriage.
- Being perished forever as destroyed vessel.

There are two possibilities about the mortar vessel in Matthew 26:1-5 as follows:

1. **Matthew 26:3-5**

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.

26:5 But they said, "Not during the feast, lest there be an uproar among the people."

The first possibility or the negative one: the mortar vessel is filled with the seed of Satan, namely lie and hatred/murdering.

There are many great men such as chief priests, the elders of the Jews, referring to the priests, the elders, and the servants of God who are in this possibility.

The seed of lie and hatred will spread to become the seven seeds of Satan.

Matthew 15:19

15:19 "For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts(1), murders(2), adulteries(3), fornications(4), thefts(5), false witness(6), blasphemies(7)."

Blasphemies begin with blasphemy to other people, in the form of slandering, blaming the true and justifying the false, even blasphemy to God through blaspheming the true teaching Word.

Being filled with the seven seeds of Satan, the life becomes perfect in wickedness and uncleanness as Satan is, as well as the mortar vessel perishes forever.

2. **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."

The second possibility or the positive one: the mortar vessel is filled with godly seed as follows:

◦ **True teaching Word.**

= the Word which is revealed through a verse explaining another verse in Holy Bible.

= the Word which is sharper than any two-edged sword (**Hebrews 4:12-13**).

We indeed need the Gospel to call sinful people to believe in Jesus, to repent, and to be baptized of water and saved.

Nevertheless, there are seeds of Satan which remain, so they must be sanctified by the work of the sword of God's Word sharper than any two-edged sword or the true teaching Word.

◦ **Holy Communion/Christ's sacrifice (Passover).**

Where can we be filled with the true teaching Word and Holy Communion?

It is especially in **Bible Study Service (the Table of Showbread)**.

The bread refers to God's Word (there are two rows of bread, six in a row, referring to sixty six books in holy Bible), and the body of Christ.

The drink offering refers to Jesus' blood.

It is important to use our time to persevere in committing Bible Study Service and Holy Communion!

Grumbling "It takes time too long" in committing service means not using the time well.

We often like to use much time in sinning. It is the proof that Satan is actively filling the vessel with His seeds.

Bible Study Service and Holy Communion give us golden chance to be filled always with spiritual seed of teaching Word and Holy Communion, so there is no little chance to be filled with the seed of Satan.

Do not be careless, how busy we are now. Do not be hindered to commit Bible Study Service and Holy Communion!

All things will become useless if our mortar vessel is filled with the seed of Satan although we are great in the world, not mention if we are not great at all.

No matter how hard the Word is, it is still the stretched hand of God's mercy to us. Do not neglect it!

We are being filled with **the true teaching Word and Holy Communion** in Bible Study Service and Holy Communion, so **the Word becomes our blood and flesh that we can practice it in our daily life**.

The Word is not only to be heard but also to be practiced in our life.

The proof is as follows:

- We can reject all things which are contrary to the Word although they give us advantage or joy. All aspects of our life must be in line with the Word.
- We can expressly reject the thing which is contrary to the Word although there is a force to do the wrong thing.

The Word is the hand of God which is stretched to us, no matter how hard the Word is.

If the Word becomes our blood and flesh, we will be able to lift up our hand to Him, so **we live in the embrace of the merciful hand of God**.

The Lord understands our life, accompanies, and cares us, even He fights with us, facing all things in the world that want to destroy the vessel of our life.

Persevering in committing Bible Study Service and Holy Communion, we are lifting up our hand and giving ourselves fully into God's merciful hand.

Do not rely on your own strength!

Relying on ourselves, we become fragile vessel and destroyed.

The result will be real as follows:

Hebrews 4:12

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 discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

- **The true teaching Word is powerful to give us abundant strength so we can be strong and of good courage.**

Our heart determines our life. Being strong and of good courage, the life/vessel must be strong also.

The proof of being strong and of good courage is as follows:

1. Not doubting but holding fast the true teaching Word which has become our life experience.

Do not be fragile because of strange sound!

