

General Service in Malang, November 06, 2011 (Sunday Morning)

Matthew 26:30-35 is about **WARNING TO PETER**.

Although Judas Iscariot and Peter were great apostles, they needed to be reminded by God since they still had many weaknesses. At last, Judas was perished.

Therefore, all of us need to be reminded by God.

Matthew 26:30-31

26:30 And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

26:31 Then Jesus said to them, "All of you will be made to stumble because of Me this night, for it is written: 'I will strike the Shepherd, And the sheep of the flock will be scattered.'

Mount of Olives denotes the place where there are many olive fruits and trees.

Pressed olive fruits will result olive oil. It denotes Jesus who suffered until died on the cross to pour the anointing of Holy Spirit.

Jesus suffered until died on the cross for two things as follows:

- To pour the anointing of Holy Spirit = the sign of salvation.
- To become Good Shepherd, who gives His life for the sheep.

Thus, the anointing oil of Holy Spirit is as two hands of Good Shepherd which lead us to enter shepherding pen.

According to Tabernacle, shepherding pen equals to the Holy Place with three equipments as follows:

- Golden Candlestick = perseverance in General Service = fellowship with God the Holy Spirit in His anointing/ gifts.
- Table of Showbread = perseverance in Bible Study Service with Holy Communion = fellowship with the Son of God in the Word and Holy Communion.
- Golden Altar of Incense = perseverance in Prayer Service = fellowship with God the Father in His love.

Shepherding pen = perseverance in three main services = Israelites who lived in the land of Goshen, that is the best of the land, which is confessed by Pharaoh (satan) himself.

Genesis 47:6

47:6 The land of Egypt is before you. Have your father and brothers dwell in the best of the land; let them dwell in the land of Goshen. And if you know any competent men among them, then make them chief herdsmen over my livestock."

In shepherding pen, we get protection and care from Good Shepherd. Everything is organized and becomes tidy and beautiful.

Do not feel strong! Do not leave shepherding pen!

The fatter a sheep (richness, smartness, good position, etc.), the more difficult it runs and wolf/ satan will pounce it.

Matthew 26:31

26:31 Then Jesus said to them, "All of you will be made to stumble because of Me this night, for it is written: 'I will strike the Shepherd, And the sheep of the flock will be scattered.'

But, the fact is the Shepherd will be stricken and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.

It means as follows:

- In the past, Jesus was killed and the disciples were scattered.
- Now, **there will be shocks which hit shepherding system.**
Spiritually, the shocks arise from sins, false teaching, gossips which cannot be accounted for.
Physically, the shocks arise from financial problems, marriage problems.

The consequence is the sheep of the flock is scattered, and it means there is separation.

Be watchful! 2011 is the year of separation.

Therefore, in this remaining time we have to make every effort, since satan will also try more to separate us.

Zechariah 13:7-8

13:7. "Awake, O sword, against My Shepherd, Against the Man who is My Companion," Says the LORD of hosts. "Strike the

Shepherd, And the sheep will be scattered; Then I will turn My hand against the little ones.

13:8 And it shall come to pass in all the land," Says the LORD, " Thattwo-thirds in it shall be cut off anddie, But one-third shall be left in it:

If the shepherding is shocked, many will die, that is two-thirds.

Through shock, the sheep will be separated to two groups as follows:

- **Two-thirds**will dry spiritually, die spiritually, until being perished forever.
- **One-third**will keep alive, and be really shepherded, but they still have to face fire.

Zechariah 13:9

13:9 I will bring the one-third through the fire, Will refine them as silver is refined, And test them as gold is tested. They will call on My name, And I will answer them. I will say, 'This isMy people'; And each one will say, 'The LORD ismy God.'"

The one-third who keeps alive will be brought through the fire, not to be destroyed, but to be presented as pure silver and gold.

There are two types of fire as follows:

1. **SANCTIFICATION FIRE**by the true teaching Word, Holy Spirit, and God's love, that is through perseverance in three main services.

The examples are as follows:

- Moses learned for 40 years in Egypt (he became smart), he was rich and had power as the son of king. But, because he depended on his competences, he failed when he served two people, and he even became a murderer.

Moses must enter shepherding first and met the fire of God.

Exodus 3:1-2, 5

3:1. Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian. And he led the flock to the back of the desert, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God.

3:2 And the Angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire from the midst of a bush. So he looked, and behold, the bush was burning with fire, but the bush wasnot consumed.

3:5 Then He said, "Do not draw near this place. Take your sandals off your feet, for the place where you stand isholy ground."

Moses saw a flame of fire from the midst of a bush but the bush was not consumed.

The bush denotes flesh man.

Fire denotes the fire of God, that is **the fire of the Word**.

The result isMoses experienced sanctification until he was able to take his sandals off his feet. It equals to a great life returns to become as newborn baby.

It means that we have to **throw aside all sins, also all our prides/ habits, until we confess that we have no power and only depend on God.**

After being purified, Moses could be used by God to bring Israelites to go out from Egypt.

Moses withstood in sanctification fire within shepherding pen, such that his wife and children were also won.

- **Isaiah 6:5-8**

6:5. So I said: " Woe isme, for I am undone! Because I ama man of unclean lips, And I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; For my eyes have seen the King, The LORD of hosts."

