

Youth Service in Malang, June 18, 2011 (Saturday Evening)

Overall, Mark 16 refers to the Shekinah Glory or the light of glory.

Mark 16 is divided into 2 parts as follows:

1. Mark 16:1-8 is about the power of resurrection of God (Shekinah Glory) that shines to our heart until we experience the renewal of life.
2. Mark 16:9-20 is about the power of resurrection of God (Shekinah Glory) that shines from inside to outside that is the sparkling light.

Ad. 2. The power of Resurrection that shines from inside to outside producing the light of glory that sparkles.

Revelation 18:5-6, 15-16

18:5 *"For her sins have reached to heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities.*

18:6 *"Render to her just as she rendered to you, and repay her double according to her works; in the cup which she has mixed, mix double for her.*

18:15 *"The merchants of these things, who became rich by her, will stand at a distance for fear of her torment, weeping and wailing,,*

18:16 *"and saying, 'Alas, alas, that great city that was clothed in fine linen, purple, and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls!*

In this verse, the Babel or the false church is also clothed in fine linen but not shiny. It means being full of hypocrisy/lies, it is not from a loving heart.

We must be careful with hypocrisy; pretending to be good, pretending to be faithful, or pretending in ministry.

Revelation 19:7-8

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."*

19:8 *And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.*

The True Church of God is clothed in the clean and bright fine linen that is from a heart that is holy and loves God.

If we have the heart that is holy and loves God, we will not be deceived and will not be falsified easily by Babel.

How do we get the clean and bright fine linen? **By the true ministry/service.**

Romans 12:1-2

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.*

12:2 *And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.*

The signs of right/true ministry are as follows:

1. Signified by our body offering/sacrifice or our whole life offering/sacrifice.

But there are requirements as follows:

- Living bodies --> a life that is controlled by the Holy Spirit.

We can be controlled by the Holy Spirit with perseverance in General Service (including in youth service). In Tabernacle, it is shown as the Golden Candlestick.

It means to be faithful and always be fervent in spirit in service and ministry.

If we offer / sacrifice a half-dead body that means being unfaithful in service, always having a reason to avoid service, our life will be half-dead too.

- Holy bodies, being clean from sin --> a life that is controlled by The True Teaching Word.

In Tabernacle, it is shown as The Table of Showbread that is perseverance in doing Bible Study Service and Holy Communion.

- An acceptable body to God. --> A life that is controlled by the Love of God.

In Tabernacle, it is shown as the Golden Altar of Incense that means perseverance in Prayer Service. Here we

accept the opportunity to be controlled by the Love of God that encourages us to be obedient. So, in the Shepherd system, our life can be sacrificed as a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God. Through the Shepherd system, we are the sheep that are sacrificed upon the Altar of God.

2. Suffering in the flesh and persecution.

2 Timothy 3:12

3:12 Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.

But don't be afraid; because being suffered to flesh = burned flesh, we experience the renewal of life from flesh men to be spiritual men.

Romans 12:2

12:2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what [is] that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

Beginning with the renewal of heart to be strong and of good courage and be able to distinguish between good and bad, between true and false.

We are able to distinguish between true and false of God's persona, of His Teaching Word. We must firmly distinguish between the True Teaching Word and the false.

The True Teaching Word is the word that is written in the Bible, meaning a verse explains another verse.

The True Teaching Word will guide us to be God's bride, to be perfect. But the false teaching word will guide you to Babel that is wickedness, impurity, and hypocrisy.

Then to be able to distinguish between the good deeds and the bad ones, between the good words and the bad ones.

The good deed is not harmful to others.

The good deed is also loving to give with eagerness, with happiness and without compulsion. It comes from heart that loves God.

2 Corinthians 9:7-8

9:7 So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.

9:8 And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work.

As a result, we receive the grace of God from the cross. The grace of God is able to preserve us with no shortage even bestow us with all good deeds until being clean and bright fine linen.

Also to be able to distinguish between the true ministry and the false.

Matthew 7:21-23

7:21. "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven.

7:22 "Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?"

7:23 P" And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!"

Ministry without being obedient to the True Teaching Word will not be accepted by God.

It is not determined by the kind of ministry, but the obedience that determines.

Ministering with obedience is the fragrant offering to God

Until at the last; we are able to distinguish between the true worship and the false.

For examples are Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.

Daniel 3:16-18, 24-25

3:16 Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered and said to the king, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter.

3:17 "If that is the case, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and He will deliver us from your hand, O king.

3:18 "But if not, let it be known to you, O king, that we do not serve your gods, nor will we worship the gold image which you have set up."

3:24 Then King Nebuchadnezzar was astonished; and he rose in haste and spoke, saying to his counselors, "Did we not cast three men bound into the midst of the fire?" They answered and said to the king, "True, O king."

3:25 "Look!" he answered, "I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire; and they are not hurt, and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God."

If the worship is true, it will definitely maintain the true ministry, the good deeds, the True Teaching Word; even when we have to face the fire that is heated seven times (the impossible things). As the result, God will be with us in the Light of Glory.Â

The results are as follow :

- The Glorious Light of God is able to protect and preserve us in midst of all impossibilities.
- The Glorious Light of God is able to give us the beautiful and successful future.
- The Glorious Light of God is able to employ us becoming the witnesses of God to win many souls.

Daniel 3:28-29

3:28. Nebuchadnezzar spoke, saying, "Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and AbedNego, who sent His Angel and delivered His servants who trusted in Him, and they have frustrated the king's word, and yielded their bodies, that they should not serve nor worship any god except their own God!

3:29 "Therefore I make a decree that any people, nation, or language which speaks anything amiss against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and AbedNego shall be cut in pieces, and their houses shall be made an ash heap; because there is no other God who can deliver like this."

- The Glorious Light of God is able to renew us becoming as glorious as God, wearing the clean and bright fine linen, becoming the Perfect Bride of God.

God blesses us.