

“WORD OF LIFE”

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34. CHRIST IN HIS PERSON (13) – In the Fulfillment of the OT Prophecies

N4. The Lion of Judah

Hymns: #1100 / #889 / #19

✚ “ALL SCRIPTURE IS GOD-BREATHED ...” (2Tim. 3:16)

- Gen. 49:9 - Judah is a young lion; From the prey, my son, you have gone up. He couches, he stretches out like a lion, And like a lioness; who will rouse him up?
- Eph. 4:8 - Therefore the Scripture says, “Having ascended to the height, He led captive those taken captive and gave gifts to men.”
- Rev. 5:5 - And one of the elders said to me, Do not weep; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has overcome so that He may open the scroll and its seven seals.

✚ “... COME TO THE FULL KNOWLEDGE OF THE TRUTH.” (1Tim. 2:4)

❖ Christ is the Lion of Judah.

- As the Lion of Judah, Christ has won the victory over all enemies.
 - Christ is the seed is for the dispensing of life and the propagating of life
 - Christ is the Lion of Judah, He has conquered the enemy
- The prophecy in Genesis likens Christ to a young lion and to a couching lion (Gen. 49:9).
 - The young lion is for fighting, for seizing the prey.
 - Gen. 49:9 says, “you have gone up”
 - imply that the young lion first had to come down from the mountain to the plain to capture his prey
 - then he went up to the mountaintop again to enjoy it
- The New Testament reveals that Christ came as a young lion,
 - When Christ was crucified, He was a young lion seizing the prey.
 - After seizing His prey, Christ went up to the “mountaintop,” that is, to the third heaven.
 - Now He is on the mountaintop in the third heaven.
 - After gaining the victory and enjoying the prey,
 - He was satisfied, and now He is resting in the heavens.
 - Eph. 4:8 says that when Christ ascended up on high, He led a train of vanquished foes.
 - Christ has gained the victory
 - as a young lion He has overcome all His enemies
 - Rev. 5:5 says, behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah...has overcome to open the scroll and its seven seals.
 - As the Lion of Judah, Christ has overcome Satan, the enemy of God.
 - His overcoming qualifies Him to open the scroll (Rev. 5:1) and its seven seals.
 - He is worthy to open the scroll concerning God’s economy.

✚ “FOR YOU CAN ALL PROPHECY ONE BY ONE ...” (1 Cor. 14:31)

- ✚ In the universe there are two main problems—Satan and sin.
- ✓ As the Lion Christ, the Fighter, has defeated and destroyed Satan
 - ✓ As the Lamb, our Redeemer, He has taken away our sin (John 1:29)

He has fought to redeem us. He has won the battle over the enemy and has accomplished redemption for us. As the fighting Lion He overcame the enemy, and now He is in the heavens.

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Hymn 1100

- 1** God shall rise,
His **foes be scattered**,
All that hate Him flee away.
As the wax before the fire,
All the **wicked He shall slay**.
But the **righteous shall rejoice**
With a loud, triumphant voice,
Singing praises, singing praises,
Singing praises unto **God!**
- 2** He is riding through the deserts,
Bringing in His saints in need.
He's a Father to the orphans
And a refuge tried indeed
In His **holy habitation**—
What a wonderful **salvation!**
Hallelujah, hallelujah,
Hallelujah, Amen!
- 3** Here the lone have found a family,
Here the desolate a home;
Prisoners are brought from bondage
To prosperity unknown.
For the flock—
what wondrous grace—
God prepared this **dwelling place**:
Hallelujah, hallelujah,
Hallelujah, Amen!
- 4** Now the **Lord** in mighty **triumph**
Sends the news of **victory**;
We the "women"
spread the tidings—
"Kings of armies flee, they flee!"
No more sweat and dreary toil;
We at home divide the spoil!
Hallelujah, hallelujah,
Hallelujah, Amen!
- 5** Lo, on high **Christ** hath **ascended**,
Leading captives in His train;
These as gifts He has perfected
That the **Lord**
may dwell with them.
Brothers, sisters, we are those,
We're those transformed,
vanquished foes!
Hallelujah, hallelujah,
Hallelujah, Amen!

- 6** Blessed be the **Lord** forever:
Day by day He loads with good,
E'en the **God** of our salvation—
Spread His worthy praise abroad.
His the goings forth from death,
Every **foe He conquereth!**
Hallelujah, hallelujah,
Hallelujah, Amen!
- 7** They have seen,
O **God**, Thy goings
In Thy holy dwelling place,
Thy **triumphal**, high processions
Midst a mighty voice of praise.
See the singers go before,
Praising, praising o'er and o'er:
Hallelujah, hallelujah,
Hallelujah, Amen!
- 8** Little Benjamin is leading,
Then great **Judah's** company:
Son of sorrow at God's right hand,
Lion with the scepter see.
Zebulun and Naphtali
Make the joyful tidings fly:
Hallelujah, hallelujah,
Hallelujah, Amen!
- 9** Saints, thy strength
has been commanded
From the temple glorious;
Still we pray
that **God** may **strengthen**
All that He has **wrought for us**.
Higher yet our praise shall rise
Till the utmost earth replies:
Hallelujah, hallelujah,
Hallelujah, Amen!

Hymn 889

- 1** By the **blood** of **Christ** the **Victor**
Overcome the **enemy**;
By its virtue and its power
You will win the **victory**.
- Chorus**
By the **blood** of **Christ** the **Victor**
Overcome the enemy:
By its virtue and its power
You will win the **victory**.

- 2** By the **blood** of **Christ** the **Victor**
Counter him who doth accuse;
By the **blood** for you defending
All the sland'rer's blame refuse.
- 3** By the **blood** of **Christ** the **Victor**
God's sure faithfulness believe;
Thru the **blood** of your **Redeemer**
God's **forgiveness now receive**.
- 4** By the **blood** of **Christ** the **Victor**
Your position now declare;
Thru the **blood**, prevailing ever,
All His vict'ry fully share.
- 5** By the **blood** of **Christ** the **Victor**
Claim His full authority;
Just apply the **blood** of **Jesus**
And defeat the enemy.
- 6** By the **blood** of **Christ** the **Victor**
Standing in the heavenlies;
In the pow'r of **Christ ascended**,
Tread the principalities.

Hymn 19

- 1** "Great is Thy **faithfulness**,"
O **God** my **Father**,
There is **no shadow of**
turning with Thee;
Thou changest not,
Thy **compassions**, they fail not
As Thou hast been
Thou forever wilt be.
- "Great is Thy **faithfulness**!"
"Great is Thy **faithfulness**!"
Morning by morning
new mercies I see;
All I have needed
Thy hand hath provided—
"Great is Thy **faithfulness**,"
Lord, unto me!
- 2** Summer and winter,
and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars
in their courses above,
Join with all nature
in manifold witness
To Thy great **faithfulness**,
mercy and **love**.
- 3** Pardon for sin and
a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence
to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today
and **bright hope** for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine,
with ten thousand beside!