

Prayer Service in Malang, November 13, 2012 (Tuesday Evening)

Peace and grace in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Matthew 27 is about the seven sprinklings of blood upon the Ark of the Covenant. It means the suffering Jesus experiences until He dies on the cross to save, sanctify, and perfect us.

Now we are learning the seventh passage in it, namely **Pilate Sets a Guard**.

Matthew 27:62-66

27:62 *On the next day, which followed the Day of Preparation, the chief priests and Pharisees gathered together to Pilate,*
27:63 *saying, "Sir, we remember, while He was still alive, how that deceiver said, 'After three days I will rise.'"*
27:64 *"Therefore command that the tomb be made secure until the third day, lest His disciples come by night and steal Him away, and say to the people, 'He has risen from the dead.' So the last deception will be worse than the first."*
27:65 *Pilate said to them, "You have a guard; go your way, make it as secure as you know how."*
27:66 *So they went and made the tomb secure, sealing the stone and setting the guard.*

The chief priests and Pharisees do not believe in Jesus' resurrection, so they make the tomb secure, sealing the stone and setting the guard.

In human logic, it is impossible to see Jesus' resurrection and going out of the tomb. But in fact, He resurrects and goes out of the tomb and His disciples see Him. It means that there is nothing impossible for God.

The sprinkling of blood is the last sanctification to sanctify our logic that often makes many things impossible. As a result, we can believe that there is nothing impossible for God.

It is said in verse 63-64 that the chief priests and Pharisees say that Jesus is a deceiver. There will be many false teachers reversing the fact. The true teaching is said false and vice versa because of something in the world.

The sprinkling of blood is the last sanctification to the servants of God, so they will not be deceived by false teachers. The false teaching is as a leaven that will leaven the whole lump, meaning it destroys the body of Christ. We must be alert of the great deception because Jesus, Himself, is also said as the deceiver.

Mark 8:15

8:15 *Then He charged them, saying, "Take heed, beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the leaven of Herod."*

We will learn about the leaven of Herod.

Matthew 2:8,13

2:8 *And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the young Child, and when you have found Him, bring back word to me, that I may come and worship Him also."*
2:13 *Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, "Arise, take the young Child and His mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I bring you word; for Herod will seek the young Child to destroy Him."*

The leaven of Herod is about false worship whose signs are as follows.

- Being encouraged by false teaching or being without the anointing of Holy Spirit.
- Not having the tearing of flesh or life renewal, one becomes flesh man with fleshly characteristics such as hatred without any cause and lies.
- Going toward the worship of antichrist to perish forever.

Revelation 13:8

13:8 *All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.*

The true worship is represented by the wise men.

Thus, **the servants of God must serve and minister to Him until they peak on the true worship as the worship of the wise men.**

The signs of the true worship are as follows.

1. Being led by the true teaching Word, referring to the book of the prophets, and Holy Spirit, referring to the stars, until the worship is true, namely the worship to Jesus in Bethlehem.

Matthew 2:1-5

2:1 Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem,
2:2 saying, "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him."
2:3 When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.
2:4 And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born.
2:5 So they said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it is written by the prophet:

Being led only by the star or Holy Spirit but without the true teaching Word, one only reaches the false worship of Herod. Thus, Holy Spirit cannot be separated from the true teaching Word and vice versa. Both of them guide us to the true worship.

John 4:20-21,23-24

4:20 "Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, and you Jews say that in Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship."
4:21 Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, worship the Father.
4:23 "But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him.
4:24 "God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

The Gentiles often confess that they worship God but actually they worship idol because their worship does not prioritize the true teaching Word and Holy Spirit but the physical place. For example, the worship must be conducted on high place.

We can worship God anywhere as long as we are encouraged by the true teaching Word and the anointing of Holy Spirit. As a result, our prayer will be answered by God.

2. Experiencing the tearing of flesh, so there is life renewal from carnal men to spiritual ones who are acceptable before God. It is as the offerings of the wise men as follows.

Matthew 2:11

2:11 And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

- **Gold, referring to the perfect faith.**

James 2:20-22

2:20 But do you want to know, O foolish man, that faith without works is dead?
2:21 Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered Isaac his son on the altar?
2:22 Do you see that faith was working together with his works, and by works faith was made perfect?

