

General Service in Malang, October 31, 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.*

There are two appearances of Jesus at the time of His second coming as follows:

1. **As King of all kings** reigning on the throne of His glory. Similarly, we have to become kings, namely those who have victory over the enemies (the sin, the world, and the flesh) so we can also sit on the throne of glory.
2. **As Shepherd.** Similarly, we have to become shepherded sheep so we will not go astray and lose our way but be with the Lord to sit on the throne of glory.

Shepherded sheep means the sheep who are shepherded to the true teaching Word, not to human being or church organization. It is described as a branch attaining to the True Vine. As a result, the shepherded people will bear sweet fruits.

Revelation 7:17

7:17. *"for the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to living fountains of waters. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."*

The shepherded people will also be lead by the hand of Great Shepherd until they reach the throne of God. We are lead to beautiful future life up to the throne of glory where Jesus sits on.

Matthew 15:24-26

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."*

The Lord Jesus comes actually only to save the sheep of God from Israelites, referring to the genuine offspring of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

2 Peter 2:22

2:22. *But it has happened to them according to the true proverb: "A dog returns to his own vomit," and, "a sow, having washed, to her wallowing in the mire."*

On the other hand, Gentiles are only as dog and swine as follows:

- *"a sow, having washed, to her wallowing in the mire."*
= the Gentiles who always wallow in sins which become their blood and flesh or the carnal men who do not inherit the kingdom of heaven.

1 Corinthians 15:50

15:50. *Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption.*

- *"a dog returns to his own vomit,"*
= the Gentiles who live in vain saying, such as lies, pornographic or unclean saying or performance, saying that discourages the faith of other people or makes them stumble, and slander.

If a person lies, his/her other sayings will also be false. Consequently, there is eternal judgment and perdition.

Matthew 12:36

12:36. *"But I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment."*

How can the Gentiles, the dog, be the sheep of God?

They must have three kinds of renewal as follows:

1. **Renewal in water baptism.**

Ephesians 5:25-26

5:25. *Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her,*

5:26 *that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word,*

The Gentiles must be washed in the water baptism in order not to become a sow wallowing in the mire of sins again.

1 Peter 2:1

2:1. Therefore, laying aside all malice, all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and all evil speaking,

The requirement of the true baptism is **repentance or being dead to sins, beginning with these five sins:**

1. Malice and uncleanness.
2. Deceit.
3. Hypocrisy.
4. Envy.
5. Evil speaking.

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, in all kinds of etymology, is implemented by **being buried in water together with Jesus.**

1 Peter 2:2

2:2. as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby,

The result of the true water baptism is: **we rise in new life as a newborn baby as follows:**

1. **Living in righteousness.**
2. Desiring always the pure and spiritual milk of the word, meaning **consuming, hearing, and obeying the true teaching Word** or being the shepherded sheep.

We have to sacrifice in order to be obedient.

If we are disobedient, the sacrifice we have to give will be greater.

For example, Saul did not want to kill all cattle of Amalekites. He was disobedient and did not want to sacrifice for God. Consequently, he had to lose his kingdom and his descendants also bore the judgment.

On the contrary, we will have these results if we are obedient:

We become as a baby in the hand of Great Shepherd where we find quietness, preservation, and growth to the perfection.

Let us be alert!

Do not receive something that is not in line to the Shepherding Word! Forcing to receive it, one will get sick, not grow but perish.

2. **Renewal in the True Teaching Word in the anointing of Holy Spirit.**

Ephesians 5:25-27

5:25. Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her,

5:26 that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word,

5:27 that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.

After being washed in water, we have to be washed with the true teaching Word, referring to the rain of teaching Word in the book Exodus, or the Word that is sharper than any two-edged sword.

We grow spiritually to become priests and kings. Afterward, we must **be dived in the rain of the true teaching Word, especially in Bible Study Service and Holy Communion.**

The true teaching Word becomes our blood and flesh through our perseverance in committing Bible Study Service and Holy Communion. Besides, our sins can be made good out.

We have the sanctification and renewal, especially from these six sins which have become our flesh and blood, and also given a separation with God and other people.

1 Corinthians 5:11

5:11. But now I have written to you not to keep company with anyone named a brother, who is sexually immoral(1), or covetous(2), or an idolater(3), or a reviler(4), or a drunkard(5), or an extortioner(6)--not even to eat with such a person.

(Idol = all things make us unable to love God.)

We have power to be sanctified from those six sins through our perseverance in committing Bible Study Service and Holy Communion, so **we can live in righteousness and purity, referring to holiness coming out of our deepest heart.**

1 Corinthians 5:8

5:8. Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

The result is real as follows:

We live in **feast or heavenly joy** nothing in the world may influence.

Let's be alert in our life journey!

There are many people in the world want to get riches, education certificate, et cetera until forsaking the righteousness and purity.

