

“WORD OF LIFE”

April 14, 2024

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]

e. The Ark

Hymns: # 494 / # 1090 / # 11

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

[Type/Figure—the Ark]

Exo. 25:10-11 - And they shall make an ark of acacia wood:.. And you shall overlay it with pure gold;...

Exo. 25:21 - And you shall put the expiation cover on top of the Ark, and into the Ark you shall put the Testimony that I shall give you.

Exo. 25:22 - And there I will meet with you, and I will speak with you from above the expiation cover, from between the two cherubim which are upon the Ark of the Testimony, ...

[Fulfillment—Christ]

Col. 2:9 - For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily,

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

❖ The ark of testimony is a type of Christ.

➤ The true testimony of God, who is the embodiment and expression of all that God is.

- The tables of the law, the Ten Commandments, were put into the ark (Exo. 25:21).
 - This signifies that God testified by the law is embodied in Christ.
- As the ark was called the ark of the testimony (Exo. 25:22), so Christ is the testimony, the expression, of God.
 - The ark was made of acacia wood overlaid inside and outside with pure gold (Exo. 25:10-11).
 - The acacia wood typifies Christ's humanity,
 - strong in character and high in standard, which is the basic substance for expressing God.
 - The pure gold that overlaid the ark signifies Christ's divinity.
 - gold does not change, it signifies God who is eternally unchanging.

➤ Christ as the embodiment of God's testimony is the fulfillment of the ark of the testimony.

- The ark as the embodiment of God's testimony typifies Christ as the embodiment of God.
- The fullness of the Godhead dwells in Christ bodily.
 - God is portrayed, defined, and explained by Christ.
- Christ is God's definition, His explanation.
- We can contact God and enjoy God in Christ and through Christ.

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

✚ Christ is one person with two natures, the human nature and the divine nature. Because He is man as well as God, He is rightly called the God-man. He is the mingling of God with man.

✚ The acacia wood was overlaid with gold both inside and outside signifies that in Christ the divine nature is mingled with the human nature. In Christ the divine nature penetrates the human nature and also rests on the human nature so that it may be expressed through the human nature. Christ is the God-man, the mingling of God and man.

Hymn 494

- 1 **Christ** is the **testimony** true
Of **God** in essence and in deed;
God's **glory** He has fully shown,
And we in Him God's nature read.
- 2 His **testimony** is more full
Than was the witness of the law,
Which only **God** in letter showed,
And not in endless living pow'r.
- 3 The **fulness** of the **Godhead** dwells
In Him, His very element;
God's full **embodiment** is He—
A **vessel**, **God** the resident.
- 4 The **Father God** He manifests;
God's glorious features
He displays;
In Him consummately are **seen**
The Father's heart
and all His ways.
- 5 **Christ** as the **Spirit** now has come
That He our portion be fore'er;
In spirit **we partake of Him**
And all God's being fully share.

Hymn 1090

- 1 Dear **Lord**, how precious
is Thy **blood**,
Of the New Testament!
By it God's **blessings** we receive,
And we with Him are blent.
- 2 'Tis by Thy **blood**
we've been **redeemed**,
And by it sanctified.
Now is our conscience
free from sin,
From dead works purified.
- 3 Better than Abel's, now Thy **blood**
Speaks unto **God** for us.
Perfect **redemption** it provides,
Meeting God's righteousness.
- 4 Through the eternal **Spirit**, Thou
Offeredst Thyself to **God**.
This sacrifice can ne'er grow old;
Timeless is Thy dear **blood**.
- 5 'Tis by Thy **blood** we boldly come
Unto the throne of grace,
Unto our **God**, the **cov'nant** new,
And to the **Holiest Place**.
- 6 Lord, by Thy **blood**, **God** is obliged
His very Self to give;
He must receive us to Himself,
And He in us must live.
- 7 Dear **Lord**, how precious
is Thy **blood**
Of the New Testament!
By it God's blessings we receive,
And **we with Him are blent**.

Hymn 11

- 1 Thou, **Father**, who art **Spirit** true,
The **holiest of all**;
We worship in the **spirit** now,
In truth upon Thee call.
- 2 A **spirit** Thou hast made for us
That we may worship Thee,
That echoing in **spirit** thus
One **spirit** we will be.
- 3 The **Father** in the **Son** has come,
The **Son** the **Spirit** is,
That to our **spirit God** may come.
O what a **grace** is this!
- 4 The **Son** is Thine **eternal Word**,
The **Word** is **Spirit** too;
The **Spirit** as our life has come
Our **spirit** to renew.
- 5 Thy **Spirit** in our **spirit** is,
And thus in unity
Thy **Spirit** witnesseth with ours
That we are born of Thee.
- 6 In everything Thy **Spirit** leads
That we may follow Him;
We thus may spiritual become,
With life and peace within.
- 7 In **spirit** we would worship Thee,
In **spirit** Thee address,
Until our **spirit** is released
Thine image to express.
- 8 Our **Father**,
we would praise Thee now
That Thou the **Spirit** art;
In **spirit** and in **truth** to Thee
True **worship** we impart.