

General Service in Malang, November 14, 2010 (Sunday Morning)

Matthew 25:31-32

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.*

On Jesus' second coming, He appears in two appearances as follows:

1. As King of kings who dwells on the throne of His glory. We must appear as kings, life who always overcomes the sins, the flesh, and the world, such that we may sit on the throne of His glory.
2. As the Great Shepherd. We must appear as the shepherded sheep. We must be shepherded on the right shepherding as a branch attaining to the true Vine.

The right shepherding has the signs as follows:

- There is the right teaching Word (the food).
- The pastor (the shepherd) and the congregation (the sheep) must be inside the shepherding pen. Inside the Holy Place, there are three kinds of equipment. On the apostles' era, these referred to three kinds of perseverance. Now, these refer to the perseverance in three kinds of main services. This is the shepherding pen.

Acts 2:41-42

2:41 *Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them.*

2:42 *And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.*

- Golden Candlestick (in the era of Moses) -->perseverance in fellowship (the revival of Holy Spirit in the initial rain) ->perseverance in General Services (the revival of Holy Spirit in the last rain).
 - Table of Showbread -->perseverance in the apostles' doctrine and in the breaking of bread -->perseverance in Bible Study Services and Holy Communion.
 - Golden Altar of Incense -->perseverance in prayers -->perseverance in Prayer Service.
- The pastor (the shepherd) feeds the sheep and cares the sheep.
 - The sheep must be able to eat the shepherding Word.
- When the others are able to receive the teaching word, and only one who is not able to receive it, he must correct himself.

Why must we be shepherded?

Because our positions are as sheep in the midst of wolves, we have no power.

Matthew 10:16

10:16. *"Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves. Therefore be wise as serpents and harmless as doves.*

The only thing needed by sheep when it has no power is the shepherd.

To be able to be shepherded and decide the right shepherding, we need a **true heart**.

A true heart as a dove's can be received through the water baptism.

Matthew 3:16

3:16 *When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him.*

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 right water baptism is we are baptized as Jesus was baptized, that is being buried in the water with Jesus to be raised in newness of life. The new life is having a heart as a dove's that is a true and obedient heart.

If we are sincere and obedient, we will become wise as serpents, meaning that we will not be able to be tempted, will not be able to be deceived by the Satan.

Acts 2:42-43

2:42. And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.

2:43 Then fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles.

If we are being shepherded in the right shepherding, we will receive miracles, especially the spiritual miracle, that is renewal of life from flesh men to spiritual men as Jesus. If the spiritual miracles happen, the physical miracles will also happen.

There are three kinds of renewal in the shepherding pen:

1. The renewal of men/ husbands.

Matthew 14:15-21

14:15 When it was evening, His disciples came to Him, saying, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is already late. Send the multitudes away, that they may go into the villages and buy themselves food."

14:16 But Jesus said to them, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat."

14:17 And they said to Him, "We have here only five loaves and two fish."

14:18 He said, "Bring them here to Me."

14:19 Then He commanded the multitudes to sit down on the grass. And He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, He blessed and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples; and the disciples gave to the multitudes.

14:20 So they all ate and were filled, and they took up twelve baskets full of the fragments that remained.

14:21 Now those who had eaten were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Men must be able to **assure in the shepherding.**

If we assure in the shepherding, there will be a **character renewal:**

- From being egoistic (sending the others away), to become responsible to the wife and children [Matthew 14:15-16]. Being responsible in the carnal matters, also in the spiritual matters, the husband must be able to lead the wife and children to the right shepherding.
- From depending on money, to depending fully on the shepherding Word, which power has no limit.

John 6:7-9

6:7 Philip answered Him, "Two hundred denarii worth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one of them may have a little."

6:8 One of His disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to Him,

6:9 "There is a lad here who has five barley loaves and two small fish, but what are they among so many?"

Men usually under estimate the shepherding Word.

If there is character renewal, the Great Shepherd's hands will make the physical miracles, i.e. we experience God's caring miraculously in the middle of this crisis world.

If men are shepherded, there will be calmness and peacefulness within the household. God will also make everything beautiful in its time. We just have to wait on God's time (sitting on the grass), and it is God who will make everything beautiful, sooner or later.

Ecclesiastes 3:11

3:11. He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also He has put eternity in their hearts, except that no one can find out the work that God does from beginning to end.

2. The renewal of women/ wives.

Matthew 15:21-28

15:21. Then Jesus went out from there and departed to the region of Tyre and Sidon.

15:22 And behold, a woman of Canaan came from that region and cried out to Him, saying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David! My daughter is severely demon-possessed."

15:23 But He answered her not a word.

And His disciples came and urged Him, saying, "Send her away, for she cries out after us."

15:24 But He answered and said, "I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."

15:25 Then she came and worshiped Him, saying, "Lord, help me!"

15:26 But He answered and said, "It is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the little dogs."

15:27 And she said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their masters' table."

15:28 Then Jesus answered and said to her, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be to you as you desire." And her daughter was healed from that very hour.

A wife's attitude is not becoming a lost sheep, but she must **persevere in the shepherding**. Thus, the wife will experience **tongue renewal**, from dog's tongue which returns to his own vomit, to the tongue which eats the crumbs. It means as follows:

- Enjoying and respecting the Word.
- Vain saying are renewed to right saying.

Woman usually likes to blame the others, blame the Words, to justify herself. This must be renewed to the right saying, to justify the Word.

Thus she will be able to worship God with faith words. This will attract God's mercy.

Faith + mercy = miracle.

Physically there are healing miracles, marriages and children will be restored.

Hebrews 4:14-16

4:14 Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.

4:15 For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.

4:16 Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

3. The renewal of the youth.

Luke 7:11-13

7:11. Now it happened, the day after, that He went into a city called Nain; and many of His disciples went with Him, and a large crowd.

7:12 And when He came near the gate of the city, behold, a dead man was being carried out, the only son of his mother; and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the city was with her.

7:13 When the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep."

Nain means the pleasant place = the pasture.

The attitude of a true hearted youth is **making the shepherding as the most pleasant place**.

Do not walk out from the right shepherding, not being shepherded, because it will cause a spiritual death and one will do the sins up to the peak (eating-drinking sins and sexuality sins). Spiritual death means as follows:

- Rebelling against physical and spiritual parents.
- Failed miserably, has no future, up to the perdition.

1 Peter 5:5-6

5:5. Likewise you younger people, submit yourselves to your elders. Yes, all of you be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for "God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble."

5:6 Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time,

But if we make the shepherding as the most pleasant place, there will be a renewal to become **obedient** to the physical and spiritual parents. This is as stretching out our hands to God, and He will also stretch out His hands to make miracles. We will be lifted on His time. Being lifted means as follows:

- Being made successful, the death becomes life, the failure become success.
- Being used by God on the revival of Holy Spirit in the last rain.
- Being lifted to the glorious clouds on Jesus' second coming, and we are together with God forever.

God blesses us.