

General Service in Malang, October 30, 2011 (Sunday Morning)

Matthew 26:30

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

All songs and hymns must lead to worship.

Worship is a process of tearing or crucifixion of flesh, as olives fruit must be dried and pressed to produce olive oil.

Leviticus 24:1-2

24:1. Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying:

24:2 "Command the children of Israel that they bring to you pure oil of pressed olives for the light, to make the lamps burn continually.

Olive oil is used as oil for lamp such that it can burn continually.

The spiritual meaning is we must worship God more to get the anointing oil of Holy Spirit such that our lamps burn continually.

A quenched lamp means living in darkness, until being left on Jesus' second coming when there will be only the darkest darkness (perdition forever).

The practises and usefulnesses of burning lamp are as follows:

1. Matthew 5:15

5:15 Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house.

Burning lamp in the household.

As poor as a household is, they must have lamp.

The practices are as follows:

- **Husband** (who is anointed by Holy Spirit, being a burning lamp): loving his wife as loving himself and not being bitter to her (in words or deeds).

Husband in the anointing of Holy Spirit also becomes the head of the household (takes the responsibility), and becomes the decision maker in everything based on the Word of God.

- **Wife** (who is anointed by Holy Spirit, being a burning lamp): submitting to husband in every matter, and becoming the body/ rib which protects/ covers all the weaknesses of husband and children through worship.
- **Children** (who are anointed by Holy Spirit, being a burning lamp): being obedient to the parents, also becoming the members of the body who lighten the parents' burdens.

The usefulness is to face the darkness of basket and bed.

Basket (place for food) denotes the economy problems, also denotes eating-drinking sins.

Bed denotes sexuality sins and all its varieties, which cause fight, violence, infidelity, until divorce inside the household.

Divorce means that marriage dies spiritually. If it is continued with marriage with other people, it means that marriage becomes decayed and wormy.

Be watchful! If husband, wife, children do not have the right practice, their lives and future will be in darkness, until being controlled by the darkness of basket and bed.

Husband, wife, and children are all responsible in determining whether there is burning lamp or not in the household.

2. Luke 12:35-36

12:35 "Let your waist be girded and your lamps burning;

12:36 and you yourselves be like men who wait for their master, when he will return from the wedding, that when he comes and knocks they may open to him immediately.

Burning lamp in the ministry.

Be careful because there are many hypocrisies!
Lamp must burn first in the household, and then it burns in the ministry.

The requirements or the practices are as follows:

- Girded waist = **living in righteousness (true teaching Word).**

Ephesians 6:14

6:14 Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness,

The sign of true teaching Word is being written in the Bible and being revealed (one verse is explained by another verse).

Our ministry must be according to the true teaching Word, and we must obey the true teaching Word.

If we are not being obedient, our ministry will not please God and we will be cast out! (**Matthew 7:21-23**).

- Having wedding feast ambience = **our ministry must be forced by the love of God.**

Marriage is the relation of God's love.

If the driving force in our ministry is God's love, we will never grumble, but always give thank to God.

As God's love is eternal, our ministry becomes eternal, up to the end of the world (up to Jesus' second coming), even until forever in Heaven.

- Burning lamp = **ministering in the anointing of Holy Spirit.**

The anointing of Holy Spirit gives us the gifts of Holy Spirit, that is the miraculous ability from Holy Spirit such that we can serve God according to the ministry.

The miraculous ability from Holy Spirit is more than flesh ability, and our ministry will increase (the older we are, the more it increases).

On the contrary, ministry based on flesh ability will decrease when we get older.

Holy Spirit encourages us to become more faithful and fervent in spirit in ministry.

The first example is Saulus.

Without the truth girdle, we will not be able to become faithful and fervent in spirit. There is only emotion which will disintegrate the building body of Christ.

The second example is the younger son.

The younger son was not faithful and fervent in spirit in the ministry in his father's field. The consequence is sooner or later he arrived in the swine field!

We should not support the others who are not faithful in ministry! Later they will regret it the whole life.

