

“WORD OF LIFE”

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33. CHRIST IN HIS PERSON (13) – In the New Jerusalem-In Eternity

M3. The Temple

Hymns: Sing aloud your praises to the Lord of all / #222 / Merciful and righteous, Wise beyond the wise

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

- Joh 1:14 - And the **Word** became flesh and **tabernacled** among us (and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only Begotten from the Father), full of grace and reality.
- Rev 21:3 - And I heard a loud voice out of the throne, saying, Behold, the **tabernacle** of **God** is with men, and He will **tabernacle** with them, and they will be His peoples, and **God** Himself will be with them *and be* their **God**.
- Rev 21:22 - And I saw no **temple** in it, for the **Lord God** the Almighty and the **Lamb** are its **temple**.

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

❖ The New Jerusalem, as **God's dwelling place**, will be the **tabernacle of God** with men for eternity.

- The New Jerusalem as the **tabernacle** is for God's dwelling place
 - The tabernacle made by Moses was a **type** (Exo. 25:8-9; Lev. 26:11)
 - It was first **fulfilled** in **Christ** as God's tabernacle among men (John 1:14)
 - And will eventually be **fulfilled in the fullest way** in the **New Jerusalem**
- The New Jerusalem as the **tabernacle** of God **will be** the **temple** of God.
 - In the Old Testament the **tabernacle** of God was a **precursor** of the **temple** of God.
 - **In one sense** the holy city as **composed** of **God's** redeemed people
 - to be the **tabernacle of God** is for **God to dwell in** (Rev. 22:3)
 - **In another sense** the holy city as **constituted** of **Christ with God**
 - to be the **temple** is for **us to dwell in** (Rev. 21:22)
 - The **New Jerusalem** will be a **mutual dwelling place** for both **God** and us.

❖ In eternity **Christ with God** will also be the **temple** (Rev. 21:22).

- The **temple** is where **God dwells** and where His people **worship** Him.
 - It is **both God's habitation** and **our dwelling place**
 - In the new heaven and the new earth the **temple** of God will be **enlarged** into a **city**.
 - which will be the enlargement of Christ as God's dwelling place
 - which will also be the eternal dwelling place of God's redeemed people

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

- ✚ In the new heaven and the new earth the **New Jerusalem** will be a **mutual dwelling place** for both God and man for eternity. The **tabernacle** and the **temple** signify one thing—the **mutual dwelling place** of God and His redeemed people.
- ✓ The tabernacle **signifies** God's **redeemed people**, where **God dwells**
 - ✓ and the temple **signifies** **Christ with God**, where **we dwell**
- ✚ In eternity the **New Jerusalem** as the **tabernacle to God** and Christ with God as the **temple to us** will **both** be for God to dwell among His redeemed people that He may **dispense Himself** into them. The **New Jerusalem** will be a **gathering** of all of God's redeemed people **so that God may** have a **dwelling place** in which to **dispense** Himself in **Christ** into them continually for eternity, **and that they may eat and drink** of the all-inclusive Triune **God** for eternity.

**Sing aloud your praises
to the Lord of all**

- 1 Sing aloud your praises
to the **Lord** of all,
Now He is **dwelling** in **Jerusalem**.
Tell among us all
His doings great and small,
His throne, the heavens,
yet He **walks with men**.
Oh, the salvation out of **Zion** comes;
He brought us back
from our captivity.
Now we rejoice and
are exceeding glad;
Now we rejoice and
are exceeding glad!
- 2 In the **Holy City**
with His own He **dwells**;
O **Lord**, our **Lord**,
how **excellent Thy name**!
He's enthroned upon
the praises of His saints;
All His delight in **Zion** does remain.
The local **churches**
are His move today—
He is our portion, we are satisfied.
Oh, what a goodly heritage have we;
Oh, what a goodly heritage have we!
- 3 Who shall in His
holy **tabernacle dwell**,
Who shall ascend
and purify their heart;
This generation
now that seeks His face.
Oh, **seek His face**,
ye children of the earth,
Open your heart,
and **let the King come in**.
He will come in,
and He shall live and reign;
He will come in,
and He shall live and reign!
- 4 Look! **God's tabernacle**
now is with the saints;
Emmanuel—God with us,
we proclaim.
Everything is done,
so let His children come;
Christ and the **church**—
where **God and man are one**!
Lift up your heads,
ye cities of the earth;
Open your gates,
and **let the King come in**.
Shout to His praise—
He's coming in to reign!
Shout to His praise—
He's coming in to reign!

Hymn 222

- 1 Dear **Lord**,
we thank Thee for this **bread**,
It is a **sign divine**;
In it we see the mysteries
Of God's unique design.
- 2 This **bread** Thy **body** signifies,
Which Thou hast giv'n for us,
That we may share Thy **life divine**,
Partaking of Thee thus.
- 3 For us Thy **body** Thou didst break
That Thou may thus impart
Thyself as life to us that we
May be Thy **counterpart**.
- 4 This **bread** thus also signifies
Thy **body mystical**,
Of which we living members are,
With Thee identical.
- 5 Though we
are many **grains of wheat**,
Yet all one loaf, **one bread**;
Remembering Thee in such a way,
With Thee we all are fed.
- 6 As of this **bread** we all **commune**,
Thou, **Lord**, dost satisfy;
With all the saints we **fellowship**,
And Thee we testify.

**Merciful and righteous,
Wise beyond the wise**

- 1 Merciful and righteous,
wise beyond the wise,
Powerful, immortal,
hidden from our eyes,
God Thou art and **Father**,
Son of **life** and **love**,
Christ anointed with the **Spirit**
all above.
Holy, holy, holy!
Praise the **Three-in-One**—
He **who is** and **was** and still
is yet **to come**!
- 2 All things Thou didst make
for Thine **eternal will**,
Cent'ring in the **Son**—
His place all things to fill;
Far beyond all telling—
His place, too, to **die**,
That Thou may redeem
and make all new thereby.
- 3 Hail the **Lamb** now standing
'fore the awful* **throne**,
Angels 'round Him bending,
casting down their crowns!
Lo the scroll is taken
in His piercé hands—
And the gospel horse runs
swiftly through the lands!
- 4 **High Priest** crowned forever,
King of righteousness,
Minister of heaven,
man with **God** to bless,
Jesus ever lives to pray for all His own,
Till beneath their feet
His ev'ry foe is thrown!
- 5 **New Jerusalem**,
His glorious **bride**, to bring
To the earth from heaven,
queen unto her **King**,
He now sends His seven searching,
burning eyes,
His economy to fully realize!
- 6 When at last we rest
in our **eternal home**,
In our **God** and **Father**
through our **Lord** the **Son**,
Ever shall the **Spirit**,
through the ages long,
Teach our hearts to sing again
a blessed new song!