3. Renewal in Worship Prayer.

Judges 7:5-6

7:5. So he brought the people down to the water. And the LORD said to Gideon, "Everyone who laps from the water with his tongue, as a dog laps, you shall set apart by himself; likewise everyone who gets down on his knees to drink."

7:6 And the number of those who lapped, putting their hand to their mouth, was three hundred men; but all the rest of the people got down on their knees to drink water.

God commanded Gideon to choose some people from the Israelites to make the war, and there were three hundred men who lapped, putting their hand to their mouth as a dog laps.

Meaning **the Gentiles have to lap the water of God's love through worshiping God**, so they, who are described as the dogs, will not lick the vomit anymore.

It is important to persevere in **Prayer Service!**

We have the love of God which is poured out in the worship, so we will not lick the vomit anymore. Let us now use the tongue much more to worship God individually, in household, and together with other congregation in the church.

If we do not want to lick the water of God's love, we will lick the vomit much more, meaning saying many false and vain words.

We, especially the Gentiles, experience the love or the grace of God in the worship although we live in the middle of the dry world. The love of God refreshes and renews our life. We are renewed, **beginning with our five senses especially our mouth**, in our worship prayer, as Jesus transfigured on the mountain.

We have to ask God to be able to worship Him and be renewed.

The mouth which is renewed results in words encouraged by the love of God as follows:

1. **Righteous words without any lie but honesty as follows:**

■ **Honesty in confessing sins.**

Do not keep the self-truth and sins, and do not blame other people! Do not justify or plead the wrong only because they are our children, husband, wife, or other parts in family!

■ **Honesty in all matters.**

■ **There is no vain saying, unclean words, slander, et cetera.**

2. **Mouth bearing witness.**

We bear witness about the Gospel to other people who have not known Jesus yet, and about the Teaching Word to those who have believed in Jesus.

3. **Mouth worshiping God.**

We glorify God in the worship, to entrust our whole life to Him.

Song of Solomon 4:3a

4:3. Your lips are like a strand of scarlet, And your mouth is lovely.

The mouth producing righteous and honest words, bearing witness, and worshiping God is as the lip of God's Bride which is as a strand of scarlet.

The strand of scarlet is red, referring to the blood of Jesus or the love of God.

Joshua 2:1, 18-19

2:1. Now Joshua the son of Nun sent out two men from Acacia Grove to spy secretly, saying, "Go, view the land, especially Jericho." So they went, and came to the house of a harlot named Rahab, and lodged there.

2:18 "unless, when we come into the land, you bind this line of scarlet cord in the window through which you let us down, and unless you bring your father, your mother, your brothers, and all your father's household to your own home.

2:19 "So it shall be that whoever goes outside the doors of your house into the street, his blood shall be on his own head, and we will be guiltless. And whoever is with you in the house, his blood shall be on our head if a hand is laid on him.

All things were destroyed in Jericho, referring to a great trade city, except Rahab and her family. They were saved because of having the line of scarlet.

Rahab refers to the Gentiles, even she was a harlot who was unclean and had many mistakes. All men are sinful but there is a line of scarlet if we use our mouth to confess our sins (and not repeating the sin), bear witness, and worship God.

We have to observe these matters:

1. **you bind this line of scarlet cord in the window**(in spiritual meaning), otherwise we are destroyed and perished together with Jericho, referring to the world.
2. **whoever goes outside the doors of your house into the street, his blood shall be on his own head.**
We have to remind and advice one another, do not follow the wrong. Our destiny does not depend on other people. Do not follow whoever who is wrong although he is a pastor!

If we do not advice one another, we have the debt of blood!

If we agree other people who sin or do mistake, we will perish together with them!

On the contrary, we will get these results if we have the lip of the Bride:

- a. **The mercy and grace of God which give us life and preservation directly although we are in the middle of destruction and impossibilities in the world.**
Be alert! All things which formerly are good, rich, intelligent, et cetera, will be destroyed if we keep the sins.
- b. **The mercy and grace of God give us protection and salvation individually and in our household, both in physical matters** (from all disasters, dangers, difficulties, et cetera) and **spiritual matters** (from sins up to the peak) until we do not die spiritually.
- c. Rahab, the Gentile, could be in the genealogy of Jesus Christ through the line of scarlet, referring to being employed in welcoming Jesus' first coming.

Matthew 1:1, 5

1:1. The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the Son of David, the Son of Abraham:

1:5 Salmon begot Boaz by Rahab, Boaz begot Obed by Ruth, Obed begot Jesse,

It indicates that **we can receive the mercy and grace of God to welcome Jesus' second coming** on the glorious clouds with blameless mouth. There is only one voice at that time, namely heavenly word "Alleluia."

Revelation 19:6-7

19:6. And I heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude, as the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty thunderings, saying, "Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns!

19:7 "Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready."

In shorts, God wants to help the one who is like a dog and a sow through the three kinds of renewal, in order to be employed for glorifying His name.

God blesses you.