The perfect faith is the faith with its work.

- **Frankincense, whose color is white, referring to holiness or hope.**

1 Peter 1:13-15

1:13 Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest your hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;
1:14 as obedient children, not conforming yourselves to the former lusts, as in your ignorance;
1:15 but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct,

We must become obedient, so we get the sanctification in our heart and mind up to our whole life. We become holy as Jesus is.

Ephesians 4:7,11-12

4:7 But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift.
4:11 And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers,
4:12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,

If we have been holy, we will be equipped with the ministry and the gifts of Holy Spirit for sure and employed in the building of the body of Christ.

1 Timothy 4:14

4:14 Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you by prophecy with the laying on of the hands of the eldership.

God will give us the ministry and the gifts of Holy Spirit through the laying on of the hands of the eldership.

The frankincense is also fragrant. It means we will be fragrant before God if we are holy and employed by Him. One of the kinds of fragrance is our giving or offering for the work of God coming out of our pure heart. We can give our money, energy, et cetera, but the true teaching Word.

Philippians 4:17-19

4:17 Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that abounds to your account.

4:18 Indeed I have all and abound. I am full, having received from Epaphroditus the things sent from you, a sweet smell, smelling aroma, an acceptable sacrifice, well pleasing to God.

4:19 And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

All things we sacrifice for the building of the body of Christ will not disappear. The result is God supplies all our need according to His riches in glory which cannot be limited.

For example, Abraham offers Isaac and God does not fool him. He becomes Jehovah Jireh who provides all things. Moreover, Abraham can become blessings up to his descendants.

- **Myrrh or the resin of myrrh tree which is hurt by cutting, referring to the redemption blood coming out of the five wounds of Jesus. It shows the love of God.**

Revelation 14:3-5

14:3 They sang as it were a new song before the throne, before the four living creatures, and the elders; and no one could learn that song except the hundred and forty thousand who were redeemed from the earth.

14:4 These are the ones who were not defiled with women, for they are virgins. These are the ones who follow the Lamb wherever He goes. These were redeemed from among men, being firstfruits to God and to the Lamb.

14:5 And in their mouth was found no deceit, for they are without fault before the throne of God.

We are redeemed from the earth, people, and sins, until we are blameless. It begins from not lying until we do not stumble in words.

Let us now worship God many more until we do not stumble in words.

If our worship is signified by the faith, referring to the gold or James, the hope, referring to the frankincense or Peter, and the love, referring to the myrrh or John, it will be led by Jesus, High Priest or Heavenly Bridegroom. It is as Jesus going up on the mountain with James, Peter, and John.

The result is as follows.

- The miracle of life renewal.

Mark 9:2-3

9:2 Now after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John, and led them up on a high mountain apart by themselves; and He was transfigured before them.

9:3 His clothes became shining, exceedingly white, like snow, such as no launderer on earth can whiten them.

It begins from bright face. There are five senses on our face. Beginning from the renewal to our tongue, namely good and righteous words becoming blessing for other people, until our deeds can be renewed to become righteous good deeds bringing blessing for other people and shining the love of God.

1 Peter 3:10-11

3:10 For "He who would love life And see good days, Let him refrain his tongue from evil, And his lips from speaking deceit.

3:11 Let him turn away from evil and do good; Let him seek peace and pursue it.

- **The miracle in our marriage and children.** The bitter marriage can be made sweet.

Mark 9:25

9:25 When Jesus saw that the people came running together, He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "Deaf

and dumb spirit, I command you, come out of him and enter him no more!"

- **The miracle that the dead can be made alive and the impossible can be made possible.**

Mark 5:37-39

5:37 And He permitted no one to follow Him except Peter, James, and John the brother of James.

5:38 Then He came to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and saw a tumult and those who wept and wailed loudly.

5:39 When He came in, He said to them, "Why make this commotion and weep? The child is not dead, but sleeping."

Matthew 2:12

2:12 Then, being divinely warned in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed for their own country another way.

We get a new life journey through the true worship. The physical and spiritual miracles will happen up to the last miracle, namely we become as glorious as Jesus is to be with Him forever.

God blesses you.