

Youth Service in Malang, September 16, 2017 (Saturday Evening)

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

Luke 11:37-54 is about 'Woe to the Pharisees and Lawyers'

The Pharisees and Lawyers only prioritize the physical thing in their ministry and do not prioritize the word of God, so they are fulminated by God with six times of 'woe'. We learn **the fourth one**.

Luke 11:45-46

11:45. Then one of the lawyers answered and said to Him, "Teacher, by saying these things You reproach us also."

11:46. And He said, "Woe to you also, lawyers! For you load men with burdens hard to bear, and you yourselves do not touch the burdens with one of your fingers."

The fourth 'woe' is that the Lawyers load men with burdens hard to bear, but they themselves do not touch the burdens with one of their fingers.

There are two kinds of burden as follows:

1. The spiritual burden, namely one preaches the hard word, but he himself does not do it. It means that he does not love God.
2. The physical burden, namely one torments others, including the youth torments his parents. It means that he does not love others.

So, the ministry of the Pharisees and Lawyers is **without love or two tablets of stone**. They do not have the love to God and others, and their lives are without love too.

Exodus 31:18

31:18. And when He had made an end of speaking with him on Mount Sinai, He gave Moses two tablets of the Testimony, tablets of stone, written with the finger of God.

Two tablets of stone are written with the finger of God.

The Pharisees and Lawyers harden their heart and become stubborn like stone, so they are unwilling and unable to be written with God's word and love by His finger. Their life just wallows in sin up to the peak and hypocrisy.

The peak of sin is the one of eating-drinking and marrying-giving in marriage.

Consequently, the Pharisees and Lawyers who are the Israelites become the descendants of viper. They are unwilling and unable to repent up to perdition forever.

The Gentiles are indeed the hard stone. If one does not want to be written with God's word and love by His finger, he will become harder up to being as hard as the millstone.

Revelation 18:21

18:21. Then a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone and threw it into the sea, saying, "Thus with violence the great city Babylon shall be thrown down, and shall not be found anymore."

He enters the building of the body of Babylon, the bride of Satan who will be thrown down into the ocean of the world. He is totally failed and in toil up to drowning in the lake of fire and brimstone or the hell forever.

Matthew 3:7-9

3:7. But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, "Brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?"

3:8. "Therefore bear fruits worthy of repentance,

3:9. "and do not think to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I say to you that God is able to raise up children to Abraham from these stones."

The way out is that both Israelites and Gentiles must enter the true water baptism.

The requirement of the true water baptism is that one believes in Jesus and repents or stops sinning or being dead to sin.

The implementation of the true water baptism is that one who has died to sin or repented must be buried in the water with Jesus and come out or rise from water with Him to receive new life or heavenly one.

1 Peter 3:20-21

3:20. who formerly were disobedient, when once the Divine longsuffering waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being

prepared, in which a few, that is, eight souls, were saved through water.

3:21. There is also an antitype which now saves us--baptism(not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good consciencetoward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,

We experience **the renewal of heart** from hard heart to tender one. We have a good conscience and mind.

Hebrews 8:10-12

8:10. "For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put My laws in their mind and write them on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

8:11. "None of them shall teach his neighbor, and none his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them.

8:12. "For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more."

2 Corinthians 3:3

3:3. clearly you are an epistle of Christ, ministered by us, written not with ink but by the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of flesh, that is, of the heart.

If our heart and mind are good, we will be able to be written with God's word and love by His finger, through the servant of God who is anointed by Him.

The proof that our heart and mind are written with the word is that we know Jesus deeply as the High Priest who has mercy and He knows us deeply. As a result, He will stretch out His hand with great mercy to us.

The results are as follows:

1. God's hands of great mercy are able to make propitiation for our sins.

Hebrews 2:17-18

2:17. Therefore, in all things He had to be made like His brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.

2:18 Sebab oleh karena Ia sendiri telah menderita karena pencobaan, maka Ia dapat menolong mereka yang dicobai.

Being encouraged by the word of God, we can realize, regret, and confess our sin honestly to God and others. As a result, the blood of Jesus will reconcile our sin, namely forgiving and covering our sin up to there is no remnant of our sin.

The proof is that we live in righteousness and peace. We do not sin anymore and all things become easy and light.

2. The merciful hands of the High Priest's are able to change us from fleshly men to spiritual ones like Jesus.

2 Corinthians 5:17-18

5:17. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

5:18. Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation,

We become the letter of Christ that is opened and able to be read by all men. It starts from **honesty and obedience**. Say yes if yes and no if no. We obey God and parents. We will be used to become the witness of God. We are used in the ministry of the building of the perfect body of Christ.

Being honest and obedient is the beginning of success. All things will become success and beauty in His time.

3. God's hands of great mercy are able to finish all of big and impossible problems in His time.

Hebrews 2:18

2:18. For in that He Himself has suffered, being tempted, He is able to aid those who are tempted.

It continues until Jesus comes a second time that we are changed to become as perfect as He is. We just cry: 'Alleluia!' to greet Jesus when He comes a second time on the glorious clouds. This is the easiest and lightest condition.

God blesses us.