

“WORD OF LIFE”

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35. CHRIST IN HIS PERSON (15) – **In the Fulfillment of the OT Prophecies**

N17. A **Prophet** Raised Up by God

N18. Jehovah’s **Servant**, Not Striving nor Crying Out, Not Breaking a Bruised Reed nor Quenching the Smoking Flax

Hymns: #193 / #307 / #4

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

[Prophecy]

Deut. 18:15 - A **Prophet** will Jehovah your God raise up for you from your midst, from among your brothers, like me; you shall **listen** to Him.

[Fulfillment]

Acts 3:22 - Moses said, “A **Prophet** will the Lord your God raise up unto you from your brothers, like me; Him shall you **hear** in whatever things He speaks to you.

[Prophecy]

Isa. 42:1 - Here is My **Servant**, whom I uphold, My chosen One in whom My soul delights; I have put My Spirit upon Him, And He will bring forth justice to the **nations**.

Isa. 42:2 - He will **not cry out**, nor lift up His voice, Nor make His voice heard in the street.

Isa. 42:3 - A **bruised** reed He will **not break**; And a dimly burning **flax** He will **not extinguish**; He will bring forth justice in truth.

[Fulfillment]

Matt. 12:18 - “Behold, My **Servant** whom I have chosen, My Beloved in whom My soul has found delight. I will put My Spirit upon Him, and He will announce justice to the **Gentiles**.

Matt. 12:19 - He will not strive **nor cry out**, nor will anyone hear His voice in the streets.

Matt. 12:20 - A **bruised** reed He will **not break**, and smoking **flax** He will **not quench** until He brings forth justice unto victory.

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

❖ Christ is the **Prophet** raised up by God—Deut. 18:15, 18-19; Acts 3:22-13.

- The Old Testament **prophecies**, **Christ** is also the **Prophet** to whom we should listen.
- The **fulfillment** is in **Acts 3:22-23**, the Lord was a **Prophet** raised up unto us.
 - to speak forth God
 - to predict many things concerning God’s economy
 - to Him shall **we hear** in whatever things He speaks to us

❖ In His ministry and service, **Christ** is **Jehovah’s Servant**—Isa. 42:1-3; Matt. 12:17-21

- **Isaiah 42:1-3 prophecies** that in His ministry, His service, **Christ would be Jehovah’s Servant**,
 - not striving nor crying out,
 - not breaking a bruised reed
 - nor quenching the smoking flax
- This prophecy is **fulfilled** in **Matthew 12:17-21**.
 - “*He will not strive nor cry out*” v. 19
 - In His ministry the Lord did not strive with others, and He did not promote Himself.
 - He did not seek to make Himself known to people on the streets.
 - He had no fame, and He made no name for Himself.
 - “*A bruised reed He will not break*” v. 20a
 - The Jews often made flutes of reeds, when it’s no longer useful as a musical instrument, they **broke it**.
 - **But** the Lord **did not break a bruised reed**, He was full of mercy
 - “*a smoking flax He will not quench*” v. 20b
 - The Jews also made torches of flax to burn with oil. The oil ran out, the flax smoked, they **quenched it**.
 - **But** the Lord **did not quench** the dimly burning flax

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

- ✚ **Christ** is the **Prophet** raised up by God unto us, to speak forth God, to predict many things concerning the fulfillment of God’s economy and to Him shall **we hear** in whatever things He speaks to us.
- ✚ When the Lord Jesus was living on earth He **did not cry out**, He never made Himself great. Rather, He always kept Himself small. We should be hidden and concealed all the time as Christians. If we would enjoy Christ, we should remain small, concealed, and hidden.
- ✚ Not only did Christ make no noise in the streets; He **did not break** a bruised reed **nor quench** a smoking flax. This **indicates** that He was full of **mercy**.

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Hymn 193	Hymn 307	Hymn 4
<p>1 Dear Lord, Thou art so much to us, Thou art our all in all; What Thou art fully meets our needs, Though they be great or small. Our hearts appreciate what Thou art, Our spirits worship Thee; Our grateful praise to Thee we give As we Thy riches see.</p> <p>2 Thou art the Prophet raised by God, With pow’r for God to speak; Like Moses, Thou God’s plan hast shown, That we God’s will may seek. Thou art like Jonah sent by God, To enter death and live, That by this sign of death and life, We may in Thee believe.</p> <p>3 Thou art the Prophet raised from men, To speak with pow’r and light; Thou, like Elisha, filled with love, Thy miracles in might. Thou, like Isaiah, full of grace, God’s Christ dost e’er reveal, That we may share this Christ of all As life both rich and real.</p> <p>4 Thou art the Priest from us to God, The holy Priest for us, Like Aaron called of God from men, For us Thou servest thus. In love Thou bearest us to God, The great High Priest to serve; With love Thou intercedest there And dost with strength preserve.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>[5, 6, 7 stanzas skip]</i></p> <p>8 As King and Priest and Prophet too, How precious, Lord, art Thou; Thy worth to God, Thy worth to us, We all with love avow. O how we treasure what Thou art, Our hearts are drawn by Thee; To Thee we’ll give our thanks and praise Throughout eternity.</p>	<p>1 On Calvary’s brow my Savior died 'Twas there my Lord was crucified; 'Twas on the cross He bled for me, And purchased there my pardon free.</p> <p>O Calvary! dark Calvary! Where Jesus shed His blood for me; O Calvary! blest Calvary! 'Twas there my Savior died for me.</p> <p>2 'Mid rending rocks and darkening skies My Savior bows His head and dies; The opening veil reveals the way To life divine and endless day.</p> <p>3 O Jesus, Lord, how can it be That Thou shouldst give Thy life for me, To bear the cross and agony In that dread hour on Calvary!</p>	<p>1 Father of heav’n, whose love profound A ransom for our souls hath found, Before Thy throne we sinners bend; To us Thy pard’ning love extend.</p> <p>2 Almighty Son, incarnate Word, Our Prophet, Priest, Redeemer, Lord, Before Thy throne we sinners bend; To us Thy saving grace extend.</p> <p>3 Eternal Spirit, by whose breath The soul is raised from sin and death, Before Thy throne we sinners bend; To us Thy quickenning power extend.</p> <p>4 Thrice holy—Father, Spirit, Son; Mysterious Godhead, Three in One, Before Thy throne we sinners bend; Grace, pardon, life to us extend.</p>