

## “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

#### 31-33. Elisha, Jonah, Isaiah

Hymns: # 193 / # 86 / # 55

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

[Type/Figure – Elisha, Jonah, Isaiah]

2Kings 5:1, 8 - Now Naaman ... was a leper...And ... Elisha the man of God ... a prophet in Israel.

2Kings 5:9-10 - And Naaman came ... at the ... house of Elisha. And Elisha ..., saying,  
Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored; and you shall be clean.

Jonah 1:17 - And Jehovah prepared a great fish to swallow Jonah up,  
and Jonah was in the stomach of the fish for three days and three nights.

Isa. 8:18 - See, I [Isaiah] and the children whom Jehovah has given me are for signs ... in Israel...

[Fulfillment – Christ the - real Elisha, real Jonah, real Isaiah]

Luke 4:27 - And there were many lepers in Israel during the time of Elisha the prophet,  
and none of them were cleansed, except Naaman the Syrian.

Matt. 12:40 - For just as Jonah was in the belly of the great fish three days and three nights,  
so will the Son of Man be in the heart of the earth three days and three nights.

Heb. 2:13-14 - ...“Behold, I and the children whom God has given to Me. Since therefore the children have shared  
in blood and flesh, He also Himself in like manner partook of the same, ...,

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

❖ Christ is the real Elisha (2 Kings 5:9; Luke 4:27).

- Elisha was a pleasant, a blessing prophet.
  - He healed the death waters with salt (2 Kings 2:19-21).
    - This healing indicates that Elisha was a sweet prophet of blessing to the people.
- Just as Elisha came after Elijah and was the continuation of Elijah,
  - So Jesus came after John the Baptist as his continuation.
    - As the real Elisha, the Lord Jesus is a sweet and pleasant prophet, a prophet of blessing.

❖ Christ, is greater than Jonah the prophet.

- Jonah is a type of Christ in His death, burial, and resurrection.
  - He was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights
- So shall the Son of Man be in the heart of the earth three days and three nights (Matt. 12:40).
  - The Lord stayed at the heart of the earth for three days and three nights after His death and before His resurrection.
  - The Lord’s own word indicates when the scribes and Pharisees asked Him for a sign, He said that no sign would be given “except the sign of Jonah the prophet” (Matt. 12:39).

❖ Isaiah was a type of Christ

- Isaiah was a prophet of the gospel.
  - He prophesied saying, “Behold, I and the children whom the Lord hath given me are for signs and for wonders in Israel from the Lord of hosts.”
    - Isaiah’s children were given to him by God
- Christ is the fulfillment of the type of Isaiah
  - Christ’s children are His believers who have partaken of blood and flesh (Heb. 2:13),
  - and He also shared in the same (Heb. 2:14).
    - Christ’s believers were also given to Him by God the Father

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

- ✚ Just as **Elisha** came after **Elijah** and was the continuation of Elijah, so **Jesus** came after **John the Baptist** as his continuation. As the real Elisha, the **Lord Jesus** is a sweet and pleasant prophet, a prophet of blessing.
- ✚ Just as **Jonah** was in the belly of the great fish three days and three nights, so will **Christ** be in the heart of the earth three days and three nights.
- ✚ Just as **Isaiah** and the children whom Jehovah had given to him so as **Christ's** believers were also given to Him by **God the Father**.

{(Reference: The Conclusion of the New Testament Ch. 44 letter O – point 331 - 33)  
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The Elder's Training Book 8, Ch. 4, and The Administration of the Church and the Ministry of the Word, Ch. 11]}

Hymn 193	Hymn 86	Hymn 55
<p><b>1</b> Dear <b>Lord</b>, Thou art so much to us, Thou art our all in all; What Thou art fully meets our needs, Though they be great or small. Our hearts appreciate what Thou art, Our spirits worship Thee; Our grateful praise to Thee we give As we Thy riches see.</p> <p><b>2</b> Thou art the <b>Prophet</b> raised by <b>God</b>, With pow'r for <b>God</b> to speak; Like Moses, Thou <b>God's</b> plan hast shown, That we <b>God's</b> will may seek. Thou art like <b>Jonah</b> sent by <b>God</b>, To <b>enter death and live</b>, That by this sign of death and life, We may in Thee believe.</p> <p><b>3</b> Thou art the <b>Prophet</b> raised from men, To speak with pow'r and light; Thou, like <b>Elisha</b>, filled with love, Thy <b>miracles in might</b>. Thou, like <b>Isaiah</b>, <b>full of grace</b>, <b>God's Christ</b> dost e'er reveal, That we may share this <b>Christ</b> of all As life both rich and real.</p> <p><b>8</b> As King and Priest and <b>Prophet</b> too, How precious, <b>Lord</b>, art Thou; Thy worth to <b>God</b>, Thy worth to us, We all with love avow. O how we <b>treasure</b> what Thou art, Our hearts are drawn by Thee; To Thee we'll give our thanks and praise Throughout eternity.</p>	<p><b>1</b> Though Thou art <b>God</b>, most glorious, high, Thou in the <b>flesh</b> to us came nigh, A <b>lowly man</b> become thereby; Lord, I remember Thee!</p> <p><b>2</b> Glory divine <b>was put away</b> Under the tent of <b>flesh</b> to stay, No outward beauty to display; Lord, I remember Thee!</p> <p><b>3</b> Thou art a root from out dry ground, Thou wast the <b>Man of sorrows</b> found, Hated, <b>despised</b> by man around; Lord, I remember Thee!</p> <p><b>4</b> Gentle and <b>lowly</b> is Thy heart, Willing to suffer all Thou art, To <b>God</b> and man complaining not; Lord, I remember Thee!</p> <p><b>5</b> Thou as a man art <b>tender, sweet</b>, Balanced in every way, complete, <b>Meal-offering</b> to the <b>Father</b> meet; Lord, I remember Thee!</p> <p><b>6</b> Doing the <b>Father's</b> will Thy prize, Never accepting <b>Satan's lies</b>, None like Thyself, so <b>faithful</b>, wise; Lord, I remember Thee!</p> <p><b>7</b> For Thine obedience to <b>God's</b> will, Willing to suffer <b>deathly</b> ill, E'en on the <b>Cross</b> my place to fill, Lord, I remember Thee!</p> <p><b>8</b> Therefore hath <b>God</b> exalted Thee, Given Thee glory, majesty, Heaven and earth will bow the knee; O <b>Lord</b>, I worship Thee!</p>	<p><b>1</b> O <b>God</b> our <b>Father</b>, we would come to Thee In virtue of our <b>Savior's</b> precious <b>blood</b>; All distance gone, our souls by grace <b>set free</b>, We <b>worship</b> Thee, our <b>Father</b> and our <b>God</b>.</p> <p><b>2</b> We would, O <b>God</b>, present before Thy face The fragrant name of Thy beloved <b>Son</b>; <b>By faith</b> we view Him Thy boundless <b>grace</b>, Which, by <b>His dying</b>, He for us has won.</p> <p><b>3</b> Thy joy in Him who is with Thee <b>we share</b>; Our hearts delight in <b>Thy delight in Him</b>; Chiefest of thousands, fairer than the fair; His glory nought can tarnish, nought can dim.</p> <p><b>4</b> We bow in <b>worship</b> now before Thy throne, By faith the Object of Thy love would see; Who, in the midst, His <b>brethren's</b> song doth lead. To Him, our <b>Savior</b>, <b>shall the glory be!</b></p>