Youth Service in Malang, September 10, 2016 (Saturday Evening)

To coincide with Affirmation and Blessing of Marriage Service

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

Luke 10:1-3

10:1. After these things the Lord appointed seventy others also, and sent them two by two before His face into every city and place where He Himself was about to go.

10:2. Then He said to them, "The <u>harvest</u> truly is great, but the laborers are few; therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.

10:3. "Go your way; behold, I send you out as lambs among wolves.

The deputation of God is linked with the harvest.

There are two kinds of ministry in the field of God as follows:

1. The sowing.

It means the revival of Holy Spirit at the first rain, namely the one in the gospel word or good news that preaches about Jesus' first coming from the heaven to the world as the only innocent man who must die on the cross to call the sinners, so they believe Jesus and be saved.

2. The harvest.

It means the revival of Holy Spirit at the last rain, namely the one in the teaching word that preaches about Jesus' second coming to choose saved people to be purified up to become perfect like Jesus.

Our marriage is led to enter the ministry of sowing, namely entering the ministry of the building of the body of Christ. It starts from marriage, sheepherding, inter-shepherding, until the one body of the Gentiles and Israelites. We enter A Thousand Years Kingdom of Peace and the marriage supper of the Lamb, namely spiritual marriage between Christ and the congregation.

We must fight in marriage, so we do not fail during the journey because of quarrel, infidelity, marrying after divorce, et cetera.

The system of deputation or the one of ministry of the building of the body of Christ is **two by two**. Luke10:1

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It means one may not be selfish, but must work together with God (by obeying God) and others (husband, wife, and children).

A husband works together with his wife by loving her as he loves himself and not being harsh. A wife works together with her husband by submitting to him in all things.

Luke 10:3

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Mark 1:13

1:13. And He was there in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan, and was with the wild beasts; and the angels ministered to Him.

Jesus has ever been among wild beasts too. It refers to three beasts, namely Satan the trinity. The ambience of deputation is we are among the beasts, namely Satan the trinity. It means we are powerless and in the fear atmosphere.

The way out is we must experience the ministry of the angel. The angel refers to the shepherd.

So, in deputation, we must be shepherded well and truly. It means as follows:

- We are in the sheepfold.
- Hearing and obeying the voice of shepherd. If we hear other voices, we will be pulled to the beast and destroyed.

The results of shepherding are as follows:

1. God is with us or Immanuel.

Luke 10:4

10:4. "Carry neither money bag, knapsack, nor sandals; and greet no one along the road.

Jesus forbids us to carry money bag, or knapsack. It means God will provide it for us, He is with us.

Matthew 28:19-20

28:19. "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

28:20. "teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, <u>I am with you always</u>, even to the end of the age." Amen.

Do not hope anything in the world!

Greeting no one means do not depend on anyone, but God the Great Shepherd who is with us always.

2. The atmosphere of peace.

Luke 10:5-7

10:5. "But whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house.'

10:6. "And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest on it; if not, it will return to you.

10:7. "And remain in the same house, eating and drinking such things as they give, for the laborer is worthy of his wages. Do not go from house to house.

The process to receive peace is making peace with God and others (the cross). We need humility (the ability to confess our sin to God and others) and gentleness (the ability to forgive others' sin and forget it).

Matthew 11:28-30

11:28. "Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.
11:29. "Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find <u>rest</u>for your souls.
11:30. "For My yoke is <u>easy</u>and My burden is <u>light</u>."

If we are humble and gentle, we will find rest, everything becomes easy and light, and we live in holiness.

Romans 14:17

14:17. for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

3. Experiencing miracle.

Luke 10:8-10, 12

10:8. "Whatever city you enter, and they receive you, eat such things as are set before you.
10:9. "And heal the sick there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'
10:10. "But whatever city you enter, and they do not receive you, go out into its streets and say,
10:12. "But I say to you that it will be more tolerable in that Day for Sodom than for that city.

The physical and spiritual miracles happen in our life.

Ephesians 4:23-25

4:23. and be renewed in the spirit of your mind,

4:24. and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness. 4:25. Therefore, putting away lying, "Let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor," for we are members of one another.

We experience spiritual miracle, namely the renewal of life to become new man, namely we do not lie anymore, but become honest.

Luke 10:10-11

10:10. "But whatever city you enter, and they do not receive you, go out into its streets and say, 10:11. 'The very dust of your city which clings to us we wipe off against you. Nevertheless know this, that the kingdom of God has come near you.'

Do not become the dust man, namely one who retains sins and not being honest.

If spiritual miracle happens, the physical one will happen too. Our steps of life are the ones of miracle, starting from not lying.

The physical miracle is the impossible thing becomes possible; failure becomes success, until we are changed to become the same as Jesus when He comes a second time. We are lifted up to the kingdom of heaven and sit together with Jesus.

God blesses us.