

“WORD OF LIFE”

June 30, 2024

44. CHRIST IN HIS PERSON (24) –

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

28. David

Hymns: #1253 / #1108 / Our Father God how faithful You are

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

[Type/Figure – David]

1Sam. 16:13 - ... Samuel ... **anointed** him [*David*]..., and the Spirit of **Jehovah** rushed upon **David** ...

[Fulfillment – Christ the real Joshua]

Heb. 1:9 - ...; therefore God, Your God, has **anointed** You [*Christ*] with the oil of exultant joy...”;

Rev. 5:5 - ...; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the **Root of David**, has overcome

Rom. 1:3 - Concerning His Son, who came out of the **seed of David** according to the flesh,

Matt. 1:1 - The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the **son of David**, the son of Abraham:

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

❖ Christ is the **greater David**.

- King **David**, God’s **anointed**, and his followers were **rejected** by the people.
 - David and his followers were hungry.
 - They entered into the **house of God** and ate the showbread,
 - **seemingly** breaking the Levitical law (1Sam 21:1-9).
 - The **coming of David** changed the dispensation **from** the age of the priests **to** the age of the kings.
- **Christ**, the real David, God’s **Anointed** and His followers were **rejected** also.
 - Christ and His disciples **also** were hungry.
 - They went into the grainfield and pick ears of grain on the Sabbath
 - **seemingly** against the sabbatical regulation (Matt. 12:3-4).
 - **By the coming of Christ**, the dispensation was also changed, **from** the age of the law **to** the age of grace.
- **Christ** is greater than all things and persons in the Old Testament that typify Him.
 - Christ is the **Root of David** (Rev. 5:5).
 - He is the **seed of David** (Rom. 1:3).
 - He is the **Son of David** (Matt. 1:1).
 - He is the **real David**.

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

✚ In Matt. 1:6 David is called “*the king*” because through him the kingdom with the kingship was brought in. As the **real David**, the **greater David**, **Christ** is such a One. As typified by **David**, **Christ** is the **fighting King**, who has won the victory over all enemies, who has gained the land, and who has prepared all the materials **for building up** the church as the temple of God.

{(Reference: The Conclusion of the New Testament Ch. 44 letter O – point 28)
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Hymn 1253

- 1** Lord, Thy word of old to David
We have heard and hear it now:
“On Thy throne will sit forever
Thine own seed—this is My vow.”
This has been fulfilled in Jesus
Seated on the throne on high,
Sitting on the throne of David
Resurrected, ne’er to die.
- 2** Then another promise followed
David’s seed upon the throne:
“I’ll rebuild His tabernacle
And by this I will be known.”
Lord, we thank Thee,
Thou art faithful
To perform Thy promised word.
David’s tabernacle, ruined,
Soon by Thee will be restored.
- 3** Lord, we are that tabernacle,
Thy rebuilding work on earth;
Lord, restore Thyself a dwelling
Where is seen
Thy boundless worth.
Thus shall all
of mankind seek Thee.
And the Gentiles call Thy name.
From Thy holy tabernacle
All the earth shall know Thy fame.
- 4** Hasten, Lord, Thy work upon us
To restore and build us now.
For this work
we give ourselves, Lord;
Here to Thee we make a vow:
“Though our strength
is weak and feeble,
Yet our hearts would ever be
From this day, Lord,
for Thy building,
Now and for eternity.

Hymn 1108

- 1** Eat the bread,
ye people of the Lord:
Praise His name,
for He has made us one.
Now we come
to eat in one accord
As the church
which He has made His own.
- Chorus:*
Eat the bread and drink the wine,
ye saints!
We are one in Him fore’er.
Stand in oneness on the local ground,
Eat and drink in oneness there!
- 2** Drink the wine,
ye people of the Lord:
We’re the church
His precious blood has bought.
We’re redeemed
to be in one accord—
This the goal
for which He long has sought.
- 3** Stand as one,
ye people of the Lord:
Not as individual grains are we—
We are one,
we’re blent in one accord
As a loaf in each locality.
- 4** We are one as people of the Lord;
We declare that we are really one!
Not just word,
but life in one accord
Testify what God in us hath done.
- 5** Eat the bread,
ye people of the Lord:
Praise His name,
for He has made us one.
Now we come to eat in one accord
As the church
which He has made His own.

Our Father God, how faithful You are

- 1** O Father God, how faithful You
Are through eternity;
For Your eternal purpose You
Are faithful now in me.
- Chorus:*
How steadfast is Thy faithfulness!
For this I worship Thee;
It is established in the heav’n,
And ever stands for me.
- 2** You’ve called us into fellowship
Of Your dear Son, our Lord,
That He may be our portion full,
Our center, our accord.
- 3** Though we unfaithful oft will be,
Yet You are faithful still,
Though not for human welfare but
For Your eternal will.
- 4** Since we’ve believed
into Your Son
Some losses You’ve allowed
That we from broken cisterns turn
To drink our Fountain-God.
- 5** Your faithfulness has led us in
To Your economy,
Where Christ we all enjoy that You
In us may increased be.
- 6** The living water’s faithful flow
We drink and shout, Amen;
The destination of this flow
The New Jerusalem.