Thank God, in the swine field, the younger son remembered **the food in his father's house (the shepherding Word, the true teaching Word).**

Luke 15:17-19

15:17 "But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger!

15:18 I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you,

15:19 and I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants."

Shepherding Word **makes us realize our sins** (we can confess sin and leave it), even we can **remember our responsibility in the Father's house**(we can go back to the true ministry).

Let the shepherding Word always be revealed to disenchant us, and bring us always to the Father's house (being faithful and fervent in spirit in ministry), until we never go out again, and being inside the Heaven forever.

First, we must fix the girdle!

If there is the truth girdle, we will minister in love and anointing of Holy Spirit.

Without the Word, there is no God's love and anointing of Holy Spirit.

The usefulness:

II Kings 4:10

4:10 Please, let us make a small upper room on the wall; and let us put a bed for him there, and a table and a chair and a lampstand; so it will be, whenever he comes to us, he can turn in there."

Shunammite woman served Elisha by providing room, table, chair, and a lampstand (burning lamp).

II Kings 4:14-17, 20-21, 35

4:14 So he said, "What then isto be done for her?" And Gehazi answered, "Actually, she has no son, and her husband is old."

4:15 So he said, "Call her." When he had called her, she stood in the doorway.

4:16 Then he said, "About this time next year you shall embrace a son." And she said, "No, my lord. Man of God, do not lie to your maidservant!"

4:17 But the woman conceived, and bore a son when the appointed time had come, of which Elisha had told her.

4:20 When he had taken him and brought him to his mother, he sat on her knees till noon, and then died.

4:21 And she went up and laid him on the bed of the man of God, shut the door upon him, and went out.

4:35 He returned and walked back and forth in the house, and again went up and stretched himself out on him; then the child sneezed seven times, and the child opened his eyes.

Burning lamp can be used to face impossibilities.

There is God's power to erase all impossibilities; from nothing to something, from death to life.

3. Matthew 25:1-3

25:1. "Then the kingdom of heaven shall be likened to ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom.

25:2 Now five of them were wise, and five were foolish.

25:3 Those who were foolish took their lamps and took no oil with them,

Burning lamp is to welcome Jesus' second coming in glory as King of kings and Heavenly bridegroom.

Jesus' second coming will not be related with sins anymore.

Now, as long as the sacrifice of Christ is still valid, all kinds of sins can and must be reconciled!

Do not stay in sins!

Do not agree with the others who do sins!

Regret comes later, and it will be useless.

The requirements are as follows:

○ There must be oil for supply for the lamp.

In the beginning, five foolish virgins pretended to be smart and even maybe mocked the wise virgins who took oil in their vessels with their lamps. But at the end they regretted and were left when the bridegroom came.

We can get oil for supply in the shepherding pen [Leviticus 21:12], that is through perseverance in three main services plus fasting and all night prayer.

Do not wait until problems come to fast and pray! This condition equals to there is no oil for supply.

○ Flax must will to be burnt, from white to become black.

It means willingness to sacrifice = willingness to experience the sprinkling of blood, suffering without sins. The manifestation is being slandered, being blamed without any faults, injustice, etc.

Why does God let us experience the sprinkling of blood?

Such that there is renewal of life (glory) from flesh man to become spiritual man as Jesus, started from HONESTY.

Honesty = let "yes" be "yes" and "no" be "no", else it comes from the evil one (darkness).

If there is light/ honesty, honesty in confessing sins, God will be there.

We must be serious!

If we do not forgive the others who have confessed their sins with honesty, God will also not forgive our sins.

We must correct ourselves! Are our lamps ready to welcome Jesus' second coming?

The usefulness is if there is spiritual miracle (renewal of life), there will be physical miracle.

Proverbs 15:8

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

The sacrifice (gifts) of the wicked is an abomination to the Lord, moreover their prayer (requests).

But **the prayer of the upright is His delight, and miracle will happen.**

The steps of the upright are miraculous steps.

Until sometime, the last and greatest miracle, we will be renewed as glorious as Jesus and we can welcome Jesus' second coming.

God blesses us.