

Prayer Service in Malang, February 15, 2011 (Tuesday Evening)

To coincide with fasting prayer session III

Exodus 5-11 is about **RIGHTEOUSNESS**.

Exodus 5 is about **RIGHTEOUSNESS IN THE WORD**.

Exodus 6 until Exodus 7:1-13 is about **RIGHTEOUSNESS IN GOD**.

Outside righteousness in the Word and in God, it is God's condemnation/plagues until the death of firstborn (perishing in hell).

PLAGUE IV: SWARMS OF FLIES/BIG BEE

These swarms of flies have powerful sting, but have no honey.

It's about spirit on the air/satans.

Exodus 8:25-29

8:25. Then Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron, and said, "Go, sacrifice to your God in the land."

8:26. And Moses said, "It is not right to do so, for we would be sacrificing the abomination of the Egyptians to the LORD our God. If we sacrifice the abomination of the Egyptians before their eyes, then will they not stone us?"

8:27. "We will go three days' journey into the wilderness and sacrifice to the LORD our God as He will command us."

8:28. And Pharaoh said, "I will let you go, that you may sacrifice to the LORD your God in the wilderness; only you shall not go very far away. Intercede for me."

8:29. Then Moses said, "Indeed I am going out from you, and I will entreat the LORD, that the swarms of flies may depart tomorrow from Pharaoh, from his servants, and from his people. But let Pharaoh not deal deceitfully anymore in not letting the people go to sacrifice to the LORD."

Pharaoh/satan attacks about ministry and shepherding.

Pharaoh's purpose was that God's sons do not minister and not being shepherded, so s/he becomes the target of wolf easily.

The wolf refers to:

1. Satans with sins until the top of sins, those are sins of eating-drinking and marrying-giving in marriage.
2. False teaching.

The consequence is perdition.

Pharaoh offered Israelites to minister at Egypt, the meaning is ministering with wordly way/system which is not appropriate with true ordination.

The signs of ministering at Egypt are:

1. Not experiencing repentance/freedom from sins.
2. Allowing all world ways for collecting people, not for being saved but for being fouled and receiving physical advantage.

Verse 26 - Worldly minister (world joy gets in church) is abomination for world, especially for God. Consequently, the people of the world will stone, meaning accusing, gossiping, and insisting God's Church much more.

Verse 27 - The true ministry/ordination is ministry according to righteousness of the Word.

Ministry which makes the flesh comfortable is Pharaoh's ministry system.

The right ministry is ministry which is being marked by sacrifice, starting from time, strength, mind, money, until our whole life.

Romans 12:1

12:1. I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.

The conditions to present our life are:

1. Living body, the meaning is being controlled by Holy Spirit -->the Golden Candlestick -->perseverance in committing general service.
The practice is faithful in ministry.
2. Holy body, the meaning is being controlled by Word -->the table of showbread -->perseverance in committing bible study service and holy communion.

3. Acceptable body to God, the meaning is being controlled by love of God -->the Golden Altar of Incense -->perseverance in committing prayer service.

The ministry's being marked by sacrifice= being released from Egypt/released from influence of flesh and world by the power of Christ's sacrifice.

So, **true ministry must hold to cross of God.**

I Corinthians 1:18, 23-24

1:18. For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

1:23. but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness,

1:24. but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

The Cross is foolishness for the world and those who are perishing. On the contrary, for us, the **cross is the wisdom of God and the power of God** to save our soul, to give way out from all problems and to give beautiful future.

Verse 28- With his enticing speech, Pharaoh asked Israelites not to go very far away, the meaning is not ministering earnestly.

The practices of not going very far away ministry are:

1. Still there is relationship with Pharaoh, the meaning is ups and downs in sins/keeping sins.
2. Do not want to deepen in Word/rejecting the true teaching Word.

Luke 5:3-6

5:3. Then He got into one of the boats, which was Simon's, and asked him to put out a little from the land. And He sat down and taught the multitudes from the boat.

5:4. When He had stopped speaking, He said to Simon, "Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch."

5:5. But Simon answered and said to Him, "Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net."

5:6. And when they had done this, they caught a great number of fish, and their net was breaking.

If we want to deepen in teaching Word and being obedient, we can feel ministry of the High Priest who is sitting on the right of God the Father for helping, taking care, purifying and perfecting our life like God.

Exodus 28:29-32

28:29. "So Aaron shall bear the names of the sons of Israel on the breastplate of judgment over his heart, when he goes into the holy place, as a memorial before the LORD continually.

28:30. "And you shall put in the breastplate of judgment the Urim and the Thummim, and they shall be over Aaron's heart when he goes in before the LORD. So Aaron shall bear the judgment of the children of Israel over his heart before the LORD continually.

28:31. " You shall make the robe of the ephod all of blue.

28:32. "There shall be an opening for his head in the middle of it; it shall have a woven binding all around its opening, like the opening in a coat of mail, so that it does not tear.

In shepherding system, a shepherd raises intercession prayer earnestly. **The results of intercession prayer are:**

1. It can delay God's punishment/curse.
2. It can erase God's punishment/curse.

I John 2:1-2

2:1. My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.

2:2. And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.

In shepherding, **the Chief Shepherd who is sitting on the right of God the Father also raises prayer, those are:**

1. Intercession prayer for us that we may not sin.
2. If we have already sinned, the Chief Shepherd raises propitiation prayer that we can live in righteousness.

In shepherding, shepherd in the world lifts us to top and the Chief Shepherd pulls us from top, that we do not fall in sin.

Pharaoh hardened his heart= he did not want to repent when punishment was delayed. Until someday, one cannot repent although punishment has come.

Revelation 16:9

16:9. And men were scorched with great heat, and they blasphemed the name of God who has power over these plagues; and they did not repent and give Him glory.

People who hardened his heart can not pray like Satan cannot pray and have deceitful heart. We must have tender heart, that is honest and trust to God.

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 prayer of those who are upright and believe or have faith will delight God and become house of prayer like stretching out hand to God. For examples:

1. Jonah confessed his sin (being honest) and he believed God that he experienced lifting power from God although he has already been at the bottom of the sea.
2. Elijah was a man, but he prayed to God earnestly and his prayer was heard by God.

James 5:17

5:17. Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain; and it did not rain on the land for three years and six months.

3. Stephen prayed until experienced power of renewal of life (his face became like angel) although at last he had to die.

Acts 7:60

7:60. Then he knelt down and cried out with a loud voice, "Lord, do not charge them with this sin." And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

Acts 6:15

6:15. And all who sat in the council, looking steadfastly at him, saw his face as the face of an angel.

God blesses you.