Hearing the strange sound, one becomes as fragile or destroyed vessel.

2. Not doubting, neither being hopeless nor murmuring nor grumbling in facing all problems. In addition, we

never go back in facing all things.

On the contrary, we always give thanks and worship God, believe and entrust ourselves fully to Him.

II Corinthians 4:7-9

4:7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us.

4:8 We are hard pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair;

4:9 persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed--

The strong vessel is going toward the golden pot.

For example, Daniel was facing false worship or false teaching and the lion den or temptations.

Lift up our hand to God whenever we cannot do anything!

Do not consult anywhere but hear the Word of God and lift up our hand to Him!

Let Him stretch his hand and lift us up.

If one cannot do anything but s/he seeks her/his own way out, such arrogant person will perish as destroyed vessel.

Daniel 6:10

6:10 Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went home. And in his upper room, with his windows open toward Jerusalem, he knelt down on his knees three times that day, and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as was his custom since early days.

Being strong and of good courage, the merciful hand of God accompanies and protects us from sins or death and temptations, even in the time of antichrist's reigning over the world, and He protects us from the hell.

There were many people despising Daniel when he was put in the den of lions, but he was saved because of being with God.

- **The true teaching Word is living = the merciful hand of God is able to preserve our life physically and spiritually in the middle of difficulties in the world.**

The Lord is able to preserve us with miracle although we have to live in the midst of hungry lions.

Physically, the Lord is able to preserve us until in the time of Antichrist's reigning over the world.

The world only can promise without any guarantee, even all education certificates and riches have no meaning in the time of Antichrist's reigning over the world.

Spiritually, He is able to preserve us so we can keep living in righteousness, holiness, and peace, as well as keeping the righteous and pure faith; we cannot be shaken until we have eternal life.

- **The true teaching Word is sharper than any two-edged sword = the merciful hand of God is washing or sanctifying us and renewing us.**

There is none who never sins but let us now be in the hand of God to be cleansed by Him.

The mortar vessel is being restored to become golden pot that has the manna by the work of the true teaching Word.

Colossians 3:5-7

3:5. Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication(1), uncleanness(2), passion(3), evil desire(4), and covetousness(5), which is idolatry(6).

3:6 Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience,

3:7 in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them.

The six outward sins must be put to death.

Colossians 3:8-9

3:8. But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger(1), wrath(2), malice(3), blasphemy(4), filthy language(5) out of your mouth.

3:9 Do not lie (6) to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds,

The six inward sins must be thrown away.

Colossians 3:12-14

3:12. Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies(1), kindness(2), humility(3), meekness(4), longsuffering(5);

3:13 bearing with one another, and forgiving one another(6), if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do.

3:14 But above all these things put on love(7), which is the bond of perfection.

The hand of God restores us **until we can throw away the six outward and inward sins, even we can be renewed to put on the seven characteristics of new men.**

The life renewal will become **the light of testimony** as the result of the work of the true teaching Word.

Daniel was strong and of good courage, and renewed to become living testimony until the King confessed it.

Daniel 6:26-27

6:26 I make a decree that in every dominion of my kingdom men must tremble and fear before the God of Daniel. For He is the living God, And steadfast forever; His kingdom is the one which shall not be destroyed, And His dominion shall endure to the end.

6:27 He delivers and rescues, And He works signs and wonders In heaven and on earth, Who has delivered Daniel from the power of the lions.

Spiritual miracle happens, namely life renewal, besides the physical one God performs for sure as follows:

1. Daniel 6:23

6:23 Then the king was exceedingly glad for him, and commanded that they should take Daniel up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no injury whatever was found on him, because he believed in his God.

The Lord helps; Daniel was taken up out of the den of lions, and no injury whatever was found on him, because he believed in his God.

2. Daniel 6:28

6:28 So this Daniel prospered in the reign of Darius and in the reign of Cyrus the Persian.

The Lord is also able to lift us up or to exalt us, from now in this world until on the glorious clouds that we welcome His second coming.

God blesses you.