

General Service in Malang, July 18, 2010 (Sunday Morning)

Matthew 25:8-13

25:8 *"And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.'"*

25:9 *"But the wise answered, saying, 'No, lest there should not be enough for us and you; but go rather to those who sell, and buy for yourselves.'"*

25:10 *"And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding; and the door was shut."*

25:11 *"Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, Lord, open to us!'"*

25:12 *"But he answered and said, 'Assuredly, I say to you, I do not know you.'"*

25:13 *"Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming."*

There is a separation between wise virgins and foolish ones at the time of Jesus' second coming as King of kings and Heavenly Bridegroom.

The wise virgins are the description of the Church of God who watches to be ready so the lamp burns continually to be able to enter into the marriage supper of the Lamb, to be inside the door of heavenly kingdom.

On the contrary, the foolish virgins do not watch so they cannot enter the marriage supper of the Lamb but being outside the door of heavenly kingdom.

The wise virgins and the foolish ones are only separated by the door of heavenly kingdom.

The separation is forever, meaning they will never meet again.

Now, the door of heavenly kingdom refers to **the door of our heart**.

The separation between the wise Church and the foolish one has been prophesied in the book Exodus, i.e. the separation between the houses of Israelites and the houses of Egyptians when the Israelites were going out of Egypt.

Likewise, the Church of God will go out of the world someday and the separation between the wise virgins and the foolish ones will happen also.

Exodus 12:21-22

12:21. *Then Moses called for all the elders of Israel and said to them, "Pick out and take lambs for yourselves according to your families, and kill the Passover lamb."*

12:22 *"And you shall take a bunch of hyssop, dip it in the blood that is in the basin, and strike the lintel and the two doorposts with the blood that is in the basin. And none of you shall go out of the door of his house until morning."*

The lintel and the two doorposts of the Israelites' houses were struck by the blood of the Passover lamb. The under part was not struck, meaning the blood of the Passover lamb must not be trampled under feet.

The doors of the Israelites' houses mean the door of the heart of the wise virgin.

In short, our body, soul, and spirit must be struck with the blood of Jesus.

The doors of Egyptians' houses mean the door of the heart of the foolish virgin in which there is not the sign of blood.

Watching to make our lamp burn continually is equal to watching to make the door of our heart be struck by the blood of Jesus.

Here are the practices:

1. Being delivered from sins binding the body, soul, and spirit.

1 Corinthians 5:7-8,11

5:7. *Therefore purge out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, since you truly are unleavened. For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us.*

5:8 *Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.*

5:11 *But now I have written to you not to keep company with anyone named a brother, who is (1)sexually immoral, or (2)covetous, or an (3)idolater, or a (4)reviler, or a (5)drunkard, or an (6)extortionerâ€"not even to eat with such a person.*

There are six sins binding the body, soul, and spirit of human being, including the sons of God as follows:

- a. The sins binding the body below:

- Sexually immoral: sins of marrying-giving in marriage, sexual sins
- Drunkard: sins concerning eating-drinking, including smoking.

b. The sins binding the soul below:

- covetous: disability to give
- reviler: saying right for what is wrong or saying wrong for what is right.
- extortioner: cheating other people or oneself through sinning without confessing the sins even blaming other people.

c. The sin binding the spirit as follows:

- idolater: idol is all matters hindering us to love God, to obey Him.
Let us now worship God and prioritize him more than all things.

Being delivered from the sins binding the body, soul, and spirit, we can live in purity and righteousness. It is only the grace of the Lord.

The foolish virgins have no sign of blood. It is equal to trampling the blood under feet or keeping the sins which bind the body, soul, and spirit.

2. Committing service and ministry to the Lord.

Hebrews 9:14

9:14 how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to servethe living God?

It is also because of the grace of the Lord.

Actually Gentiles cannot commit the service and ministry to the Lord because only Israelites may do it but the Lord has fought for us through His death on the cross.

Revelation 22:3

22:3 And there shall be no more curse, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His servants shall serve Him.

Committing service and ministry to the Lord is the only one activity in the world that may bring us to enter into the throne of heavenly kingdom.

All activities in the world without the service and ministry to the Lord are vain and only reach the tomb.

The foolish virgins trample the blood of Jesus, meaning they are unfaithful even forsake the service and ministry to the Lord deliberately. It is called an eternal death.

Hebrews 10:25-26

10:25 not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

10:26 For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins,

The highest advice is the advice bringing the sons of God to serve and minister God.

3. Being willing to suffer in the flesh together with Jesus.

1 Peter 2:19

2:19 For this is commendable, if because of conscience toward God one endures grief, suffering wrongfully.

It means a willingness to experience the sprinkling of blood together with Jesus which is also the grace of God.

We are actually not counted worthy to suffer with Jesus. We have to give thanks and rejoice if now we can suffer together with Him.

Acts 5:40-41

5:40 And they agreed with him, and when they had called for the apostles and beaten them, they commanded that they should not speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go.

5:41 So they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for His

name.

Why does the Lord let us experience the sprinkling of blood together with Him?

It is to make us experience the glory of God together with Him.

The real glory of God is the renewal of our life, from carnal men to spiritual ones, glorious men as The Lord is. Do not let Satan cheat you! He would have changed if he had had body as we have.

The renewal of life begins from not lying.

If we have the blood sign in our heart, our mouth will produce good words.

Ephesians 4:22-25

4:22 that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts,

4:23 and be renewed in the spirit of your mind,

4:24 and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.

4:25 Therefore, putting away lying, "Let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor," for we are members of one another.

Not lying means we say righteously and uprightly confess our sins.

Afterward, we are renewed continually until we become as glorious as Jesus is.

There will be the separation between the wise virgins and the foolish ones.

The foolish virgins are as the houses of Egyptians in which there were no blood sign. They trample the blood.

Consequently, there was the death of first son, meaning living in tears, heavy burden, weariness, destruction, failure and there is a great cry in the great feast of slaughter.

Exodus 11:6

11:6 'Then there shall be a great cry throughout all the land of Egypt, such as was not like it before, nor shall be like it again.

Revelation 19:17,21

19:17 Then I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the birds that fly in the midst of heaven, "Come and gather together for the supper of the great God,

19:21 And the rest were killed with the sword which proceeded from the mouth of Him who sat on the horse. And all the birds were filled with their flesh.

On the contrary, the wise virgins have the blood sign or the grace of the Lord and here are the results:

1. The grace of God is able to provide all our needs from now until we have beautiful future life.

Romans 8:32

8:32 He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?

2. The grace of God defeats the death, meaning we have peace and joy and all matters become easy and light.
3. The grace of God perfects our life.

Hebrews 10:14

10:14 For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified.

James 3:2

3:2 For we all stumble in many things. If anyone does not stumble in word, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle the whole body.

It begins with there is no wrong words.

We have to use our mouth to confess our sins and to worship God so we do not wrong in using our mouth.

Revelation 19:6-7

19:6 And I heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude, as the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty thunders, saying, "Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns!

19:7 "Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready."

It continues until we can worship God when Jesus comes a second time and we enter into the marriage supper of the Lamb,

into the door of kingdom of peace a thousand year, and into the door of heavenly kingdom.

God blesses you.