

Lk 22:24 Now there was also a dispute among them, as to which of them should be considered the greatest.

22:25 And He said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them, and those who exercise authority over them are called 'benefactors.'

22:26 "But not so among you; on the contrary, he who is greatest among you, let him be as the younger, and he who governs as he who serves.

22:27 "For who is greater, he who sits at the table, or he who serves? Is it not he who sits at the table? Yet I am among you as the One who serves.

22:28 "But you are those who have continued with Me in My trials.

22:29 "And I bestow upon you a kingdom, just as My Father bestowed one upon Me,

22:30 "that you may eat and drink at My table in My kingdom, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel."

22:31 And the Lord said, "Simon, Simon! Indeed, Satan has asked for you, that he may sift you as wheat.

22:32 "But I have prayed for you, that your faith should not fail; and when you have returned to Me, strengthen your brethren."

22:33 But he said to Him, "Lord, I am ready to go with You, both to prison and to death."

22:34 Then He said, "I tell you, Peter, the rooster shall not crow this day before you will deny three times that you know Me."

From today's sermon.

Jesus spoke thus.

He said, "My body I give for you," "A new covenant made in My blood, which is shed for you," "He who eats the bread that came down from heaven will never die, for he who eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day" (John 6).

We are set free from sin and death, we have a new bond of love and life with Jesus who makes us His own, and we receive the fellowship of the family of God, but there was an empty debate among the disciples. But there was an empty argument among the disciples: who was more powerful, who would rule the flock? It was like a fight on a monkey mountain to decide who was the boss monkey.

Jesus said, "Instead, the greatest among you should be like the youngest, and those who lead should be like those who serve. I am like a servant among you.

Serving, waiting, staring, worrying, caring. And serve. The Son of God does that for us.

If we look good on the outside but are empty inside, we will blow away when we are sifted.

But that is just what we are. But that is where Jesus' prayer comes in. But I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail.

From this indebtedness and gratitude to the Lord, mutual fellowship is born.

Good morning, everyone.

In last week's scripture, Jesus made the sacrament of bread and wine and said, "This is my body, which is given for you.

This is my body, which I give to you. Do this to commemorate me.

After the meal, He did the same with the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant made in My blood, which is poured out for you.

Jesus also said in John 6.

He who eats the bread that came down from heaven will never die. He who eats of my flesh and drinks of my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day." "He who eats of my flesh and drinks of my blood is in me, and I in him."

We are set free from sin and death, we have a new bond of love and life in Jesus who makes us God's own, and we receive the fellowship of God's family, but there was an empty debate among the disciples. But there was an empty argument among the disciples, a struggle for leadership, who was more powerful, who would rule the flock. It was on the level of deciding who was the boss monkey in a monkey mountain through a martial struggle.

There is a saying, "A man who reads the Analects does not know the Analects." No matter how long one has been near a great teacher, one must ask oneself whether one really understands the deep thought of that teacher, and if one has a deep understanding, whether one lives one's life in sympathy with that way of life.

He who eats of my flesh and drinks of my blood is in me, and I in him."

To repeat this over and over again, we commemorate repeatedly the One who died on the cross for us, and we remember in our hearts the salvation through the sacrifice of this One's death.

From the words of the Bible, which are open to us today, and from the words of Jesus, we desire to inscribe on our hearts the thoughts of Jesus.

22:24 Then there arose a dispute among them, saying, Who is the greatest among them?

22:25 Then Jesus said, "The kings of the Gentiles shall reign over their people, and those who wield power shall be called benefactors.

Who is the greatest? Who is above, and who has dominion? Whose opinion is stronger and more dominant, and whose voice is more powerful to make others follow? This may be a basic concept in the management of an organization. The idea is to avoid "Too many cooks spoil the broth."

People often do not understand each other. And people are superior and inferior, and organizations must make decisions. That is why it is necessary to create rules for smooth decision-making under leadership, which would be understood as order-making and pecking order in power relationships.

Ironically, even though the disciples did not understand much when Jesus foretold His death, even though they were not familiar with the sacrificial love, death, and resurrection of the Lord whose atoning death was full of hope and victory leading to salvation, they were sensitive and predictive about the future of power relations after the leaderlessness caused by His death. They sensitively and calculatingly foresaw the future of power relations after the leader's absence due to his death.

Their action was to discuss who would be the next leader of the church.

However, their actions were nothing more than a power struggle reminiscent of Gentile rule by force from above, backed by a powerful force. So Jesus spoke of His own leadership here.

22:26 But you shall not be so. Instead, the greatest among you should be like the youngest, and those who lead should be like those who serve.

But you shall not be so."

This is the Lord's word to us, His word to the church, His word to Christians.

What does it mean to be great? A great man is not one who makes people stand in line and bow. A great person is not like a young man who, despite being a great person, has no experience like a young man, so he crawls on the ground and strives to become a man by doing whatever it is that people don't like to do, without being respected, without being asked for his opinion, without being taken to heart even when he bows and bows, and without always being forced to do menial labor. They are taught to be like the young ones who are always forced to do menial work without being respected, without being asked for their opinions, and

without being taken seriously even when they make the rounds of bowing.

To become great, one must go through such hardships, and after hard work and toil, one finally gains experience and becomes capable of doing solid work, gains position, gains trust, and spreads one's wings, which is worthy of respect. It is not irrational for a great person to be in a certain position, because if an inexperienced person takes charge without doing the proper job, he or she will only fail. What Jesus is saying here, however, is what kind of person is truly great among them. He is talking about the important values that make a church and a Christian.

