

“WORD OF LIFE”

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36. CHRIST IN HIS PERSON (16) – In the Fulfillment of the OT Prophecies

N24. The One Praised by the Babes and Sucklings

N25. The One Who Comes to Do God's Will

Hymns: #132 / #112 / Father, We Worship Your Blest Name

✝ “...the words which I have spoken to you are spirit and are life” (John 6:63)

[Prophecy]

- Psa. 8:2 - Out of the mouths of babes and sucklings You have established strength
Because of Your adversaries, To stop the enemy and the avenger..

[Fulfillment]

- Matt. 21:16 - And they said to Him, Do you hear what these are saying? And Jesus said to them, Yes. Have you never read,
“Out of the mouth of infants and sucklings You have perfected praise”?

[Prophecy]

- Psa. 40:6 - You do not delight in sacrifice and offering; You have prepared ears for Me;
You do not require burnt offering and sin offering.
Psa. 40:7 - Then I said, Behold, I have come; In the scroll of the book It is written concerning Me.
Psa. 40:8 - I delight in doing Your will, O My God; Indeed Your law is within My inward parts.

[Fulfillment]

- Heb. 10:5 - Therefore, coming into the world, He says,
“Sacrifice and offering You did not desire, but a body You have prepared for Me.
Heb. 10:6 - In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin You did not delight.
Heb. 10:7 - Then I said, Behold, I have come (in the roll of the book it is written concerning Me) to do Your will, O God.”
Heb. 10:8 - Saying above, “Sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin You did not desire nor delight in” (which are offered according to the law),
Heb. 10:9 - He then has said, “Behold, I have come to do Your will.” He takes away the first that He may establish the second,
Heb. 10:10 - By which will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

✝ “...to reveal His Son in me...” (Gal. 1:16a)

❖ Christ is the one praised by the babes and sucklings.

- The prophecy in Psalms 8:2, that Christ would be the One praised by babes and sucklings, was fulfilled at the time of Matthew 21:16.
- Christ was warmly welcomed and exalted, and He was praised even by babes.

❖ Christ is the one who comes to do God's will.

- Psalms 40:6-8, prophesied that Christ would come to do the will of God,
- You do not delight in sacrifice and offering; You have prepared ears for Me;
 - You do not require burnt offering and sin offering.
 - I have come; In the scroll of the book It is written concerning Me.
 - I delight in doing Your will, O My God; Indeed Your law is within My inward parts.
- Hebrews 10:5-8 is the fulfillment of this prophecy.
- At the fullness of time, Christ came with a body of blood and flesh to replace the sacrifices of the law—v.5
 - In the flesh He offered Himself to God once for all to take away sins.
 - All the sacrifices offered according to the law were a shadow of Christ -
 - it was the will of God to take away, the animal sacrifices of the Old Testament,
 - so that the sacrifice of Christ of the New Testament, might be established
 - Christ, as the real sacrifice for sin which has taken away sins, He has sanctified us through the offering of His body once for all (v. 10)

✚ “...let all the peoples **spea**k praise to Him ...” (Rom. 15:11)

✚ The **second** of the **divine Trinity** was **incarnated** and **died on the cross** to accomplish eternal redemption for the fulfillment of God’s eternal purpose (Eph. 1:7-9).

- ✓ **before** the foundation of the world the second of the divine Trinity was **ordained** to be the **Lamb of God**
- ✓ **from** the foundation of the world, in the sight of God, Christ as the Lamb of God was **slain**, (Rev. 13:8)
- ✓ **in the fullness of time** the Triune God **sent** the second of the divine Trinity
 - the **Son of God**, to come in **incarnation** to take a human body (Heb. 10:5)
 - so that He might be **offered** to God on the cross (Heb. 9:14; 10:12)
 - **to do the will** of the Triune God (Heb. 10:7)
 - **to replace** the sacrifices and offerings, which were types, **with Himself** in His humanity **as** the unique sacrifice and offering for our sanctification (Heb. 10:9-10)

{(Reference: The Conclusion of the New Testament Ch. 36, letter N – point 24 to 25)
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Hymn 132	Hymn 112	Father, We Worship Your Blest Name
<p>1 Lo! in heaven Jesus sitting, Christ the Lord is there enthroned; As the man by God exalted, With God’s glory He is crowned.</p> <p>2 He hath put on human nature, Died according to God’s plan, Resurrected with a body, And ascended as a man.</p> <p>3 God in Him on earth was humbled, God with man was domiciled; Man in Him in heav’n exalted, Man with God is reconciled.</p> <p>4 He as God with man is mingled, God in man is testified; He as man with God is blended, Man in God is glorified.</p> <p>5 From the Glorified in heaven The inclusive Spirit came; All of Jesus’ work and Person Doth this Spirit here proclaim.</p> <p>6 With the Glorified in heaven Is the Church identified; By the Spirit of this Jesus Are His members edified.</p> <p>7 Lo! a man is now in heaven As the Lord of all enthroned; This is Jesus Christ our Savior, With God’s glory ever crowned!</p>	<p>1 How sweet is the story of Christ’s boundless love, That brought Him to suffer from glory above! He died in our stead upon Calvary’s tree, Obtaining redemption that we might be free.</p> <p>Chorus Sound His praise! Sound His praise! All the work has been done; Praise His name! Praise His name! Jesus, God’s blessed Son. We give Him the glory, our Savior and Friend; Our song is of Jesus and never will end.</p> <p>2 How wondrous the story! the law’s holy claims Were met by the blood which redemption proclaims. The judgment of sin has been borne by the Son, Who glorified God in the work He has done.</p> <p>3 How brilliant the glory where Christ is enthroned How rightly His name above others is owned! Yes, Jesus, the Savior, the glory-crowned Lord, Is worthy by all to be ever adored.</p>	<p>1 Father, we worship Your blest name! O great “I AM,” You’re all indeed! Surpassing everything You’ve made— All that You are is all we need!</p> <p>2 God of the living, not the dead, Your life with power overcomes! Death is annulled! Life reigns instead! We’re made alive in Christ Your Son!</p> <p>3 From heaven’s seat, enthroned on high, The Lord, Your Son, that Man most dear, Leads us to seek You inwardly, In spirit sensing You draw near.</p> <p>4 As You draw near, we apprehend And we experience all You are, Beyond constraints of time and space, Your life, in Christ, a realm entire.</p> <p>5 Have You not willed that Christ should be Everything to us inwardly? In Christ, You are the source of life, In faith, our true reality.</p> <p>6 Highways to Zion in our hearts, From strength to strength we go each day; Depending on Your life alone, In Your supply of Christ we stay.</p> <p>7 In this supply, Your heart of love Makes known Your will subjectively. Wooed by Your grace and perfect will, We come to know You inwardly.</p> <p>8 Father, in reverent praise we sing! We worship You for all You are! Your life, in Christ, is everything! Glory to You forevermore!</p>