

“WORD OF LIFE”

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42. CHRIST IN HIS PERSON (22) –

In the Fulfillment of the Types and Figures of the Old Testament

O 9. The **Ladder** in Jacob’s Dream

Hymns: # 82 / # 86 / # 28

✚ “In my heart I have treasured up Your word...” (Psa. 119:11)

[Type/Figure]

Gen. 28:12 - And he dreamed that there was a **ladder** set up on the earth, and its **top reached to heaven**; and there the **angels** of God were **ascending** and **descending** on it.

Gen. 28:17 - And he was afraid and said, How awesome is this place! This is none other than the **house of God**, and this is the **gate of heaven**.

[Fulfillment]

John 1:51 - And He said to him, Truly, truly, I say to you, You shall see heaven opened and the **angels** of God **ascending** and **descending** on the **Son of Man**.

✚ “...For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of Jehovah, ...” (Isa. 11:9)

❖ Christ is the **ladder** in Jacob’s dream.

- In **Genesis 28:12**, Jacob dreamed a **ladder** set up on the earth.
“...there was a **ladder** set up on the earth, and its **top reached to heaven**; and there the angels of God were **ascending** and **descending** on **it**.”
 - When Jacob awoke from his sleep, he said,
 - this is none other but the **house of God**,
 - this is the **gate of heaven**, (Gen. 28:17).
 - The **ladder** was already on **earth**, it was set up on the **earth** the top of **it** reached to **heaven**
- In **John 1:51**, Christ is the **fulfillment** of the **ladder** which Jacob saw.
“Truly, truly, I say to you, you shall see heaven opened and the angels of God **ascending** and **descending** on the **Son of Man**.”
 - Our Christ, who is the **ladder** has been **set up** on earth, and no one can move Him.
 - Our Christ, who is the **ladder** did not come down from heaven but was **already on earth**.
 - Our Christ, who is the **ladder** **brings** heaven to earth and **joins** earth to heaven.
 - Our Christ, who is the **ladder** is **reaching** into heaven for the purpose of **coming to us** and **joining** us to Him.

✚ “And having gift that differ..., let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith;” (Rom. 12:6)

- ✚ Christ, as the **Son of Man** with His humanity, is the **ladder** that is **set up** on earth and **leads** to heaven, **keeping** heaven open to earth and **joining** earth to heaven for the **house of God**.
- ✚ As the universal **ladder**, Christ **brings** heaven to earth and **joins** earth to heaven and thereby **makes God** and **man one**. On this **ladder** the angels of God **ascend** and **descend** as they do their service
- ✚ We enjoy Christ as the **ladder** that **joins** us to heaven and **brings** heaven to us so that we may be a heavenly people living a heavenly life on earth and inheriting all the heavenly things.

Hymn 82

1 Down from His glory,
Ever living story,
My **God** and **Savior** came,
And **Jesus** was His name.
Born in a manger,
To His own a stranger,
A Man of sorrows,
tears and agony.

Chorus:

O how I love Him!
How I adore Him!
My breath, my sunshine,
my all in all!
The great **Creator**
became my **Savior**,
And all **God's** fulness
dwelleth in Him.

2 What condescension,
Bringing us redemption;
That in the dead of night,
Not one faint hope in sight,
God, gracious, tender,
Laid aside His splendor,
Stooping to woo,
to win, to save my soul.

3 Without reluctance,
Flesh and blood His substance
He took the form of man,
Revealed the hidden plan.
O glorious myst'ry,
Sacrifice of **Calv'ry**,
And now I know
Thou art the great "**I AM**."

Hymn 86

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!

2 Glory divine was put away
Under the tent of flesh to stay,
No outward beauty to display;
Lord, I remember Thee!

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!

4 Gentle and lowly is Thy heart,
Willing to suffer all Thou art,
To **God** and man complaining not;
Lord, I remember Thee!

5 Thou as a man art tender, sweet,
Balanced in every way, complete,
Meal-offering to the **Father** meet;
Lord, I remember Thee!

6 Doing the **Father's** will Thy prize,
Never accepting Satan's lies,
None like Thyself,
so faithful, wise;
Lord, I remember Thee!

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!

8 Therefore hath **God** exalted Thee,
Given Thee glory, majesty,
Heaven and earth
will bow the knee;
O **Lord**, I worship Thee!

Hymn 28

1 The love of **God** is greater far
Than tongue or pen
can ever tell.
It goes beyond the highest star
And reaches to the lowest hell.
The guilty pair,
bowed down with care,
God gave His **Son** to win;
His erring child He reconciled
And pardoned from his sin.

Chorus:

O love of **God**,
how rich and pure!
How measureless and strong!
It shall forevermore endure—
The saints' and angels' song.

2 When hoary time
shall pass away,
And earthly thrones
and kingdoms fall;
When men who here
refuse to pray,
On rocks and hills
and mountains call;
God's love, so sure,
shall still endure,
All measureless and strong;
Redeeming grace
to Adam's race—
The saints' and angels' song.

3 Could we with ink the ocean fill,
And were the skies
of parchment made;
Were every stalk
on earth a quill,
And every man a scribe
by trade;
To write the love of **God** above
Would drain the ocean dry;
Nor could the scroll
contain the whole,
Though stretched
from sky to sky.