22:26 But you shall not be so. Instead, the greatest among you should be like the youngest, and those who lead should be like those who serve.

Matthew 20:25 Then Jesus called them to Him and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles rule over their people, and the great ones exercise authority over them.

20:26 And it shall not be so among you. But whosoever wills to be great among you, let him be a servant; and whosoever wills to be great among you, let him be a servant,

20:27 He who wants to be a leader among you must be a servant.

20:28 For just as the Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

The greatest of all, that is Jesus. How great He is, He is so great that He is God. How young He was, how He humbled Himself, how He crawled, how He served His disciples, how He washed their soles, how He endured being beaten with a whip with thorns from fish bones on His back until His back was torn, how He was nailed hand and foot to the cross, how a crown of thorns was pierced through His head, how He died an atoning death, how He descended to the dead, and so on. He was so humbled that He descended into death. He was humbled to the point of being a slave and a felon, and was not just lowered to the level of a young man.

Those who lead should be like those who serve.

This is also true. It is frightening to think what kind of hellish training a drill sergeant would give to a new recruit, but the wisdom of Jesus is that he has the authority of a man who yells, "Shut up and do what I tell you, you little worm! Jesus' wisdom to us is that we have the

authority of those who yell at us to shut up and listen.

The word "servant" is used in the same sense as the word "waiter," which will later be used in the same way. What kind of person is an excellent waiter? A good waiter is someone who waits patiently, does not miss even the slightest movement of the customer, and rushes to the table to ask what he or she wants. Therefore, a waiter is also called a waiter. The Greek word for waiter also means to wait. Waiting for the one whom he serves. Waiting to be ready and ready to serve at a moment's notice. This is the servant. What an honor it is for us to know that God waits for us, watches over us, cares for us, and takes care of us with such an attitude, as Jesus did. But we should not only take advantage of God's love, but we should also grow up following His example and be those who do this and live by His example.

26 But you should not be so. Instead, the greatest among you should be like the youngest, and those who lead should be like those who serve.

27 Who is greater, the one who serves at the table or the one who serves? Is not the one who serves at the table? But I am like one of you who serves.

Since our Master does this, we should also imitate Him. We should follow our Master, serving, sacrificing, and loving others.

John 13:13 You call me teacher and Lord. It is right to say so. And I am that.

13:14 But since I, the Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet.

13:15 For I have set you an example, that as I have done to you, so you also should do.

13:16 I say unto you well and truly, I am not better than my master. A servant is not greater than his master, and he who is sent is not greater than he who sent him.

13:17 If ye know these things, and do them, woe unto you!

28 Ye are they that persevered with me through my trial unto the end.

22:29 Therefore as my Father hath given me dominion over the land, so will I give it unto you: and ye shall have dominion over the land, as I have given you dominion over the land,

22:30 And I will cause you to eat and drink at tables in my land, and you will sit on thrones and judge the twelve tribes of Israel.

22:31 Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to sift you as wheat, and hath permitted it.

22:32 But I prayed for thee, that thy faith might not fail; and thy faith was not lost. So when you get back on your feet, strengthen your brethren."

In the winds of the world, the winds of the devil, and the storm that is blowing, you have often gone along with me in my time of trial, and surely you will soon help me rule the kingdom. But now, brace yourselves and be careful not to deviate from this one path. Go my way, for the enemy, the devil, has been sifting you out, and he has been judging you as unfit to be judged and destroyed, and he has been listening to your wishes. A crisis is coming.

But I prayed for you so that your faith would not be lost. So when you get back on your feet, give strength to your brothers.

You will flee for your lives, abandoning your faith, and will be sorted out like a wretched wreck, disqualified like a husk. But I prayed for you so that your faith would not be lost. So when you get back on your feet, give strength to your brothers.

But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not. So when thou art restored, strengthen thy brethren.

But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not. So when you get back on your feet, give strength to your brothers.

But I also have implored and begged and prayed for you.

That your faith may not fail.

May your faith not fail you.

I prayed for you, that your faith may not be lost.

I prayed for you. So when you get back on your feet, give strength to your brothers.

How can we ever stray from our faith after receiving this passionate and fervent prayer of Jesus? How can we not get back up?

It is because of the Lord Jesus' passionate thoughts and prayers that we can stay in faith and that we can get back on our feet. That is why we can help each other. We can strengthen each other.

That is what the church is. We are such a flock, such an individual. Therefore, we need to protect ourselves, protect the flock, and desire to protect the church. We are to build up the church according to the will of Jesus. We are to dedicate ourselves to that end.

22:33 Simon said, "Lord, I am ready to go with you even to prison and even to death.

22:34 Then Jesus said, "Peter, I say to you. Today, before the cock cries, you will say three times that you do not know me.

But even with such passion, we may still be crushed in our backsides. And yet, still, God's love and grace never cease. Therefore, we can continue to remain in faith, continue to get back up, and continue to strengthen each other.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, thank you for today's worship. You are the one who serves, who waits, watches, and cares for us, and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your love. People are always vying for superiority and inferiority like monkeys on a monkey's mountain, but when it comes to sifting, they are as empty as rice husks, and are equal to being blown away by the wind. Jesus makes atonement for such fools, prays for them not to lose faith, and serves them for the sake of others. Please lead all sufferers into God's salvation and peace. Bless our families and the people in our community. We pray in the name of the Lord Jesus. Amen.