

“WORD OF LIFE”

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43. CHRIST IN HIS PERSON (23) –

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

O 17. The Tabernacle with All the Furniture

[The Tabernacle, the Showbread Table, the Lampstand, the **Incense Altar**, and the Ark]

d. The **Incense Altar**

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

[Type/Figure]

- Exo. 30:1 - And you shall make an **altar** on which to **burn incense**; you shall make it of **acacia wood**.
- ✓ its **horns** shall be of one piece with it. And you shall **overlay** it with pure **gold**,..
 - ✓ and you shall make a **rim of gold** around it.
 - ✓ And you shall make for it two **rings** of gold under its rim;...for **poles** with which to carry it.
 - ✓ And you shall make the **poles** of acacia wood and overlay them with gold.

[Fulfillment—Christ **praying**—Christ **interceding**]

- John 17:21 - That **they** all may be one; even as **You**, Father, are in **Me** and **I** in **You**, that **they** also may be in **Us**;...
- Rev. 5:8 - ... having a harp and golden bowls full of **incense**, which *bowls* are the **prayers** of the saints.
- Rev. 8:3 - And **another Angel** [*Christ*] came and stood at the **altar**, having a golden censer, and much **incense** was given to **Him** to offer with the **prayers** of all the saints upon the **golden altar** which was before the throne.

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

❖ The **incense altar** in the tabernacle typifies **Christ** (Exo. 30:1-5).

- The **incense altar** was made of acacia wood overlaid with gold;
 - ✓ had **four horns**;
 - ✓ also had a **crown of gold** round about, **rings of gold**, and
 - ✓ **poles** of acacia wood overlaid with gold.
 - This **signifies** that Christ’s humanity, **signified** by the acacia **wood**, is strong in character and high in standard to express His divinity, **signified** by the **gold**.
 - The four **horns** of the incense altar **signify** the **power** of Christ’s **intercession**.
 - The **crown of gold** around the incense altar **signifies** the glory of Christ’s divinity being the preserving **power** of His **intercession**.
 - The two **rings** of gold as receptacles for the carrying poles **signify** the **moving** of Christ’s **intercession**.
 - The **poles** of acacia wood overlaid with gold **signify** that Christ’s human nature with His divine nature is the **strength** for the moving of His **intercession**.
- The **incense altar** signifies **Christ** as the **Intercessor**—Christ **praying**—Christ **interceding**.
 - To maintain the **relationship between God and us** (Rom. 8:34; Heb. 7:25).
 - They are fulfilled in the New Testament, **especially** in **John 17**.
 - “I ask concerning **them**;... *those* whom You have given Me, for they are Yours;” (v.9)
 - “keep **them** in Your name, which You have given to Me, that they may be one even as We are.” (v. 11)
 - “keep **them** out of the hands of the evil one.” (v.15)
 - “Sanctify **them** in the truth;” (v.17)
 - “I desire that **they** also may be with Me where I am,” (v.24)

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

✚ The **incense altar** signifies Christ as the **Intercessor** to maintain our **relationship** with **God**. The **altar** itself is a **type** of **Christ’s person**, **not a type** of His prayer. It signifies Christ **praying**, Christ **interceding**.

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Someone

1 Is there **someone** who's a **friend**
That I can open to?
A someone who understands
All that I'm **going through**?
A someone when there's no one
I can always **come to**?
There is no someone like this **One**.

There is a **someone**;
Someone you can **open to**.
There is a someone;
Someone who will **take you through**.
There is a someone
when there is no one;
There is a someone,
a **wonderful One**.

2 Is there **someone** who can **care**
Through all my hardest times?
A someone **always there**
Though it may rain or shine?
A someone I can **lean on**
When the stormy times come?
There is no someone like this **One**.

There is a **someone**;
Someone in my **hardest times**.
There is a someone,
Always there through rain or shine.
There is a someone
When there is no one;
There is a someone, a special **One**.

3 Is there **someone** who will take
Take me **just as I am**?
A someone who'll **not forsake**
One **I can trust** to the end?
A someone who knows me
Yet he **still wants me**?
There is no someone like this **One**.

There is a **someone**
Who will **take you as you are**.
There is a someone;
He will **reach you** near or far.
There is a someone;
He's the most lovely **One**.
Just take this someone, the loveliest
One.

(Please see next column)

4 Is there **someone** who **can reach**
Down to the depths of my being?
A someone who **can fix**
All of my broken heart strings?
A someone who **can love me**
When there's no love in me?
There is no someone like this **One**.

There is a **someone**
Who can **touch** your inmost being.
There is a someone;
He can make your **heart to sing**.
There is a someone,
Love is this precious **One**.
Just love this someone,
the **wonderful One**.

Christ is this someone
Who can touch your **inmost being**.
Christ is this someone—
He can make your **heart** to sing.
Christ is this someone.
Christ is this precious **One**.
Just love this someone,
the wonderful One.

Hymn 104

1 Alas! and did my **Savior bleed**?
And did my Sov'reign **die**,
Would He devote that sacred head
For such a worm as I?

2 Was it for **sins** that **I had done**
He groaned upon the **tree**?
Amazing pity! **grace** unknown!
And **love** beyond degree!

3 Well might the sun in darkness hide,
And shut his glories in,
When the incarnate **Maker died**
For **man**, His creature's **sin**.

4 Thus might I hide my blushing **face**
While His dear **cross** appears
Dissolve my **heart** in thankfulness,
And melt mine **eyes** to tears.

5 But drops of grief can ne'er repay
The debt of **love** **I owe**;
Here **Lord**, I give myself away:
'Tis all that I can do.

Hymn 30

1 What **love** Thou hast
bestowed on us,
We thank Thee from our heart;
Our **Father**,
we would **worship** Thee
And praise for all Thou art.

2 Thy heart Thou hast revealed to us,
Made known th' eternal will;
Within the **Son**
Thou hast come forth,
Thy purpose to fulfill.

3 Thou gavest Thy beloved **Son**
In love to **come and die**,
That we may be Thy **many sons**,
As **heirs** with Him, made nigh.

4 Through Him
we have Thy very **life**
And Thou our **Father** art;
Thy very nature, all Thyself,
Thou dost to us impart.

5 Thy **Spirit** into ours has come
That we may "**Abba**" **cry**;
Of **Spirit** born, with **Spirit** sealed,
To be transformed thereby.

6 The **many sons** to glory brought
Is Thine **eternal goal**,
And to Thy **Son's**
own image wrought,
Thou wilt conform the whole.

7 Throughout
Thy **transformation** work
Thou dost direct each one,
From glory unto **glory bring**
Until the work is done.

8 What **love** Thou,
Father, hast bestowed;
We'll ever grateful be;
We'll worship Thee forevermore
And **praise unceasingly**.