

“WORD OF LIFE”

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39. CHRIST IN HIS PERSON (19) – In the Fulfillment of the OT Prophecies

N 58. The Man **Inferior** to the Angels, **Crowned** with Glory and Honor, and **Set over** the Works of God’s Hands

Hymns: #180 / #1110/ #17

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

[Prophecy]

- Psa. 8:4 - What is mortal man, that You remember him, And the son of man, that You visit him?
Psa. 8:5 - You have made Him a **little lower than angels** And have **crowned** Him with **glory** and **honor**.
Psa. 8:6 - For You have caused Him to **rule** over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under His feet:

[Fulfillment]

- Heb. 2:7 - You have made Him a **little inferior to the angels**; You have **crowned** Him with glory and honor and have set Him over the works of Your hands;
Heb. 2:8 - You have subjected all things under His feet.” For in **subjecting** all things to Him, He left nothing unsubject to Him. But now we do not yet see all things subjected to Him,
Heb. 2:9 - But we see Jesus, who was made **a little inferior to the angels** because of the suffering of death, **crowned** with **glory** and **honor**, so that by the grace of God He might taste death on behalf of everything.

✚ “...to come to the **full knowledge** of the **truth**....” (1Tim.2:4b)

❖ Christ, the man **inferior** to the angels, crowned with glory and honor, and set over the works of God’s hands

- As **prophesied** in Psalm 8:4-6, Christ is the Man, **inferior to the angels**, **crowned** with glory and honor, and set over the works of God’s hands.
 - The **first man** Adam, created by God, failed God in His purpose with man.
 - Then Psalm 8 **alludes** in the way of prophecy to another man who will replace the first man to fulfill God’s purpose.
- This is **fulfilled** in Hebrews 2:6-9.
 - Hebrews 2:9 says, “*But we see **Jesus**, who was made **a little inferior** to the angels because of the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honor.*”
 - **Glory** is the splendor related to Jesus’ **person**.
 - **Honor** is the preciousness related to Jesus’ worth, value, and dignity which is related to His **position**.
 - Hebrews 2 reveals that this the **second Man**, who is **Jesus**, has come fulfilled God’s desire in man.
 - **Hence**, in whatever Adam as the first man failed, Christ as the second Man succeeded by replacing the first man.
 - Adam lost the dominion that God gave to him, but Christ has **recovered** what Adam lost.
 - Now the same dominion has been given to Him as the second Man. Christ, the second Man, has been glorified, crowned with glory and honor, and entrusted with the divine dominion that was lost by the first man.

✚ “...Pursue **love**, and desire earnestly **spiritual gifts**, but especially that you may **prophecy**.” (1Cor. 14:1)

✚ Christ was crowned with glory and honor in His ascension and God gave Him the **dominion** over all things in His exaltation. Christ, the **second Man**, has been glorified, crowned with glory and honor, and **entrusted** with the divine dominion that was lost by the **first** man.

- ✓ As a man **in the flesh**, He was **inferior to the angels**,
- ✓ **yet** He was crowned with glory and honor in His ascension.
- ✓ **Furthermore**, God has set Him over the entire universe.

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.
Lord, Thou art worthy:

Chorus:

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.

Hymn 1110

1 O Jesus Lord,
when present at Thy **table,**
And on the **bread**
and on the **wine** we **gaze;**
We praise Thee, **Lord,**
that Thou as **food** art able
To be **enjoyed** by man
in many ways.

Chorus 1

So all our being sings
in praise to Thee,
How **small** Thou art,
how **small Thou art!**
And Thee we’ll **eat**
through all eternity;
How **small** Thou art,
how small Thou art!

2 O what a **shame**—when **Christ**
with all His riches,
Has come into the world,
life to supply—
That man would **live,**
not by Him, but by teachings,
So powerless
these **riches to apply.**

Chorus 2

But all we need to do
is **eat** the **Lord;**
He’s marvelous, He’s wonderful!
And as we eat,
we’re inwardly **restored;**
Christ grows in us,
grows to the full.

3 O Jesus Christ,
Thou camest not to mankind
To be a king, to rule us outwardly.
But Thou hast come
as **food** to satisfy us,
And by **Thy life**
to guide us **inwardly.**

(First chorus)

4 We praise Thee, **Lord,**
for all Thy glorious grandeur,
For all Thy strength
and majesty replete;
And yet, O **Lord,**
what special thanks we give Thee,
That **all Thou art**
is **small enough to eat.**

(First chorus)

Hymn 17

1 My Father God,
when on Thy vast **creation,**
The wonders of the **heav’n**
and **earth,** I **gaze,**
Things **great** and **small,**
beyond enumeration,
Which manifest Thy pow’r
in untold ways;

Chorus

Then all my being
sings in praise to Thee,
How **marvellous!**
How **great Thou art!**
And this I’ll **sing**
through all eternity,
How **marvellous!**
How great Thou art!

2 As I enjoy
the grace of Thy salvation
And contemplate
how Thou Thy **Son** hast sent,
Who **died** that we might be
Thy **new creation,**
Thy **life expressing**
to the full extent;

3 When in the **church,**
in blest participation,
I see how millions
Thine own **life possess,**
How they are built
to form **Thy habitation,**
Containing Thee,
Thy fulness to express;

4 As I expect
the coming age of fulness
And hope to share
the **new Jerusalem,**
With all the heavens
and the earth in newness
And **all Thou art**
expressed in all of them;