

“WORD OF LIFE”

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31. CHRIST IN HIS PERSON (11) – In Ascension

14. A Propitiation-cover (Mercy Seat)

15. Minister of the True (Heavenly) Tabernacle

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✚ IN THE BEGINNING WAS THE WORD (John 1:1)

- 1John 2:2 - And He **Himself** is the **propitiation** for our sins, and not for ours only but also for *those of* the whole world.
- Heb. 2:17 - Hence He should have been made like His brothers in all things that He might become a merciful and faithful High Priest in the things pertaining to God, **to make propitiation** for the sins of the people.
- Rom. 3:25 - Whom God set forth as a **propitiation place** through faith in His blood, for the demonstrating of His righteousness, in that in His forbearance God passed over the sins that had previously occurred,
- Heb. 4:16 - Let us therefore **come forward** with boldness to the **throne of grace** that we may **receive mercy** and **find grace** for timely help.
- Heb. 8:2 - A **Minister** of the holy places, even of the **true tabernacle**, which the Lord pitched, not man.

✚ LET US OFFER UP A SACRIFICE OF PRAISE CONTINUALLY TO GOD (Heb. 13:15)

❖ In ascension Christ is also a **propitiation-cover** (mercy seat) (Romans 3:25).

- Three Greek word for propitiation -
- *Hilasmus* is that **which** propitiates, (1 John 2:2; 4:10)
 - the **propitiatory sacrifice**, foreshadowed Christ,
 - the Lord Jesus is the **propitiatory sacrifice** for our sins.
 - He **satisfied** all the **requirements** of God's righteousness and glory
 - *Hilaskomai* means to appease, **to** propitiate. (Heb. 2:17)
 - the Lord Jesus **makes propitiation** for our sins
 - to reconcile us to God by satisfying God's righteous demands on us.
 - *Hilasterion* is the **place of propitiation**; the cover of the ark within the Holy of Holies. (Rom. 3:25; Heb. 9:5)
 - The law of the Ten Commandments was in the ark condemning the sin of the people (Exo. 25:16-22; Lev. 16:12-16)
 - By the **lid of the ark** with the atoning blood the whole situation on the sinner's side was fully covered.
 - Hence, **it was upon this lid that God could meet**, even **under the overshadowing of the cherubim**
 - **Christ** is the **propitiation-cover**, whom God set forth for showing His righteousness by passing by our sins

❖ The ascended Christ is a **Minister** of the holy places, even of the true tabernacle (Heb. 8:2).

- Christ, as a **Minister** of the true (heavenly) tabernacle, ministers heaven into us,
- So that we may have the heavenly life and power to live a heavenly life on earth.
 - This tabernacle, this sanctuary, is in the **third heaven**, in which is the heavenly Holy of Holies,
 - where Christ is ministering on our behalf, is **connected** to our **spirit**.
 - Christ's ministry in the heavens **takes care** of our need and at the same time **He carries out God's economy**
 - Christ **ministers** Himself to us as food, as our life supply, **in the way of dispensing**.

✚ WITH ONE ACCORD ... WITH ONE MOUTH GLORIFY THE GOD (Rom. 15:6)

✚ In His ascension **Christ** is the place, the **propitiation-cover**, for **God** to meet with us. This place is called the **throne of grace**. The throne of grace is the **cover of the ark** on which **Christ** sprinkled the blood He shed on the cross for our **redemption**. Because of the sprinkling of His redeeming blood, the cover of the ark has become a **propitiation-cover**, a place where **God** may contact us and where we may enjoy His grace in full.

✚ The supply we need comes from the **Christ** who is **both** the **Lord** in the **heavens** and the **Spirit within us**. He is interceding for us, caring for us. Now we may experience Him in all His functions as the ascended One. In particular, as the heavenly **Minister** He transmits what we need from **God the Father**, who is the source, **into** our spirit to supply and sustain us. This is the dispensing of the **Triune God** **into** our being.

Hymn 747

- 1 The holiest of **God's** temple is
The inmost part; the **mercy seat**,
God's presence and
the **ark** are there,
And there the priests
the **Lord** may **meet**.
- 2 Now we're **God's** temple
in three parts;
Our inmost part the **spirit** is;
There **God** and **Christ**
as **Spirit dwell**,
The **holiest place** of holy 'tis.
- 3 'Tis here within our inmost part
That **God** in **Christ** is all to us;
'Tis here the **Holy Spirit** makes
The **Lord** reality to us.
- 4 'Tis here within the **spirit**-part
We contact **Christ**
and dwell with **Him**;
'Tis by our spirit we with **God**
Have **fellowship** and **worship**
Him.
- 5 'Tis here that **Christ**
is like the land
Where we may dwell,
its wealth enjoy;
'Tis here that we
must fight the foe,
And **Christ's** authority employ.
- 6 The spirit we must seek to know,
Discerning spirit from the soul,
And live within this **holiest place**,
To worship **God**
and reach His goal.
- 7 The soul we ever must forsake,
Press on, **God's** rest to enter in,
That **Christ** we may possess in full
And all **God's** plan fulfill therein.

Hymn 1090

- 1 Dear **Lord**,
how precious is Thy **blood**,
Of the **New Testament**!
By it **God's** blessings we receive,
And we with Him are blent.
- 2 "Tis by Thy **blood**
we've been **redeemed**,
And by it sanctified.
Now is our conscience
free from sin,
From dead works purified.
- 3 Better than Abel's, now Thy **blood**
Speaks unto **God** for us.
Perfect **redemption** it provides,
Meeting **God's** righteousness.
- 4 Through the eternal **Spirit**, Thou
Offeredst Thyself to **God**.
This **sacrifice** can ne'er grow old;
Timeless is Thy dear **blood**.
- 5 'Tis by Thy **blood** we boldly come
Unto the **throne of grace**,
Unto our **God**, the **cov'nant new**,
And to the Holiest Place.
- 6 Lord, by Thy **blood**,
God is obliged
His very Self to give;
He must receive us to Himself,
And He in us must live.
- 7 Dear **Lord**,
how precious is Thy **blood**
Of the **New Testament**!
By it **God's** blessings we receive,
And we with Him are blent.

Hymn 26

- 1 **God**, we praise Thee
for Thy **mercy**,
'Tis so great and so profound!
In our weakness and our failures;
With its greatness it abounds.
We adore Thee! we adore Thee!
With such **mercy**
we've been crowned!
- 2 How we marvel at this **mercy**
So far-reaching and so vast!
It has reached us, e'en the **sinners**,
And will ever hold us fast.
From this **mercy**, from this **mercy**,
What can cause us to be cast?
- 3 For Thy **mercy** we are grateful,
'Tis so rich, so plenteous!
Thru Thy **mercy** in **redemption**,
Thou hast richly favored us.
If without this, if without this,
How could we be favored thus?
- 4 Oh, Thy **mercy**, so inspiring!
Gentle, tender, dear and sweet!
With Thy patience
and Thy kindness,
Us in all **our need it meets**.
It we treasure, it we treasure,
Nothing can with it compete.
- 5 **Father**, we enjoy Thy **mercy**,
Ever fresh and ever new;
Every morning shed upon us,
It refreshes as the dew.
How we taste it! how we taste it!
Giving Thee the praises due.
- 6 We can never cease
to praise Thee,
As Thy **mercy** e'er endures;
All Thy **grace** and all Thy favor,
Ever for us it secures.
Trusting in it, trusting in it,
Thy sure **mercy** us assures.