

Youth Service in Malang, January 14, 2017 (Saturday Evening)

Peace and grace in the love of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Luke 10:38-42 is about Mary and Martha. We have learned about Mary who sat at Jesus' feet and heard His word. Now, we learn about Martha.

Luke 10:40-41

10:40. But Martha was distracted with much serving, and she approached Him and said, "Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Therefore tell her to help me."

10:41. And Jesus answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things."

Martha asks Jesus to tell Mary to help her.

It means Martha places herself as the head, so Jesus does not become the head in her life. Martha serves and ministers to God but she does not place Jesus as the head or there is no true teaching Word.

Consequently, she is worried and troubled or living in the middle of thorns.

There are three kinds of anxiety as follows:

1. Anxiety about daily life.

Matthew 6:31-32

6:31. "Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?'"

6:32. "For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things."

2. Anxiety about the future.

Matthew 6:34

6:34. "Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble."

3. Anxiety in shocks in the world or crisis in all aspects of life.

Luke 21:25-26

21:25. "And there will be signs in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars; and on the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring;"

21:26. "men's hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of heaven will be shaken."

The facts found in the man who worries and troubles himself are as follows:

1. Being unfaithful up to leaving the ministry because of something in the world or he serves and ministers to God only to seek for physical things.

Matthew 6:33

6:33. "But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you."

2. He cannot live for righteousness but keeps sinning up to the peak, namely sin of eating-drinking (smoking, getting drunk and drugs abuse) and marrying-giving in marriage.

3. Having curse atmosphere (the thorns), namely sorrow, bitterness, tears, stress (as if the head is being stabbed by thorn), being spiritually withered and dead up to perdition.

The way of God to help us is that He was willing to wear the crown of thorns to the point of death on the cross to release us from curse and perdition.

Psalm 37:5-7

37:5. Commit your way to the LORD, Trust also in Him, And He shall bring it to pass.

37:6. He shall bring forth your righteousness as the light, And your justice as the noonday.

37:7. Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for Him; Do not fret because of him who prospers in his way, Because of the man who brings wicked schemes to pass.

We must totally surrender ourselves to God. It is the same as being silent and calm.

Isaiah 30:14-15

30:14. And He shall break it like the breaking of the potter's vessel, Which is broken in pieces; He shall not spare. So there shall not be found among its fragments A shard to take fire from the hearth, Or to take water from the cistern."

30:15. For thus says the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel: "In returning and rest you shall be saved; In quietness and confidence shall be your strength." But you would not,

Being silent means that one keeps silent at God's feet or corrects himself through the sharpness of the sword of the word. Finding sin, we must confess to God and others and do not sin anymore after being forgiven.

As a result, we will be saved.

Being calm means one is shepherded well and truly or perseveres in three kinds of main service as follows:

1. General Service; fellowship with Holy Spirit God in His gifts.
2. Bible Study Service and Holy Communion; fellowship with Son of God in the word and Christ's sacrifice.
3. Prayer Service; fellowship with God the Father in His love.

In the sheepfold, our body, soul and spirit attach to God the Trinity, so Satan cannot touch us.

1 Peter 4:7

4:7. But the end of all things is at hand; therefore be serious and watchful in your prayers.

Being silent (repenting) and calm (being shepherded, so we can pray to God) are like stretching out our hands to God, so we live in His merciful hands.

Isaiah 30:15-16

30:15. For thus says the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel: "In returning and rest you shall be saved; In quietness and confidence shall be your strength." But you would not,

30:16. And you said, "No, for we will flee on horses" --Therefore you shall flee! And, "We will ride on swift horses" --Therefore those who pursue you shall be swift!

We often try to finish our own problem by our power. It is like to flee on horse, but the problem remains unsolved.

John 7:6

7:6. Then Jesus said to them, "My time has not yet come, but your time is always ready.

We always have the time to become silent and calm. It means that our business now is repenting and praying.

The time of God has not yet come means the matter of time is God's business. We cannot insist God. We totally surrender to God. It is the same as placing Jesus as the head.

Hebrews 4:16

4:16. Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

As a result, the merciful hands of God will be stretched out to finish all of impossible problems in His time.

Ecclesiastes 3:11

3:11. He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also He has put eternity in their hearts, except that no one can find out the work that God does from beginning to end.

The hands of God are able to make everything beautiful in its time.

1 Peter 5:6

5:6. Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time,

The hands of God are able to make everything successful and recovered in due time. God is able to use our life.

Psalms 37:6

37:6. He shall bring forth your righteousness as the light, And your justice as the noonday.

We are purified until we become the light. It starts from marriage/household. We become the light of testimony in front of people until

we become the light of the world. We can greet when Jesus comes a second time on the glorious clouds

1 Peter 5:4

5:4. and when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that does not fade away.

God grants the crown of life until we sit together with Him on the throne of the Heaven.

God blesses us.