

“WORD OF LIFE”

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44. CHRIST IN HIS PERSON (24) –

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

28. Solomon

Hymns: # 8241 / # 1088 / #23

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

[Type/Figure – Solomon]

1King 3:5 - ... Jehovah appeared to **Solomon** in a dream at night; and God said, **Ask** what I should give you.

1King 3:12 - I now do according to your words. I now **give you** a heart of **wisdom** and understanding, ...

1King 6:1, 14 - ..., **Solomon** began to **build** the **house** of **Jehovah**. ... and finished it.

1King 10:4, 6 - And when the queen of Sheba saw all the **wisdom** of **Solomon** and the **house** that he had built ... she said to the king, ... your deeds and your **wisdom** is true,

[Fulfillment – Christ the real Solomon]

Matt. 12:42 - The queen of the south ... came from the ends of the earth to hear the **wisdom** of **Solomon**, and behold, something **more than Solomon** is here.

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

❖ **Solomon** typifies **Christ** as the One with **wisdom**.

➤ **Solomon** the king, the son of David.

- He built the temple of God and spoke the word of **wisdom**,
- and to him the **Gentile** queen came (1 Kings 6:2, 14; 10:1-8).

➤ **Christ**, as the Son of David to be the King, is **greater** than Solomon the king

- He is **building** the church to be the temple of God and **speaking** the word of **wisdom**,
- and to Him the **Gentile** seekers turn.
 - to accomplish God’s eternal purpose,
 - to build up God’s house, the temple, and
 - to rule over God’s kingdom.
- As the real **Solomon**, **Christ** **builds** up the temple of God, the church, with the materials that He has gained through His victory over all the enemies.

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

✚ **Christ** **builds** the church; He **speaks** the word of **wisdom**. The entire New Testament is a **word of wisdom** spoken by Christ. In the Gospels Christ spoke **in Jesus**, then in the Acts and the Epistles He spoke from **within** His **Apostles**.

✓ **Hebrews 1:1** and **2** say,

*“In many portions and in many ways, God, having spoken of old to the fathers in the prophets, has at the last of these days **spoken** to us in the **Son**.”*

✚ In the New Testament **God** speaks in a person, the **Son**. This person was **first** an individual but has **become** corporate, for **Christ** has been increased to be a corporate person, the Body with all the members. Through this enlarged person, Christ spoke the **word of wisdom** recorded in the New Testament which is a lengthy **word of wisdom** spoken by **Christ** as our **Solomon**.

{(Reference: The Conclusion of the New Testament Ch. 44 letter O – point 29)}

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Hymn 8421

- 1 I **could not do** without Thee,
I cannot stand alone,
I have no strength or goodness,
No **wisdom** of my own.
But Thou, belovèd **Saviour**,
Art all-in-all to me,
And weakness will be power
If leaning hard **on Thee**!
- 2 I **could not do** without Thee,
For oh! the way is long,
And I am often weary,
And sigh replaces song.
How could I do without Thee?
I do not know the way!
Thou knowest, and **Thou leadest**,
And wilt not let me stray.
- 3 I **could not do** without Thee,
O **Jesus, Saviour** dear!
E'en when my eyes are holden
I know that Thou art near.
How dreary and how lonely
This changeful life would be,
Without the sweet communion,
The secret **rest with Thee**.
- 4 I **could not do** without Thee!
No other friend could read
The spirit's strange deep longing,
Interpreting its need.
No human heart could enter
Each dim recess of mine,
And soothe and hush and calm it,
O blessèd **Lord, but Thine**!

Hymn 1088

- 1 **God** was born a **human being**
As the **Babe** of **Bethlehem**,
Passed He then through
human living,
Perfect blend of **God** with men.
God, according to His plan,
Lived a **mingled life with man**.
Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
Hallelujah, Amen!
- 2 Then with **God**
this **man was blended**
On the **altar** as He **died**;
God and man and all creation
On the **cross** were crucified.
Man and all of **God's** creation,
Sunk in total **termination**.
Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
Hallelujah, Amen!
- 3 Everything we are was ended,
Terminated on the **cross**,
Only man in **God** ascended,
Man in **Adam** suffered loss.
Hallelujah, we're elated,
Our **old man** was **terminated**.
Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
Hallelujah, Amen!
- 4 Like the **grain of wheat**
that's **buried**
In the earth to be increased,
God's own life
the **death** must suffer,
Thus in man to **be released**.
Oh, the **Lord** of all be praised;
God released in **man is raised**!
Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
Hallelujah, Amen!

Hymn 23

- 1 In all Thy **wisdom**, **Father God**,
According to Thy will,
Eternal purpose Thou hast made
That all Thy **Son** might fill.
- Chorus:*
How deep and rich Thy **wisdom** is,
O who can search and trace?
Yet, **Father God**, in it we find
Thy **mercy** and Thy **grace**!
- 2 How wondrously
Thou mad'st all things,
O **who can know Thy mind**?
All are of Thee, thru Thee, to Thee,
Thy **wisdom** here we find.
- 3 Thy **wisdom** shuts up all in sin,
That **mercy** may be shown,
That none may boast in anything
But in Thyself alone.
- 4 In **wisdom**, by the **cross**, Thou hast
For us **redemption** made,
That in our spirit we may have
Thyself, the **treasure**, laid.
- 5 Thy **wisdom** thru
Thy **Church** is known
By principalities,
Thru us Thy **wisdom** manifold
Shown in the heavenlies.
- 6 When in the **new Jerusalem**
In **mercy** we will boast,
Thy **wisdom** will be known for aye
Unto the uttermost.