

Youth Service in Malang, January 31, 2015 (Saturday Evening)

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

Luke 8 refers to the Golden Candlestick. In Luke 8, there are seven stories that refer to seven lamps on the Golden Candlestick and they are as follows:

1. Many Women Minister to Jesus (Luke 8:1-3).
2. The Parable of the Sower (Luke 8:4-15).
3. The Parable of the Revealed Light (Luke 8:16-18).
4. Jesus's Mother and Brothers Come to Him (Luke 8:19-21).
5. Wind and Wave Obey Jesus (Luke 8:22-25).
6. A Demon-Possessed Man Healed (Luke 8:26-39).
7. A Girl Restored to Life and a Woman Healed (Luke 8:40-56).

We discuss the sixth story namely **A Demon-Possessed Man Healed**.

Luke 8:26-29

8:26. Then they sailed to the country of the Gadarenes, which is opposite Galilee.

8:27. And when He stepped out on the land, there met Him a certain man from the city who had demons for a long time. And he wore no clothes, nor did he live in a house but in the tombs.

8:28. When he saw Jesus, he cried out, fell down before Him, and with a loud voice said, "What have I to do with You, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg You, do not torment me!"

8:29. For He had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For it had often seized him, and he was kept under guard, bound with chains and shackles; and he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the wilderness.

Satan with evil and unclean spirit wants to possess or control humans' heart and mind, soul and spirit, especially of the sons of God.

There are three states of demon-possessed son of God, namely evil and unclean spirit, and they are as follows:

1. **One is like a man from Gadarenes in the tombs.**

Luke 8:27

8:27. And when He stepped out on the land, there met Him a certain man from the city who had demons for a long time. And he wore no clothes, nor did he live in a house but in the tombs.

2. **One is like swine.**

Luke 8:33

8:33. Then the demons went out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd ran violently down the steep place into the lake and drowned.

3. **One is like those who fed the swine.**

Luke 8:34

8:34. When those who fed them saw what had happened, they fled and told it in the city and in the country.

We learn the first one, namely: **one is like a man from Gadarenes in the tombs**.

A demon-possessed man does not like to live in a house (household or the temple of God), but in the tombs.

The meanings of the tombs are as follows:

1. The burial for the people who died physically.
2. The place or medium where evil and unclean spirits are in power to make human, son and servant of God spiritually die or wither up to the second death in the hell.
For example, gambling, discotheque, porn book or movie.
False ministry or fellowship may be a tomb too. It means a ministry without or that is not according to true teaching Word.

The signs of unclean and evil spirit-possessed man are as follows:

- a. **Wearing no clothes.**

Luke 8:27

8:27. And when He stepped out on the land, there met Him a certain man from the city who had demons for a long time. And he wore no clothes, nor did he live in a house but in the tombs.

It means sinning up to the peak of sin, namely sin of eating-drinking and marrying-giving in marriage, and living for sin, one does not feel guilty and want to repent anymore.

b. One does not live in a house.

It means as follows:

- One does not live in a house of worship or is not faithful, even he does not want to worship.
- One does not live in a house. It means one is separated from the family or does not have good relationship, namely he does not greet and notice each other, and he is not obedient.

c. One is wild or cannot be tamed.

Luke 8:29

8:29. For He had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For it had often seized him, and he was kept under guard, bound with chains and shackles; and he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the wilderness.

It means as follows:

- One cannot be advised even corrected and set.
- One is not shepherded, his service to God walks about like Esau who hunted flesh only.

Consequently, one suffers and lives in curse, not in the right mind, the spirit and soul are not healthy; even he enters the second death, namely the hell, and perishes forever.

Jesus is not willing that the Gentiles live in curse until perish. Jesus is willing to pass the windstorms to help a certain man in Gadarenes.

For us now, Jesus is willing to die on the cross to help the Gentiles who are possessed by evil and unclean spirit, live in curse, and to be destroyed only.

John 19:32-34

19:32. Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who was crucified with Him.

19:33. But when they came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs.

19:34. But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out.

Jesus has already died with four wounds (two at the hands and the other two at the feet) for saving Israel.

After Jesus died, there was the fifth wound at His side as the biggest wound so **blood and water** came out for saving the Gentiles.

The Gentiles must receive the sign of blood and water, so we can be saved.

The sign of blood means we stop sinning.

The sign of water means water baptism. One who has died to sin must be buried.

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.

After we are baptized in the water, we are released from sin and do not sin anymore even if we will get advantage or threat by the sin. We receive new life. We are obedient and set free from evil and unclean spirit.

The results are as follows:

1. In the right mind.

Luke 8:35

8:35. Then they went out to see what had happened, and came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had departed, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid.

Hebrews 10:16-17

10:16. "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the LORD: I will put My laws into their hearts, and in their minds I will write them,"

10:17. then He adds, "Their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more."

In the right mind means we have healthy heart and mind, we can be written by the Word. We can hear the Word until understand (the Word is written in the mind), it becomes faith in heart (it is written in the heart).
When we understand and believe the Word, all of our sins are wiped by God and we experience peace.

One in his right mind has peace.

2. **Being clothed.**

Luke 8:35

8:35. Then they went out to see what had happened, and came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had departed, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid.

It means that we are not naked anymore, but live in righteousness and holiness.
Being clothed means we have ministry or tunic of many colors, so our life is beautiful too.

3. **Sitting at the feet of Jesus.**

Luke 8:35

8:35. Then they went out to see what had happened, and came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had departed, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid.

It means one is shepherded well and correctly and does not walk around anymore.
If we have already sat at the feet of Jesus, the breaking of bread happens, so we confess, "*The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.*" We experience great caring physically up to the abundance, we can give thanks always.
"*I shall not want*" spiritually means we are spotless or perfection.

Sitting at the feet of Jesus means we worship God a lot, surrender our whole life to Him and wait He works in His time.

Ruth 3:18

3:18. Then she said, "Sit still, my daughter, until you know how the matter will turn out; for the man will not rest until he has concluded the matter this day."

God will conclude our problem in His time, He struggles for us.
God is able to change everything to become Paradise atmosphere.
When Jesus comes a second time, we will be changed to become perfect. We are as glorious as Him and the perfect body of Christ has been finished.

The beginning of the renewing is saying the true words, there is no more lie.

God blesses us.