

“WORD OF LIFE”

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37. CHRIST IN HIS PERSON (17) – In the Fulfillment of the OT Prophecies

N 34. The One Forsaken by God

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✚ “...THE WORDS WHICH I HAVE SPOKEN TO YOU ARE SPIRIT AND ARE LIFE” (John 6:63)

[Prophecy]

Psa. 22:1 - My God, my God, why have You forsaken me? Why are You so far from saving me, From the words of my groaning?

[Fulfillment]

Matt. 27:46 - And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is, My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?

✚ “...TO REVEAL HIS SON IN ME...” (Gal. 1:16a)

❖ Christ as the One forsaken by God

- Psalm 22:1 prophesies about the One forsaken by God.
 - “My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?”
- The fulfillment of this prophecy is in Matthew 27:46:
 - “... Jesus cried out with a loud voice...My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?”
 - The Lord was crucified at the third hour, and suffered on the cross for six hours.
 - In the first three hours He was persecuted by men for doing God’s will;
 - In the last three hours He was judged by God for the accomplishment of our redemption
 - It was during this time that God counted Him as our Substitute for sin.
 - our sin and sins and all negative things were dealt with,
 - darkness came upon all the land (Matt. 27:45),
 - and God forsook Him because of our sin
- The Lord Jesus was conceived of the Holy Spirit (essentially).
 - The begetting Spirit as the divine essence within Him never left Christ.
 - Even when He was crying out, “My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?”
 - He still had the begetting Spirit as the divine essence; as His divine being.
- He was anointed with the Holy Spirit, who descended upon Him (economically)—Luke 3:22.
 - The anointing Spirit was upon Him for His ministry
 - It was the anointing Spirit that left Him; He was forsaken by the righteous and the judging God
 - God accepted Christ as the all-inclusive offering, hence, the anointing Spirit left Him.

✚ “...LET ALL THE PEOPLES SPEAK PRAISE TO HIM ...” (Rom. 15:11)

✚ God forsook Christ because of our sin. God forsook Him on the cross because He took the place of sinners (1 Pet. 3:18), bearing our sins and being made sin for us. In the sight of God, Christ became a great sinner. Because Christ was our Substitute and was even made sin for us, God judged Him and forsook Him.

✚ Before the anointing Spirit descended upon the Lord Jesus economically, He already had, essentially, the begetting Spirit as the divine essence within Him as one of the two essences of His being. The begetting Spirit as the divine essence never left Christ. It was the anointing Spirit through whom He presented Himself to God (Heb. 9:14) who left Him.

✚ When the Lord Jesus, the God-man, died on the cross under God’s judgment, He had God within Him essentially as His divine being. Nevertheless, He was forsaken by the righteous and the judging God economically.

Hymn 180

1 Jesus, our Lord,
with what joy we adore Thee,
Chanting our praise
to Thyself on the throne!
Blest in Thy **presence**,
we worship before Thee,
Own Thou art **worthy**,
and worthy alone.

Chorus:

Lord, Thou art **worthy**:
Lord, Thou art worthy;
Lord, Thou art worthy,
and worthy alone!
Blest in Thy presence,
we worship before Thee,
Own Thou art worthy,
and worthy alone!

2 Verily God,
yet become truly **human**,
Lower than angels
to die in our stead;
How has that long promised
“**Seed of the woman**”
Trod on the serpent
and bruised his head!

3 How didst Thou humble
Thyself to be taken.
Led by Thy creatures
and **nailed to the cross**.
Hated of men,
and of **God too forsaken**,
Shunning not darkness,
the curse, and the loss.

4 How hast Thou triumphed,
and triumphed with glory,
Battled death's forces,
rolled back every wave!
Can we refrain then
from telling the story?
Lord, Thou art Victor
o'er **death** and the **grave**.

Suffering from Gethsemane to Calvary

1 Lord, You suffered and were ravaged
By the cruelty of men.
From **Gethsemane to Calvary**,
Men oppressed and judged You then;
Our transgressions **caused** You wounding,
Pain and suffering all consuming,
'Til a breach in Your communing
Caused You grief unknown from birth.
From the garden to Golgotha,
All You passed through proved Your **worth**.

3 The Sanhedrin sought to weaken
Your endurance and Your strength,
Then delivered You to Pilate
Whose men scourged You, whipped at length.
At Golgotha, soldiers **stripped** You,
And with violent pounding **nailed** You
To Your **cross**, through joint and sinew,
There to **hang upon the tree**,
Where bystanders mocked, despising,
Wagging heads contempt'ously.

5 At the **noon hour**, when **God** judged You,
Laid on You the whole of sin,
God's dear presence fled, departed,
From Your fellowship within.
This was much worse than the violence;
This forsaking—dreaded silence,
All the scorn of men's derision
Paling in comparison
To the scope of God's own judgement
Poured upon His only **Son**.

6 After three hours, at Your limit,
You cried out in agony,
In the words of David, Psalmist,
“**Why have You forsaken Me?**”
Saying, “**I thirst... It is finished**”
You were done, Your work unblemished.
You prayed “**Father, into Your hands**
I commit My spirit.” Then
With a loud cry, You expired,
As Your loved ones grieved again.

7 When Your death the soldiers noticed,
One took up His weighted spear
And he **pierced Your side** in coldness,
Blood and water flowing clear.
From **Gethsemane to Calvary**
You were broken, suffering greatly.
Wounds innumerable, a fountain,
Flowing precious **priceless blood**,
For our sins and our redemption,
Reconciling us to **God**.

8 Lord, I praise You and I thank You
That You **bled** and **died** for me,
As I ponder how You loved me
And **You gave Yourself for me**.
I am filled with love and reverence,
Gratitude and deep assurance
You forgive me in Your mercy,
By Your **blood**, for all my sin!
And **You joined me** to the **Father**!
Hallelujah, **Lord**! Amen!

Hymn 20

1 God our Father, we adore Thee,
For the sake of **righteousness**;
Thou in **Christ** hast justified us,
Who our conscience can depress?
Thou art righteous, and art faithful,
On Thy **righteousness** **we stand**;
No unrighteousness is in Thee,
None can turn Thy righteous hand.

2 Thou hast **laid our sins** on **Jesus**,
By Thy justice **He was killed**;
All Thy holy law's requirements
For Thy justice He fulfilled.
Recompense from Him receiving,
Thou art fully satisfied;
How couldst Thou,
O God most righteous,
Claim it once more from our side?

3 Father God, Thou hast accepted
Jesus as our **Substitute**;
Judged the Just One for the unjust,
Couldst Thou change Thy attitude?
As a proof of perfect justice,
At Thine own right hand He sits;
He, as Thy full satisfaction,
Righteously Thy need befits.

4 Father, through the **blood** of **Jesus**
We **possess** Thy **righteousness**;
By Thy **righteousness** protected,
None can shake our steadfastness.
Righteousness of Thine
Thou mad'st us,
None can ever us condemn;
We'll forever testify this
In the new Jerusalem.