

“WORD OF LIFE”

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

N19. A **Man of Sorrows** Despised and Rejected of Men

N20. The One Willing to Be **Humiliated**

N21. The **One upon Whom Fell the Reproaches** of Those Who Reproached God

Hymns: He stepped out of glory / #86 / #46

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

Christ His Person	Prophecy	Fulfillment
A Man of Sorrow	<p>Isa. 53:3 - He was despised and forsaken of men, A man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; And like one from whom men hide their faces, He was despised; and we did not esteem Him.</p> <p>Psa. 22:6 - But I am a worm and not a man, A reproach of men and one despised by the people.</p> <p>Psa. 22:7 - All who see me deride me; They sneer at me; they shake their heads, ...</p>	<p>Luke 22:28 - But you are those who have remained with Me throughout My trials.</p> <p>Luke 23:11 - And Herod with his soldiers, having despised Him and mocked Him, threw around Him splendid clothing and sent Him back to Pilate.</p> <p>Matt. 27:29 - And they wove a crown of thorns and placed it on His head and <i>put</i> a reed in His right hand; and they kneeled before Him and mocked Him, ...</p>
One willing to be Humiliated	<p>Isa. 50:6 - I gave my back to those who strike me And my cheeks to those who pluck out the hair; I did not hide my face From humiliation and spitting.</p>	<p>Matt. 26:67 - Then they spat in His face and beat Him with their fists, and others slapped Him,</p>
One upon whom Fell the Reproaches	<p>Psa. 69:9b - ... And the reproaches of those who reproach You have fallen on me.</p>	<p>Rom. 15:3 - For Christ also did not please Himself, but as it is written, “The reproaches of those who reproached You fell upon Me.”</p>

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

- ❖ Christ was a **man of sorrows** despised and rejected of men.
 - He was **not** a man of enjoyment, happiness, or blessing; we see Christ as a **despised** man of sorrows.
- ❖ Christ as the **One willing to be humiliated**:
 - He gave His **back** to the strikers, and His **cheeks** to them that plucked off the hair
 - He hid **not** His **face** from shame and spitting.
 - “*They spit in His face and beat Him with their fists, and they slapped Him.*”
- ❖ Christ is the **One upon whom fell the reproaches** of those who reproached God.
 - The reproaches of those who reproached God **fell upon Christ**.
 - Christ suffered **not** only for us **but** even for God.
 - He suffered as **God’s Substitute**, for the **reproaches of those who reproached God** fell upon Christ.
 - Christ was **not only** our Substitute bearing our problems,
 - **but** was also God’s Substitute bearing God’s problems

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

✝ Christ was also a **man of sorrows** **despised** and **rejected** of men. As the Servant of Jehovah, He was the **willing to be humiliated**. He gave His back to be **beaten** and His cheeks to be **slapped** and He did not hid His face from **shame** and **spitting**. He suffered for us in order to fulfill God’s economy to dispense Himself into us. O how we love the Lord Jesus.

✦ Christ suffered not only for us but even for God. He suffered as **God's Substitute**, for the **reproaches of those who reproached God** fell upon Him. He was not only our **Substitute** bearing our problems, but was also **God's Substitute** bearing God's problems. May we be encouraged to bear the problems of others just as Christ bore God's problems.

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<h3>He stepped out of glory</h3>	<h3>Hymn 86</h3>	<h3>Hymn 46</h3>
<p>1 He stepped out of glory And put on the lowly. And life's very Author A creature became. Despised and forsaken, Afflicted with sorrow, From infinite splendor To the likeness of shame.</p> <p>2 He chose to be humbled, He chose limitation, He chose to be finite, He chose to be man. God's unfathomed purpose Found substance in Jesus; A two-natured being— The unique God-man.</p> <p>3 His own shell was broken, Releasing His glory. This life-impartment Produced many grains. The Firstborn rejoices With His many brothers; An incorporation— Divine and human.</p> <p>4 We cannot but love Him, Our lovely Forerunner. His shame was our vict'ry, His anguish our joy. The children of judgement He brought into glory. The millions of God-men Forever rejoice.</p>	<p>1 Though Thou art God, most glorious, high, Thou in the flesh to us came nigh, A lowly man become thereby; Lord, I remember Thee!</p> <p>2 Glory divine was put away Under the tent of flesh to stay, No outward beauty to display; Lord, I remember Thee!</p> <p>3 Thou art a root from out dry ground, Thou wast the Man of sorrows found, Hated, despised by man around; Lord, I remember Thee!</p> <p>4 Gentle and lowly is Thy heart, Willing to suffer all Thou art, To God and man complaining not; Lord, I remember Thee!</p> <p>5 Thou as a man art tender, sweet, Balanced in every way, complete, Meal-offering to the Father meet; Lord, I remember Thee!</p> <p>6 Doing the Father's will Thy prize, Never accepting Satan's lies, None like Thyself, so faithful, wise; Lord, I remember Thee!</p> <p>7 For Thine obedience to God's will, Willing to suffer deathly ill, E'en on the Cross my place to fill, Lord, I remember Thee!</p> <p>8 Therefore hath God exalted Thee, Given Thee glory, majesty, Heaven and earth will bow the knee; O Lord, I worship Thee!</p>	<p>1 O gracious God, Thy pleasure Is in Thy Christ made known, And tells the boundless measure Of blessing for Thine own. He has Thy presence entered, As Man in heav'n is known; In Him Thy glory's centered, In Him Thy purpose shown.</p> <p>2 And O what love is beaming Refulgent in that face! What blessed light is streaming From that most glorious place! Both love and light proclaiming What Thou, the Father, art, And wondrous grace revealing, With Thine own Son, our part.</p> <p>3 Thou source of every blessing! Thou spring of all delight! Thy Name with joy confessing Let all the saints unite! Each heart its praise outpouring To Thee all praise above, Each voice in strains adoring Re-echoes—"God is love."</p>