

“WORD OF LIFE”

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

N15. A **Great Light** Springing Up to the People Sitting in Darkness
and the Shadow of Death

N16. The One Whose **Zeal for God's House** Devoured Him

Hymns: O God of glory / #223 / #13

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

[Prophecy]

Isa. 9:2 - The people who walked in the darkness Have seen a **great light**;
Upon those who dwell in the land of the shadow of death Light has shined.

[Fulfillment]

Matt. 4:16 - “...The people sitting in darkness have seen a **great light**;
and to those sitting in the region and **shadow of death**, to them light has risen.”

[Prophecy]

Psa. 69:9a - For the **zeal of Your house** has devoured me,

[Fulfillment]

John 2:17 - His disciples remembered that it was written, “The **zeal of Your house** shall devour Me.”

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

❖ Christ a **great light** springing up to the people sitting in darkness and the shadow of death.

- Isaiah 9:2 prophecies,
 - “The people that walked in **darkness** have seen **a great light**:
 - they that **dwell** in the land of the **shadow of death**, upon them hath the **light shined**.”
- This prophecy is fulfilled in Matthew 4:15-16.
 - When Christ came to people, He came as a **great light**.
 - Peter, Andrew, James, and John were casting their nets into the sea, and did not realize that
 - they were in **darkness** as they were working by the Sea of Galilee to make a living
 - they did not know that they were in the **shadow of death**
 - Christ came as the **great light** **shined upon them**.
- Christ's ministry began with **heavenly light**.
 - This light is **Christ** Himself as the **light of life**, shining in the shadow of death.
 - When the Lord began His ministry as light,
 - He walked by the seashore as a common person.
 - He shined upon (Peter, Andrew, James, and John) with a **great light**, **shining** in the darkness and in the region of the shadow of death.
 - At that **junction**, the four disciples were **enlightened**, **attracted**, and **captured** and they forsook their jobs and **followed the Lord**.

❖ Christ is the one whose zeal for God's house devoured him

- Psalm 69:9a says, “The zeal of thine house hath **eaten** me up.”
- This word was fulfilled at the time Christ cleansed the temple, the house of God (John 2:12-17).
 - **After** the Lord cleansed the temple,
“His disciples remembered that it was written, The zeal of Your house shall **devour** Me” (John 2:17).
 - Within the Lord Jesus there was a **zeal for the house of God**.
 - This zeal devoured Him, ate Him up, and consumed Him.
 - He was absolutely for the Father's house.
 - The Father's house was His heart's desire.

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

- ✚ Christ is a **great light** with the power to **attract** us and **capture** us. He attracts and captures us not by seeing what He does, but by **realizing** what the **Lord** is. Because we have been attracted and captured by Him, we become faithful followers of the Lord Jesus unto the end.
- ✚ The Lord Jesus was driven by **zeal for His Father’s house** to drive all the defilement out of it. His heart was pure for the Father. Therefore, in His **zeal**, He cleansed the temple. Today we need to be absolute to have **zeal for the Father’s house**, whose house we are.

*{(Reference: The Conclusion of the New Testament Ch. 35, letter N – point 15 & 16)
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O God of Glory	Hymn 223	Hymn 13
<p>1 O God of glory, You’ve changed my destiny. Oh Lord, Your mercy In love appeared to me.</p> <p>O God of glory, You have attracted me! My heart responds to Thee And turns spontaneously.</p> <p>Chorus O God of glory, You have appeared to me. Dear Lord, Your beauty, My God, has captured me!</p> <p>2 In darkness once I groped, A person with no hope. But light in darkness shined, My heart enlightened.</p> <p>You came to me as Light And shattered all my night. Your glory, what a sight! You made me, Lord, so bright.</p> <p>3 To You my heart was drawn, It wasn’t on my own. Your beauty made me turn And caused my heart to burn.</p> <p>You touched my hardened heart And softened every part. I saw Your shining face. Now nothing can erase.</p>	<p>1 On the table of Thy love, With the bread, the cup is spread. By partaking of these signs, We with Thee are richly fed. How we thank Thee for this cup, For the cup of blessing, Lord, Cup of Thy Salvation full, Cup of all Thou dost afford.</p> <p>2 ’Tis the blood Thou shedd’st for us, That our sins may be forgiv’n; ’Tis the cov’nant made for us, That Thy blessings may be giv’n. Thou didst drink the cup of wrath, Thou hast tasted death for us, Thus the cup of blessing bought, As the portion gained for us.</p> <p>3 In this portion we have God, Whom we lost thru Adam’s fall; By the shedding of Thy blood, God becomes our all in all. In this portion all we have- Life and peace, redemption sure; All that God has planned and willed, In this portion we secure.</p> <p>4 An eternal portion, ‘tis, Overflowing cup divine; Heav’nly taste do we enjoy In this cup of God’s design. Here in love we drink this cup In remembrance, Lord, of Thee; Thus in spirit we partake All Thy work on Calvary.</p>	<p>1 Thou art love-and Thou art light, Lord, In the Son as life Thou art; Love expressing, light illum’ning, Thou dost life to us impart.</p> <p>Chorus Thou art love! Thou art light! In the Son as life Thou art; Love expressing, light illum’ning Thou dost life to us impart.</p> <p>2 Love bespeaks Thy very being, What Thou dost is shown by light; Love is inward, light is outward, Love accompanies the light.</p> <p>3 Love by grace is manifested, And the light by truth is shown; By Thy love we may enjoy Thee; By Thy light Thou, Lord, art known.</p> <p>4 Thru Thy love, which led to Calvary, We receive the life of God; Light our understanding opens, That we may apply the blood.</p> <p>5 Thru Thy love, as life Thou enter’st Fellowship with Thee to give; Thru Thy light we take Thy cleansing And in fellowship may live.</p> <p>6 By the light and blood which cleanses, The anointing we shall know; Then the life of love Thine essence, More and more in us will flow.</p> <p>7 By Thy love we are Thy children, Abba Father calling Thee; Light disperses all our darkness, Till, like Him, Thy Son, we see.</p> <p>8 O what grace! O what truth! Love is seen and light is shown! We would praise Thee never ceasing, Thou by love and light art known!</p>