

Buy Me (Luke 16:1-13)

Today's message is entitled "Buy Me." The LORD says, "You must buy me." You will be able to catch on His message. The bible contains God's messages. You must rightfully receive His words and live throughout the week by His words. For that is God's will. Within all the stories, the biblical figures, and the examples written in the Bible, there is one that summarize it all. It means that His promise is Christ. It is the same in the now. Just like He spoke about the parable of the dishonest manager, you must be able to buy me just like what he has done. All those figures who held to the promising blood, they all lived their lives like Noah. Even in the time of Noah, All the animals including birds living in the sky were put to death. But not only that, For Noah, he was able to live, but also those animals who were within the ark. This is the covenantal promise and the authority. May this come inside of your heart and become your covenant once again. No matter how lacking Abraham was, he was able to have victory over all things because God's work was fulfilled. And even now, his word is being fulfilled. At the very moment when they put the covenantal blood on the doorpost, all of Satan's kingdom were diminished. Not only that, all the Israelites, God's people, were all liberated from Egypt, and they came out with great possessions. This is the covenantal promise blood of the Cross. For those who believe in this, we call them "believers." And for those who live holding onto this is the walk of faith of believers. It is God's promise. If you live according to with that, it will be done just like what is recorded in the Bible. It is the Bible's message. If you hold onto the promise that I have given to you, then you will not live a pitiful life compared to the people of the world. Even if you may do not so, it is the conclusion of the Bible that if you just return to the covenant, then I will pour down all things to you. At the time when Israelites held onto the blood, there was no single nation that was able to invade them. But rather, it was the great nation that was able to bring their possessions to them. It is the true that 185,000 soldiers who were put to death on that night. When Israelites hold onto the covenant, even the enemies who invaded them, they killed themselves. There was a time in which the enemies came and invaded them, but they were so shocked, and they just ran away. How come it became like this? The history of the Israelites is a particularly good lesson for us. It is the point when this all occurred. It is the point. Why did God allowed this unimaginable works take place? It is simple. It is because your thoughts are not within this. Remnants and young adults, you are unsure of your future because you do not have much experience within your life. But simply live by what God has given to you. And then, your answers will be accumulated within your life. People of the world put in their efforts to live their lives. But that is not the case for us. When you simply hold to the covenant, it is God who will accumulate all the answers to your life. May you have the pride the fact that you are a child of God, and you must live by holding onto that. You must live your life having faith that God is in your life and working even now. David was able to defeat Goliath simply. All the Israelites were afraid and in fear. But David was able to defeat Goliath. Daniel was taken as a captive during the time of Babylon, but he was the spiritual king of that age. He was able to resolve King's matters

and problems at that time. God has given us the covenant and that is the answer. It is the conclusion of the Bible that God has given Christ as the answer. And God gave one commandment that you must live by the answer. Not only that, but your life will also be set free, and you will have conquest. In most cases, many people are oppressed by their lives. That is the conclusion of the Bible that you must not live your life like that. Do you think Moses lived his life oppressed by it? Do you think David was oppressed his own life? No. Even apostle Paul was taken into the prison, it was the prison that was oppressed by apostle Paul. There is nothing in this world that can liberate your life and give you conquest. If you do not have and hold to the covenant, no matter what method you may use, you can never come out of your own life snare. You can never come out of anxiety, frustration, and fear. You can never be resolved even with money. You do not have the strength nor the capability to do that. God said, it is only by spirit of Christ. May you once again confirm the covenant. You will be victorious. And may you be the covenantal worship to God.

1. Buy Me

The first point we will look at is "Buy Me." Why does it make sense for the fact that the dishonest manager who did such a wicked act was being condemned by the master? After coming to know of Christ, I came to understand this Bible scripture. You cannot connect His words if you cannot see it within Christ's perspective. It is all the same within all the Bible passages. There was a man who was a manager. He continuously used the master's possession. Do you think the master would let it be? One day, he called the manager and he said, "You are fired." So, he was in great trouble. And he said in the Bible scripture, "I'm not strong enough to dig and I'm ashamed to beg." But he was able to use his own wit. He was able to call all those who were debtors to the master. And from there, he was able to cut down all of what they owe to the master. And, of course, the manager spoke to all the debtors. He might say, "I'm going to get fired soon and I will cut down what you owe to the master. The master has no clue how much someone owed him. It is only the manager who knew it all. It is such a wicked act, but it is the master who commended him and called him a wise man. In verse 8, it says, "The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness." After coming to know of Christ, I was able to fully understand it. So, who was this master who commended dishonest manager for what he has done? Verse 9 states the answer. It says, "And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails, they may receive you into the eternal dwellings." The point of Jesus' message is that He wants to speak of eternal dwelling. For the eternal dwelling is not the work of earth. Because on earth, there is nowhere that is eternal dwelling. The eternal dwelling speaks of salvation and heaven. And the friend signifies Christ. And from there, you will be able to have better understanding of today's scripture. So, the master signifies God. It is God himself that He was able to commend the dishonest manager. Because master owns all things. But the master of mankind can never commend any of such dishonest manager like him. But the master which is God has no interest in the material wealth of the world. He only has one interest, Christ. God has no choice but to bless this dishonest man

