

General Service in Malang, January 23, 2011 (Sunday Morning)

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:*

Verse 31-32: In Jesus' second coming, He will appear as King of kings and Great Shepherd to separate sheep from goats.

Separation will happen not only between God's children and people who do not know God, but it will also happen among God's children. The sharpest separation is the separation within marriage.

Be watchful! **2011** is the year of **separation**.

Let us all be shepherded well, that is:

- **Pay attention to the shepherding pen!**
- **Be obedient to the shepherding Word. Do not listen to the strange sound!**

Thus, we will not be separated; even we will enter **the year of revival** and **the year of miracle**.

The sheep are on the right hand of God, but the goats are on the left hand of God.

The bases of the separation are as follows:

1. Heavenly wisdom (**Ecclesiastes 10:2**).
2. Characteristics; the sheep have love character, but the goats have egoistic character.
3. Deeds (including words).

Ad. 3. A Separation based on deeds.

Matthew 25:46

25:46 *And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."*

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:*

The goats are cursed Christian people because they do cursed deeds (sins), such that entering the everlasting fire/ punishment.

Although they have been warned by the Word, they keep sinning.

The sheep are the righteous because they do right deeds, such that entering the eternal kingdom of Heaven.

The kingdom of Heaven is righteousness.

Who are the righteous?

Romans 3:23, 10-18

3:23 *for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,*

3:10 *As it is written: " There is none righteous, no, not one;*

3:11 *There is none who understands;Â There is none who seeks after God.*

3:12 *They have all turned aside; They have together become unprofitable;Â There is none who does good, no, not one."*

3:13 *" Their throat is an open tomb; With their tongues they have practiced deceit"; " The poison of asps is under their lips";*

3:14 *" Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness."*

3:15 *" Their feet are swift to shed blood;*

3:16 *Destruction and misery are in their ways;*

3:17 *And the way of peace they have not known."*

3:18 *" There is no fear of God before their eyes."*

The facts are everybody has sinned, none is righteous, starting from mind (end of the hair), deeds, words, way of life (the feet), even the deepest heart has no fear of God.

All human are just as the goats which will be perished.

Intelligence and riches in this world cannot solve sins. Any human, including churchman cannot solve sins.

The way out.

Romans3:24

3:24 being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,

Sinful people only can be redeemed by the sacrifice of Christ.

Jesus, the only one people who does not sin, is able to solve human's sins.

Thus, **the righteous = sinful people who have been redeemed by the blood of Christ and do right deeds (including right words).**

Leave the old sins and do not remember them!

The process is confessing sins to God and the others, and do not repeat it if we are forgiven.

In the blink of an eye, the blood of Christ is able to divert us from cursed people to the righteous.

THE DAILY PRACTICES OF THE RIGHTEOUS WITH RIGHT DEEDS.

1. Romans1:17

1:17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "The just shall live by faith."

The righteous live by faith.

Although we have money, diploma, good job; we live from faith.

It means as follows:

○ **Romans10:17**

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

Like/ enjoy hearing the Word and being obedient to the Word, whatever the risks.

Do not be against the Word!

○ **II Corinthians5:7-8**

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

5:8 We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord.

Having confident/ strong heart means as follows:

= Not being desperate or disappointed facing anything, but keeping fully putting hope on God, pouring the feelings only to God.

= Do not want to do sins, although there are benefit, force, threat, etc.

○ **II Corinthians5:9**

5:9 Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him.

Always trying to please God.

In every point of our life, starting from babes, children, youths (in school, work, marriage), until the old times, we must always please God.

We must keep our marriage to always please God!

Satan particularly tries to destroy the physical marriage such that God's children cannot enter the spiritual/ perfect marriage.

2. Malachi 4:1

4:1. "For behold, the day is coming, Burning like an oven, And all the proud, yes, all who do wickedly will be stubble. And the day which is coming shall burn them up," Says the LORD of hosts, "That will leave them neither root nor branch."

Being faithful in serving and ministering God.

Matthew25:21

25:21 His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.'

The result is entering the heavenly joy with God, starting from now in the world until we will really enter the Heaven.

On the other hand, cursed people do not want (not being faithful) to serve God = straw which will be collected and burnt in

the hell.

Be careful!

Many times in our daily life, we want to be fast and use our own way to get something, until leaving the ministry to God. This is equal to using Satan's way, that he tempted Jesus to get the instant glory without the way of the Cross (death and resurrection).

3. Proverbs13:5

13:5. A righteous man hates lying, But a wicked man is loathsome and comes to shame.

Hating lies = being honest.

Honesty is started from the matter of the true teaching Word.

If one cannot be honest to God, s/he will not be honest to the other.

The position of the righteous.

Psalm146:8

146:8 The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; The LORD raises those who are bowed down; The LORD loves the righteous.

We love God and God loves us = we stretch out our hands to God and we are inside the right hand of God (God's hands of love), and cannot be robbed by anyone.

The results are as follows:

1. Genesis7:1, 16

7:1. Then the LORD said to Noah, "Come into the ark, you and all your household, because I have seen that you are righteous before Me in this generation.

7:16 So those that entered, male and female of all flesh, went in as God had commanded him; and the LORD shut him in.

Noah, as the head of the household, decided the righteous life within the household, up to the children and children in laws.

The difference between the ark of Noah and the other ark is there was God's hands shut the door of Noah's ark.

Noah and his family entered the ark = Noah and the family lived within the right hand of God.

- **God's loving hands are able to care and bless** us and our family, up to the children and grand children, in the middle of the difficult world. We are blessed and become a blessing.

Psalm37:25-26

37:25 I have been young, and now am old; Yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken, Nor his descendants begging bread.

37:26 He is ever merciful, and lends; And his descendants are blessed.

- **God's loving hands protect us from the floodwaters.**

Floodwaters = sins up to the peak of sins, distress, temptation, antichrist, God's judgments.

2. Psalm118:15

118:15 The voice of rejoicing and salvation is in the tents of the righteous; The right hand of the LORD does valiantly.

The right hand of God gives salvation.

- Winning over the sins = we may live in righteousness and holiness.
- Winning over problems = every problem is solved by God, even the impossible one.
If God's help has not come yet, God is still busy helping us. If our spirituality has been helped by God, the problems WILL be solved.
- Winning over obstruction = we can become faithful in serving and ministering God.
Be watchful! If we are still frequently obstructed, our position has not been saved.
If we are in the right hand of God, we will not be obstructed.

3. Psalm118:16

118:16 The right hand of the LORD is exalted; The right hand of the LORD does valiantly.

The right hand of God has the power to lift us up.

- Starting from now in the world, God is able to give success even to the worst life.
- The right hand of God also purifies and perfects us until we may be lifted up on the glorious clouds, able to welcome

His second coming in glory.

Matthew 13:43

13:43 Then the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears to hear, let him hear!

God blesses us.