

General Service in Malang, May 27, 2012 (Sunday Morning)

Matthew 27 refers to **seven sprinklings of blood upon the Ark of Covenant**.

Now it means the suffering experienced by Jesus up to His death on the cross to save, purify, bless, and perfect us.

There are seven passages in Matthew 27 that refer to seven sprinklings of blood.

We learn the first sprinkling of blood, namely Jesus handed over to Pontius Pilate and Judas' death [Matthew 27:1-10].

Matthew 27:1-5

27:1. When morning came, all the chief priests and elders of the people plotted against Jesus to put Him to death.

27:2 And when they had bound Him, they led Him away and delivered Him to Pontius Pilate the governor.

27:3 Then Judas, His betrayer, seeing that He had been condemned, was remorseful and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders,

27:4 saying, "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood." And they said, "What is that to us? You see to it!"

27:5 Then he threw down the pieces of silver in the temple and departed, and went and hanged himself.

Jesus experiences suffering since Judas Iscariot, His own disciple, whom He takes care of spiritually, betrays him. Jesus is sold and delivered to the chief priests and elders, and then to Pontius Pilate to be judged and put to death.

At the end Judas Iscariot is remorseful. It means that life who betrays Jesus or the true teaching Word just because of carnal matter will be remorseful sometime. He will feel that everything he gets in this world means nothing without Jesus. It means late regret, regret which has no meaning anymore.

The example in Old Testament is Esau.

Hebrews 12:16

12:16 lest there be any fornicator or profane person like Esau, who for one morsel of food sold his birthright.

Esau betrays God since he is a profane person. He sells his birthright for one morsel of food. Now it means sacrificing spiritual matters, those are the true teaching Word and ministry, to get physical ones.

Birthright is the marriage right, that is the right to enter the marriage supper of the Lamb of God and inherit the Heaven.

Loosing the birthright means being left on Jesus' second coming, and cannot enter the marriage supper of the Lamb of God and the eternal kingdom of Heaven.

Hebrews 12:17

12:17 For you know that afterward, when he wanted to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no place for repentance, though he sought it diligently with tears.

It was late when Esau regretted it and sought it diligently with tears.

The example in New Testament is Judas Iscariot.

Matthew 27:5

27:5 Then he threw down the pieces of silver in the temple and departed, and went and hanged himself.

Judas Iscariot betrays Jesus, that is betraying the true teaching Word and ministry, just for thirty pieces of silver. At the end Judas is remorseful. He throws down the pieces of silver, goes, and hangs himself.

Acts 1:18

1:18 Now this man purchased a field with the wages of iniquity; and falling headlong, he burst open in the middle and all his entrails gushed out.

Judas is falling headlong. It means he embosoms the earth. He loves the world so he cannot love God.

1 John 2:15-17

2:15 Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

2:16 For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world.

2:17 *And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.*

The daily practices of loving the world are as follows:

1. The lust of the eyes that leads to eating-drinking sins (smoking, getting drunk, consuming drugs).
2. The lust of the flesh that leads to marrying and being given in marriage sins (sexuality sin with all its variety, free sex, wrong marriage).
3. The pride of life that leads one to be disobedient to the true teaching Word. If we are disobedient to the Word, we will not obey spiritual parents (pastor) and further physical parents.

Judas Iscariot falls into the lust of the eyes, the lust of the flesh, and the pride of life which are hidden or covered all the way so he is still looked good and right (Judas kisses Jesus while another disciples run away). It is as Judas sacrifices for God. But sometime, Judas is falling headlong and he bursts open in the middle and all his entrails gush out. It means that all hidden sins and decay will be opened, and there are no more chances to restore him, but only perdition forever.

In the last days, many lives as Judas Iscariot will deceive God's servants or God's children who have flesh view. They look right but actually they are wolves.

It is better that we do not hide anything now, but experience the work of the sword of the Word which pierces our heart, purifies our deeds and words. We can realize, regret, realize, and leave the sins. Until on Jesus' second coming, we will be already as perfect as Him. We will be lifted up to the glorious clouds, and we will be together with God forever.

Acts 22:25

22:25 And as they bound him with thongs, Paul said to the centurion who stood by, "Is it lawful for you to scourge a man who is a Roman, and uncondemned?"

The right attitude is being recumbent. It means that we have to put backward the world and come before God only.

The daily practices of being recumbent:

1. Experiencing death and resurrection together with Jesus. It is started from water baptism.

Colossians 2:20

2:20 Therefore, if you died with Christ from the basic principles of the world, why, as though living in the world, do you subject yourselves to regulations—

Romans 6:4

6:4 Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

The true water baptism is we are buried together with Jesus in water, so we have death experience to rise in newness of life, that is life in righteousness.

Thus, being recumbent means as follows:

- Daring to live in righteousness although it is in conflict with the world.
- Daring dare to oppose the wrong things.

The requirement of water baptism is death from sins.

The execution of true water baptism is being buried in water.

2. Being obedient to the will of God and the true teaching Word whatever the risks must be faced.

1 John 2:17

2:17 And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

This world is still going back to the days of Noah, when God's servants and God's children lived in sins up to the peak of sins. There are only eight persons saved. We must be careful.

3. Persevering in three main services in the shepherding, up to persevering in worshiping God.

The disciples persevere in prayer in the attic of Jerusalem until the Holy Spirit is poured. It is the way out from God.

Acts 2:1-4

2:1 When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.
2:2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting.
2:3 Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them.
2:4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Holy Spirit does miracles in our life.

The usefulness of Holy Spirit is as follows:

- Holy Spirit is as living water who makes life. Holy Spirit also provides the things that do not exist before.

Ezekiel 47:8-9

47:8 Then he said to me: "This water flows toward the eastern region, goes down into the valley, and enters the sea. When it reaches the sea, its waters are healed.

47:9 And it shall be that every living thing that moves, wherever the rivers go, will live. There will be a very great multitude of fish, because these waters go there; for they will be healed, and everything will live wherever the river goes.

Holy Spirit cares our life in the middle of difficulties and impossibilities in this world.

Holy Spirit gives us the Heavenly satisfaction, so we will not fall into this world satisfaction and sins.

Holy Spirit also enables us to live in righteousness and purity, so we can experience God's love.

- Holy Spirit flattens the mounts of temptation. All problems even the impossible ones will be solved.

Zechariah 4:6-7

4:6 So he answered and said to me: "This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel: 'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,' Says the Lord of hosts.

4:7 'Who are you, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel you shall become a plain! And he shall bring forth the capstone With shouts of "Grace, grace to it!"'"

- Holy Spirit renews our life from flesh men to become spiritual men as Jesus.

Titus 3:5

3:5 not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit,

Renewal of life is the greatest miracle which cannot be falsified by anything else. The sign of having Holy Spirit is bearing witness. Thomas has denied God, but after being fulfilled by Holy Spirit, he is willing to die for Him. Peter has denied God, but after being fulfilled by Holy Spirit, he is willing to die for Him. Mary Magdalene is also unclean, but after being fulfilled by Holy Spirit, she may become God's witness.

Until we will be lifted up to the glorious clouds and enter the eternal kingdom of Heaven.

God blesses us.