6:6 Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a live coal whichhe had taken with the tongs from the altar.

6:7 And he touched my mouth with it,and said: " Behold, this has touched your lips; Your iniquity is taken away, And your sin purged."

6:8 Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying: " Whom shall I send, And who will go for Us?" ??Then I said, "Here am!! Send me."

Isaiah was a man of unclean lips.

Isaiah had to be purified by the fire of God from the altar (the Altar of Burnt Offerings equals to the sacrifice of Christ), that is **the fire of God's love**.Afterwards, Isaiah could be used/ sent by God.

The result is **right and good words**.

(If it is right, it will be good in front of God, and it will be useful. On the contrary, if it is good, it may be not right).

○ **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.

The disciples/ the church of first rain were purified by **the fire of Holy Spirit**.

The process is as follows:

a. **Matthew 3:8, 11**

3:8 Therefore bear fruits worthy of repentance,

3:11 I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

Believing Jesus and repenting. It equals to dying from sins, stopping sinning, and going back to God.

b. **Romans 6:2, 4**

6:2 Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it?

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 baptism is a life who has died from sins is buried with Jesus in the water, to raise in new life.

The result is **new life, life in righteousness**.

c. After living in righteousness, we can receive Holy Spirit baptism.

One of the signs of being fulfilled by Holy Spirit is speaking with tongues, as the Spirit gives us to utterance.

It is not being taught by anyone.

The result is **we are purified from bad characters**.

- Peter was a coward, he was afraid of something or someone until he did not fear of God, even he denied Jesus, he rebelled the Word.

After being fulfilled with Holy Spirit, Peter was brave to preach in front of three thousands people, no matter he would be arrested, etc.

- Thomas was an unbelieving.

After being fulfilled with Holy Spirit, Thomas believed Jesus until he was pierced with a spear.

Acts 1:8

1:8 But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

The disciples were used by God to bear witness about the Gospel of Salvation (the Gospel Word) from Israel, west countries, to the end of world (Papua).

2. **PURIFICATION FIRE**= the fiery trial, sprinkling of blood, flesh suffering without any sins.

I Peter 4:12-14

4:12. Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you;

4:13 but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy.

4:14 If you are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. On their part He is blasphemed, but on your part He is glorified.

The examples are suffering in ministering God, suffering to keep living in righteousness, etc.

The aim is such that **the Spirit of glory rests upon us**.

The Spirit of glory is able to glorify or renew us, such that we are presented as silver and gold.

- Choice silver = **the tongue of righteous, good and right words, words for edification**.

Proverbs 10:20

10:20. The tongue of the righteous is choice silver; The heart of the wicked is worth little.

Let "yes" be "yes", and "no" be "no". Else, it will be words which weaken the others' faith. It will be gossips or slanders whose truths are not always right.

Be careful with our words!

Once we say wrong words, it will be difficult to be revoked.

- Gold = **pure faith = being strong and of good courage**, that is holding fast on one true teaching Word, and rejecting another teaching.

Gold = **being obedient** whatever the risk.

Proverbs 25:12

25:12 Like an earring of gold and an ornament of fine gold is a wise rebuker to an obedient ear.

Thus, the church of God in the last days MUST experience sanctification fire of the Word, Holy Spirit, and God's love in the shepherding; and purification fire through suffering without any sins, such that we can be presented as silver and gold.

II Timothy 2:20-21

2:20 But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay, some for honor and some for dishonor.

2:21 Therefore if anyone cleanses himself from the latter, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified and useful for the Master, prepared for every good work.

From the left one-third, they still have to be separated again by the fire into two parts as follows:

- **Silver and gold** = God's children, God's servants who are used by God in the revival of building perfect body of Christ, to testify about the gospel of the glory of Christ (the true teaching Word).
- Wood and clay = human who still preserves the flesh (wood) and always sees physical matters (earth matters/ clay).
The example of flesh/ wood character is not being firm, saying "no, but ...", or "yes, but"
This kind of life will be left on the days of antichrist and have to face another fire.

Zechariah 13:9

13:9 I will bring the one-third through the fire, Will refine them as silver is refined, And test them as gold is tested. They will call on My name, And I will answer them. I will say, 'This is My people'; And each one will say, 'The LORD is my God.'

Silver and gold = life who serves God in holiness, purification, righteousness, faithfulness, peace, and love.

This kind of life will be **able to call Jesus' name**.

The results are as follows:

1. The name of Jesus gives victory over satan the trinity.

Philippians 2:9-10

2:9 Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name,

2:10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth,

In the name of Jesus there is victory power which is able to make our life successful and win over all sins and problems.

2. The name of Jesus makes everything beautiful in His time.

Psalms 135:3

135:3 Praise the LORD, for the LORD is good; Sing praises to His name, for it is pleasant.

3. The name of Jesus equals to the power of Holy Spirit which is able to make miracles.

Kidung Agung 1:3

1:3 Because of the fragrance of your good ointments, Your name is ointment poured forth; Therefore the virgins love you.

Especially spiritual miracle, that is Holy Spirit works continually to renew our life, until we become perfect Heavenly Bride and ready to welcome Jesus' second coming.

God blesses us.