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Matthew 8:20

8:20 And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head."

The grievance of Jesus is there is no place to lay His head. This is also the longing of Jesus to dwell with men.

In the book of Genesis, since man does sin on the Garden of Eden, man was outcast to the world and separated from God. There is no more power to go back to Him.

Genesis 3:17-19

3:17 Then to Adam He said, "Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, 'You shall not eat of it': Cursed is the ground for your sake; in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life.

3:18 Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you, and you shall eat the herb of the field.

3:19 In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for dust you are, and to dust you shall return."

The consequences are as follows:

- Living in curse, toil, labor, and heavy burden.
- Being filled with thorns, that is physical and spiritual sufferings.
- Dust returns to dust, that is keeping being human flesh that will be perished forever.

After being thrown away to the world, men do sins up to the peak of sins, that is eating-drinking sins and marrying and being given in marriage sins. It results in foxes and birds stay with men and there is no more place for God to lay His Head.

If sinful men are let, they will be destroyed and perished forever to the hell. Therefore, God longs to return to dwell with men.

Exodus 25:8

25:8 And let them make Me a sanctuary, that I may dwell among them.

God's way to dwell with men is He orders Moses to build Tabernacle so He may dwell among us.

Now it means that we must enter the building of perfect body of Christ.

Ephesians 2:21-22

2:21 in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord,

2:22 in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

The requirement for us to become a dwelling place of God is we must fulfill the measurement of God, that is the area of Tabernacle.

Exodus 27:18

27:18 The length of the court shall be one hundred cubits, the width fifty throughout, and the height five cubits, made of fine woven linen, and its sockets of bronze.

The length of Tabernacle is one hundred cubits, the width is fifty cubits, thus the area is five thousands cubits square.

In the past, Tabernacle was built in the desert. From the whole desert, it was used only five thousands cubits square to build the Tabernacle.

Spiritually, it means that from many people in this world called by God, it is only few who are chosen to become a dwelling place of God. The chosen life is one who fulfills the measure of God.

The signs of fulfilling the measure of God are as follows:

1. The measure of 100 = 10x10.
The first 10 is hearing the Word.
The second 10 is being obedient to the Word.

Thus, number 100 is life who hears and obeys the true teaching Word whatever the risks must be faced.

Be careful since there is wrong measure. It is caused by wrong attitude to the Word.

John 12:47-48

12:47 And if anyone hears My words and does not believe, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world but to save the world.

12:48 He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges himâ€”"the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day.

If we hear the Word (10) but we do not practice the Word (0), we will get the number 10x0=0, not the number 100.

But there is also attitude rejecting the Word and grumbling (negative attitude). It will result in negative number. When we do not obey the Word, our life is still going down.

The example is Jonah who becomes disobedient so he sinks, the younger son who becomes disobedient arrives at swine field, and Saul becomes disobedient so he loses the anointing and being possessed by evil spirit.

Another example is Peter the apostle. He is as a star, but when he becomes disobedient, he fails totally and is naked.

John 21:3,7

21:3 Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We are going with you also." They went out and immediately got into the boat, and that night they caught nothing.

21:7 Therefore that disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" Now when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment (for he had removed it), and plunged into the sea.

But when we obey the Word, little by little God lifts us up.

When we fail and are naked, God is still struggling to dwell in our life.

John 21:4-6

21:4 But when the morning had now come, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus.

21:5 Then Jesus said to them, "Children, have you any food?" They answered Him, "No."

21:6 And He said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast, and now they were not able to draw it in because of the multitude of fish.

Jesus appears as Good Shepherd. He comes with the shepherding Word which contains two things as follows:

- Warning to show our sins and weaknesses [John 21:5].
The right attitude when the Word warns our sins is answering honestly and confessing our sins. Confessing our sins is the shortest way to be helped by God. But when we preserve sins, it means we make God difficult to help us.
- Advice [John 21:6].
Advice from the Word is a way out of every problem.
Our attitude to the Word is being obedient although the Word is outside our human logic (the disciples are asked to cast the net in the morning), being obedient whatever the risk.

The results are as follows:

- Experiencing the creation power of God miraculously [John 21:6], to create the things that do not exist before, physically and spiritually. Spiritual creation power is sanctification and renewal power.
- Death cannot possess us forever.

John 8:51

8:51 Most assuredly, I say to you, if anyone keeps My word he shall never see death.

It means that we experience lifting power from abyss of blackness and failures to the glorious clouds. We only wait for God's time.

- Being obedient means being on the Lord's side, and He will be on our side and nothing can separate us from God.

Exodus 32:26-28

32:26 then Moses stood in the entrance of the camp, and said, "Whoever is on the Lord's sideâ€”come to

me!â[?] And all the sons of Levi gathered themselves together to him.

32:27 And he said to them, â[?] Thus says the Lord God of Israel: â[?] Let every man put his sword on his side, and go in and out from entrance to entrance throughout the camp, and let every man kill his brother, every man his companion, and every man his neighbor.â[?]â[?]

32:28 So the sons of Levi did according to the word of Moses. And about three thousand men of the people fell that day.

Romans 8:31,35-39

8:31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

8:35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

8:36 As it is written: â[?] For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.â[?]

8:37 Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.

8:38 For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come,

8:39 nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

2. The measure of 50.

Number 50 denotes the number of Pentecost. It shows life which is anointed by Holy Spirit.

The practices of living in the anointing of Holy Spirit are as follows:

- The fear of the Lord becomes the breath of life.

Isaiah 11:2-3

11:2 The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him, The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, The Spirit of counsel and might, The Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord.

11:3 His delight is in the fear of the Lord, And He shall not judge by the sight of His eyes, Nor decide by the hearing of His ears;

Proverbs 8:13

8:13 The fear of the Lord is to hate evil; Pride and arrogance and the evil way And the perverse mouth I hate.

The fear of the Lord is to hate sins up to hate lies.

- Being faithful and righteous in ministry and worship to God.

Isaiah 11:5

11:5 Righteousness shall be the belt of His loins, And faithfulness the belt of His waist.

If we satisfy God, He will satisfy us.

- Being righteous and honest.

Isaiah 11:4

11:4 But with righteousness He shall judge the poor, And decide with equity for the meek of the earth; He shall strike the earth with the rod of His mouth, And with the breath of His lips He shall slay the wicked.

Being righteous and honest is started from the teaching Word matter.

Titus 2:7

2:7 in all things showing yourself to be a pattern of good works; in doctrine showing integrity, reverence, incorruptibility,

It is continued by being honest in marriage matter that we do not hide something and in financial matter.

Hebrews 13:4-5

13:4 Marriage is honorable among all, and the bed undefiled; but fornicators and adulterers God will judge.

13:5 Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, â[?] I will never leave you nor forsake you.â[?]

If we can be honest in the matter of teaching Word, marriage, and finance, there is hope to be honest in every matter.

The result is our life will be cared, protected, understood, and accompanied by God [Hebrews 13:5]. It means all problems are solved and helped by God. Until we may enter the New Jerusalem with God forever.

God blesses us.