because with all the possession of God, he used it to buy Christ. That is why he is such a wise man. The master is God, that is why He is pleased that he was able to use all his possessions to purchase Christ. Through today's example, Jesus speaks of God says that you must buy Christ with all His possession. He also said this to His disciples if you see the verse 1. He said, with all the things on earth, you must be able to buy Christ. If you do so, you will gain salvation. You will gain eternal dwelling. And you will be able to live a life of conquer in which you can possess all the authority on earth. This is the message that He speaks to His disciples. With all God's possession, you must buy Christ. And everything that belongs to you all belongs to Christ. Your hairs, your body, and your life belong to God. And all the money that belongs to you all belongs to God as well. With that alone, you must buy Christ. That is when you will be called as a wise person. God will commend you if you can buy all of Christ with God's possession on this earth. That is the wisest thing one can do. Everything belongs to God. Amongst the people, there are those that belongs to them, and those that belongs to you. But for God, it all belongs to Him. And there are times when people may steal from you and there are those in which they are just in righteous. But God is not like that. In God's perspective, the dishonest manager who committed such a wickedness in which he stole in which what belong from here went to there. With all that belongs to you, you must buy Christ. God says, that does not belong to you from the start. It belongs to me. If you do not change your belongings to Christ, then you will fail. And in verse 13, it says, "No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money." That is why you must buy God with all our material wealth and possession. The problems will come to you if you hold onto material wealth and God equivalent each other. That is when your finance will not even work out. Because if your material wealth is in the place of God, that is idol worship. You must first resolve this spiritual problem. The spiritual aspect and posture must be resolved first. And that is when God will give you His word first. And through the word fulfillment, that is how God will answer you. That is the normal walk of faith. This will never change. You must never forget this principle. The material wealth must be secondary. Material wealth is merely the tool that you use to serve God. That is why God commended this dishonest manager for what he has done and called him such a wise man. He never once says that this dishonest manager did not commit sin. He only complimented him for what he has done. Of course, that is a sin because he committed an evil act. Even if you commit sin, you can be called wise. Because if you look at the grand picture, mankind can never escape sin. All mankind and sinners from original sin. If they cannot escape from their sins, then they need to live wise lives. Today's example speaks about material wealth, but all our belongings belong to God. You must be able to buy Christ with all your talents.

2. Things that are urgent.

Second point is "Things that are urgent." In the Ten Commandment, God said that you shall not steal. And through His law, He spoke exactly what will be done if they do so. But within this Bible passage, why did God complimented him even though

what he has done is not right. Why did God use the example of stealing to buy Christ? In my opinion because God is urgent. It is not the time to nitpick on ethics. It is to use whatever method you may have to buy Christ. Because it is the time of urgency it is not the time to nitpick within the action. And because all the material things belong to God, the master can do what he desires. God says, even though you may steal, that belongs to me. There is nothing belongs to you. It all belongs to God. Because you are all sinners, it is not the time for you to nitpick on the action, but you must sell all the possession to buy Christ. This is the second message of Jesus. Do not nitpick this or that. You must be able to quickly buy me. I am not saying that to steal is such a righteous way. But open your spiritual eyes quickly. Are you stuck within stealing or what is injustice? You must go back. This is the meaning behind that. This is the word Jesus spoke to His disciples. You must stake your life and proclaim the Gospel. You must be able to proclaim the Gospel in or out of season. Even the money in this world, it is unrighteous. In this world, all the monies contain sin. You must do your best in your workplace. Are you doing your best? Is there anyone who gives his or her 100%? Even in 0.01%, they are sinners. Stealing a lot or stealing a little is all the same before God's eyes. After the incident of Genesis 3, all things on earth are unjust. God says, "I'm the only one that is righteous." This is not the time to nitpick on ethics. Whatever scheme or method, you must buy me. That is how you will become righteous. That is the only way for you. This is God's message for us today. He tells His disciples you must be able to buy me with all the belongings. You must stake your life for this. You must deny yourself and follow me. And that is exactly what we must do. We must do this work until the very end. This is a blessing of all blessings. You must partake for 237 nations and raise up the Remnants and multi-ethnic disciples. It is such meaningless to nitpick on existence or non-existence of mankind's sin. I am not saying it is good to commit sin. Of course, you should not commit many sins. You will send to the prison. But is the law in this world. In God's law, it is God who judges all thing. Everyone is a sinner in God's perspective. It becomes meaningless to nitpick on sin. What is more valuable in this world is How can I use what belongs to me for the sake of God's will which is the wisest thing to do? It is not God who looks at your sin. That sin is meaningless before God. He focuses on Christ. Why do people face judgment? Because they do not have the covenant. They go to hell because they do not have Christ. God is focused on Christ, not sin. The standard is Christ. That is why He did not speak of the sin regarding this dishonest manager. That is not what God's interest. God's interest lies in Christ. You are a thief. Who is good? Everyone is wicked. But that does not matter. You must buy Christ with your belongings. That is today's messages that God has given to us. You may stand as a witness for the sake of world evangelization through the wisdom that He gives to you. God has called you as one person to save this age that is full of spiritual problems. God has given you a covenant of the resurrection message that is the desire of this age. He has given you a covenant of 237, healing, Summit, and disciples. I believe that this fulfillment will be taking place through out your life as you hold onto the fundamental covenant of Christ. I bless the name of the LORD you to be victorious throughout the week holding onto Christ.