

General Service in Malang, November 21, 2010 (Sunday Morning)

Matthew 25:31-34

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.*

25:33 *And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left.*

25:34 *Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:*

On Jesus' second coming, He will appear as King of kings and Great Shepherd to separate the sheep and the goats.

The sheep's position is on His right hand, the goats' position is on His left hand.

Ecclesiastes 10:2

10:2 *A wise man's heart is at his right hand, But a fool's heart at his left.*

The base of the separation between sheep and goats is the heavenly wisdom.

The sheep are in the right hand, referring to those who have heavenly wisdom. The sheep may enter into the everlasting heavenly kingdom or the last sheepfold.

The goats are in the left hand, referring to those who are foolish, and do not have heavenly wisdom. They will enter into everlasting fire [Matthew 25:41].

Nowadays we must be sure on **the right sheepfold**. Afterwards, we must struggle to have position on the right hand, that is life that has **heavenly wisdom**.

How can we get the heavenly wisdom?

Proverbs 9:10

9:10 *"The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.*

We can get the heavenly wisdom from **the fear of the Lord**. It means as follows:

1. Serving and ministering God in sincerity and in truth, without any intention.

Joshua 24:14

24:14 *"Now therefore, fear the LORD, serve Him in sincerity and in truth, and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the River and in Egypt. Serve the LORD!"*

Being not faithful = challenging God.

2. Fear of doing sins.

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.*

One who has heavenly wisdom fear to do sins, although there are chances or forces, until fear to lie.

The example of life who has heavenly wisdom.

Exodus 1:15-17

1:15. *Then the king of Egypt spoke to the Hebrew midwives, of whom the name of one was Shiphrah and the name of the other Puah;*

1:16 *and he said, "When you do the duties of a midwife for the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstools, if it is a son, then you shall kill him; but if it is a daughter, then she shall live."*

1:17 *But the midwives feared God, and did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but saved the male children alive.*

The example of lives who fear God are the midwives, Shiphrah and Puah.

The midwives are the closest people to the birth. Spiritually, the midwives are the closest people to the new-born. They refer to God's servants.

If we can be God's servant with the ministry from God, it is equal to receiving the tunic of many colors. It is equal to having the beautiful job and beautiful life.

Before having the ministry robe, that life has not become beautiful.

Jesus has been made uncovered on the cross to give us the beautiful robe. Do not reject the ministry robe.

But we must be watchful, because the midwives also can be used by Pharaoh. There were only two midwives who feared God. Many God's servants who are used by Satan to kill the others' soul (the babies), becoming the stumbling stones.

God's servants used by Satan are the ones who serve without heavenly wisdom. They do not fear God. The signs are as follows:

1. Serving unfaithfully, without responsibility, serving miserably.
2. Serving God but keeping the sins.

Serving without heavenly wisdom = killing the babies. It means as follows:

- Obstructing the growth of new souls (in quantity).
- Obstructing the spiritual growth (in quality); the congregation remains in sins.

If God's servants minister without heavenly wisdom, the service will not lead to the building of the perfect body of Christ, but it will lead to the building of Babel's.

There were only two midwives who did not kill the babies = serving with heavenly wisdom and fear of God. They are Shiphrah and Puah.

Let us become like Shiphrah and Puah, become God's servants who serve Him with fear of God.

1. **Shiphrah** = good shape, beautiful, nice-looking, from the hair to the feet.

Song of Solomon 7:1

7:1. How beautiful are your feet in sandals, O prince's daughter! The curves of your thighs are like jewels, The work of the hands of a skillful workman.

Romans 10:15

10:15 And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, Who bring glad tidings of good things!"

God's servant has beautiful sole means as follows:

- Right and beautiful behavior and deeds.
- On each place we visit, there must be good impression to the others.

Song of Solomon 7:5

7:5 Your head crowns you like Mount Carmel, And the hair of your head is like purple; A king is held captive by your tresses.

The hair denotes the mind. We must have love mind (purple color), that is being able to confess the sins and forgive the others' sins, being obedient. There is full submission.

Having the beautiful sole and beautiful hair is the result of the work of the true teaching Word.

2. **Puah** = rejoicing/ joy.

Romans 12:12

12:12 rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer;

We must rejoice in hope, rejoice in purity. If there are those kinds of rejoicing, patience in tribulation will follow, and afterward steadfastness in prayer will follow.

These three things are the heart and mental of beautiful and nice-looking God's servants.

A strong and courageous heart and mental will not be disappointed, will not be hopeless facing any condition.

If a God's servant has beautiful sole and hair, has beautiful heart and mental, he will keep holding on God's presence facing any situation and condition.

Puah = light, honest.

A God's servant must have an honest character:

- Honesty in the true teaching Word.
- Honesty in confessing the sins.

If there is honesty in these two matters, there will be honesty in every matter.

If there is honesty, the prayer will be answered by God.
If there is honesty, the service will delight God.

Proverbs15:8

15:8. The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the LORD, But the prayer of the upright is His delight.

The rewards for life who serves God with heavenly wisdom:

1. God's merciful hands are able to protect us from all disasters, all temptation, until protect us from antichrist.

Exodus1:18-19

1:18 So the king of Egypt called for the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this thing, and saved the male children alive?"

1:19 And the midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are lively and give birth before the midwives come to them."

2. God's kindness hands make everything beautiful.

Exodus1:20

1:20 Therefore God dealt well with the midwives, and the people multiplied and grew very mighty.

3. Entering the spiritual marriage, that is the marriage supper of the Lamb on Jesus' second coming.

Exodus1:21

1:21 And so it was, because the midwives feared God, that He provided households for them.

Revelation3:7-8

3:7. "And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write, 'These things says He who is holy, He who is true, "He who has the key of David, He who opens and no one shuts, and shuts and no one opens":

3:8 "I know your works. See, I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it; for you have a little strength, have kept My word, and have not denied My name.

God's merciful and kindness hands = the key of David, which will open the closed door in the world even the impossible one, open the future door, until open the door of marriage supper of the Lamb.

God blesses us.