

Youth Service in Malang, November 08, 2014 (Saturday Evening)

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

We still discuss about Luke 8. In Luke 8, there are seven stories that refer to seven shining lamps on the golden candlestick. Now, we are at second story, namely The Parable of the Sower (Luke 8: 4-15).

There are four kinds of the ground of heart that can be divided in two groups as follows:

1. three bad hearts [Luke 8:4-7,9-14].
2. a good heart [Luke 8:15].

Now, we discuss about **the good heart**.

Luke 8:8, 15

8:8. "But others fell on good ground, sprang up, and yielded a crop a hundredfold." When He had said these things He cried, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear!"

8:15. "But the ones that fell on the good ground are those who, having heard the word with a noble and good heart, keep it and bear fruit with patience."

The everyday practice of the good heart is as follows:

a. Looking for good place in the ministry.

We look for good place, so we can follow the ministry from beginning till the end well. It starts from opening prayer until blessing one.

- Opening prayer.
In opening prayer, we ask God's presence and Satan is cast out. Through opening prayer, we move from world ambience to God's presence.
- Praise and testimony to strengthen us.
- The Word of God prayer.
When we are praying to receive the Word of God, we ask the anointment of Holy Spirit and cast Satan out. Flesh men without the anointing of Holy Spirit, but using the logic, often reject the Word.

From opening prayer up to the prayer to greet the Word of God, we are loosening our ground, so we can receive the revelation of the teaching Word well.
- Preaching.
We must be earnest in preaching, so the Word yields a fruit.
- The prayer after preaching.
After receiving the Word and realizing our mistake, we pray, so our problem is finished.
- Blessing prayer.
Blessing prayer locks and sets all blessing in the ministry, so we can bring it in our life, household and school.

b. We can receive true teaching Word how hard it is.

James 1:21-22

1:21. Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

1:22. But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

Good heart (**gentle heart**) can receive the hard Word or true teaching Word that is sharper than any two-edged sword. The process that good heart can receive the Word is as follows:

- **Hearing**true teaching Word earnestly in the anointing of Holy Spirit until we **understand**it.
- Holy Spirit helps us, so we can **believe**in the Word and it becomes faith in our heart and saves us.
- Holy Spirit helps us, so we become the doers of the Word, **practice**and **obey**it.

If we obey the Word, we receive two things as follows:

- Bearing fruit of patience.

Luke 8:15

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Acts 2:41-42

2:41. Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them.

2:42. And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.

After being saved (baptized with water and Holy Spirit which is the same as believing and being saved), the church of the first rain enters perseverance as follows:

1. Perseverance in committing fellowship (The Golden Candlestick).
For us now, it refers to perseverance in committing General Service, namely fellowship with God the Holy Spirit in His gifts.
2. Perseverance in committing apostles' doctrine and breaking of bread (The Table of Showbread).
For us now, it refers to perseverance in committing Bible Study Service and Holy Communion, namely fellowship with Son of God in true teaching Word and Christ's sacrifice.
3. Perseverance in committing the prayers (The Golden Altar of Incense).
For us now, it refers to perseverance in committing Prayer Service, namely fellowship with God the Father in His love.

This perseverance is called as perseverance in the sheepfold or perseverance in the Holy Place.

In three kinds of main service, our body, soul and spirit join in a fellowship with God the Trinity, so we cannot be touched by Satan. We will live in serenity and peace and everything becomes easy and light.

It is hard for our flesh to enter the sheepfold, but it is easy and light for our life and future, because God bears all of our labor and heavy burden.

Staying in the shepherding is like branch that abides in the true vine, so sooner or later, it will yield sweet fruit, our life becomes happy and we have satisfaction of the Heaven that cannot be influenced by anything.

We do not chase worldly satisfaction, so we will not fall into sin up to the peak of sin.

The more we are holy, the sweeter our life is.

- We can stretch out our hand to God.
If we stretch out our hand to God, He will stretch out His hand to us too and send Holy Spirit in the form of strong east wind for giving miracles in our life.
For example, when Moses faced the Red Sea.

Exodus 14:16, 21-22, 26-28

14:16. "But lift up your rod, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it. And the children of Israel shall go on dry ground through the midst of the sea.

14:21. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the LORD caused the sea to go back by a strong east wind all that night, and made the sea into dry land, and the waters were divided.

14:22. So the children of Israel went into the midst of the sea on the dry ground, and the waters were a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.

14:26. Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, that the waters may come back upon the Egyptians, on their chariots, and on their horsemen."

14:27. And Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and when the morning appeared, the sea returned to its full depth, while the Egyptians were fleeing into it. So the LORD overthrew the Egyptians in the midst of the sea.

14:28. Then the waters returned and covered the chariots, the horsemen, and all the army of Pharaoh that came into the sea after them. Not so much as one of them remained.

Moses stretches out his hand twice as follows:

1. Moses stretches out his hand and so does God for giving Holy Spirit in the form of strong east wind to divide

the Red Sea.

This is physical miracle. There is way out of all problems up to the impossible ones become possible and we have beautiful future.

There is wall of water at the left and right. It means we receive protection from God in the middle of difficulties in the world until the age of antichrist. We are protected from the touch of antichrist, even the eye of antichrist, so he cannot see us.

If we depend on our own power, we can do nothing.

We have to stretch out our hand to God a lot.

2. Moses stretches out his hand and the waters returned and covered the chariots, the horsemen, and all the army of Pharaoh.

Pharaoh, the chariots and the horsemen refer to Satan, antichrist and false prophet (Satan the trinity).

If we obey God or stretch out our hand to Him, so does He for giving Holy Spirit to defeat Satan the trinity; we become new creation or spiritual men like Jesus.

We experience renewal of life. It starts from being honest to confess all of our failure and sin.

Philippians 2:9-11

2:9. Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name,

2:10. that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth,

*2:11. and that **every tongue should confess** that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

If we are honest, we become the house of prayer and our prayer will be answered by God, so all of our problems are finished.

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.***

Until the last miracle, we will be changed to become as same as God when He comes a second time. We greet His second coming and we do not stumble in word, but become perfect as Him.

James 3:2

3:2. For we all stumble in many things. If anyone does not stumble in word, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle the whole body.

We face the opened Heaven and become as same as God forever.

God blesses us.