

“WORD OF LIFE”

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45. CHRIST IN HIS PERSON (25) –

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

38. The **Light in the Temple**

Hymns: # 190 / # 222 / # 13

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

[Type/Figure]

Psa. 36:8 - They are saturated with the **fatness** of Your **house**,
And You cause them to drink of the **river** of Your pleasures.

Psa. 36:9 - For with You is the **fountain** of **life**; In Your **light** we see **light**.

[Fulfillment]

Eph. 5:14 - Therefore He says, **Awake**, sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will **shine** on you.

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

❖ Christ is the **light in the temple**.

- In Psalm 36:8 and 9 we have the **fatness**, the **pleasures**, the **life**, and the **light**.
 - When we enjoy the **fatness** of God’s house and drink of the **river** of His pleasures,
 - we are **brought** to the **fountain of life**, and
 - this life **becomes** the **light** (John 1:4) in which we see light.
 - In the Lord’s light we see light.
 - This is **Christ** as the **light in the temple**.
- As the **fulfillment** of Psalm 36:9b, Ephesians 5:14 says, “*Christ shall shine on you.*”
 - Christ shines not only **over us** but also **in us** as the **light of life** (John 8:12).
 - We need to go into the house of God, the **church**, and there enjoy **Christ** as the inner **light**.
 - **Today** Christ as this **inner light** is in our **spirit**.
 - In the church we sense that we are under the Lord’s shining.
 - This shining is deep within our being.
 - We are the **temple**, and **Christ** is the **light** in the inner chamber of this temple, our **spirit**.
 - **Christ is light and in our spirit we see this light**.

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

✚ Psalm 36:9 says, “*In Your light we see light.*”

- ✓ The **first** light is **particular**, it is “**Your light**”—the light of God.
 - the light of God is the knowledge of God; the sight of God is the view of God.
 - To be in the light of God is to be **exposed** by God to see our real condition.
- ✓ The **second** light is **general**; therefore, it says only “**light**” without using an adjective.
 - this light means the **real situation** of a matter.
- ✓ Therefore, “*in Your light we see light*” **means** that when we receive the **revelation** of God, the shining of God’s holy light, we are able to know the real situation of a certain matter. The matter will be clear as light in the eyes of our heart. In our own light we can never see light. Only in **His light** can we see light.

{(Reference: The Conclusion of the New Testament Ch. 45 letter O – point 38)
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Hymn 190

1 O **Lord**, as we consider Thee,
We worship Thee for all Thou art;
Thou art so rich, so wonderful,
So dear and precious to our heart.

Chorus:

What Thou art meets our every need!
Our hearts o'erflow
with praise to Thee!
All our desires Thou dost exceed
And satisfy continually.

2 Thou art the very **God** in truth,
The **God** who is both
love and light;
The **God** who is to us our life,
The **God** in whom we all delight.

3 Thou also art a **man** indeed,
A man so fine, so good, so pure;
A man in whom our **God** delights,
A man who can our love secure.

4 Thou even art a lowly **slave**,
A slave of **God** to serve for us;
Obedient to the cross's death
That we might be delivered thus.

5 Thou art, beside all these, a **King**,
A King in life and love to reign,
By **God** anointed with His pow'r
To rule with us in His domain.

6 Dear **Lord**, as we remember Thee,
We thus partake of all Thou art;
As we enjoy Thyself in love,
We share Thee as Thy counterpart.

Hymn 222

1 Dear **Lord**, we thank Thee
for this bread,
It is a sign divine;
In it we see the mysteries
Of **God's** unique design.

2 This bread Thy body signifies,
Which Thou hast giv'n for us,
That we may share Thy life divine,
Partaking of Thee thus.

3 For us Thy body Thou didst break
That Thou may thus impart
Thyself as life to us that we
May be Thy counterpart.

4 This bread thus also signifies
Thy body mystical,
Of which we living members are,
With Thee identical.

5 Though we are many
grains of wheat,
Yet all one loaf, one bread;
Remembering Thee in such a way,
With Thee we all are fed.

6 As of this bread we all commune,
Thou, **Lord**, dost satisfy;
With all the saints we fellowship,
And Thee we testify.

Hymn 13

1 Thou art love and
Thou art light, **Lord**,
In the **Son** as life Thou art;
Love expressing, light illum'ning,
Thou dost life to us impart.

Chorus 1:

Thou art love! Thou art light!
In the **Son** as life Thou art;
Love expressing, light illum'ning
Thou dost life to us impart.

2 Love bespeaks Thy very being,
What Thou dost is shown by light;
Love is inward, light is outward,
Love accompanies the light.

3 Love by grace is manifested,
And the light by truth is shown;
By Thy love we may enjoy Thee;
By Thy light Thou, Lord, art known.

4 Thru Thy love, which led to Calvary,
We receive the life of God;
Light our understanding opens,
That we may apply the blood.

5 Thru Thy love, as life Thou enter'st
Fellowship with Thee to give;
Thru Thy light we take Thy cleansing
And in fellowship may live.

6 By the light and
blood which cleanses,
The anointing we shall know;
Then the life of love Thine essence,
More and more in us will flow.

7 By Thy love we are Thy children,
Abba Father calling Thee;
Light disperses all our darkness,
Till, like Him, Thy **Son**, we see.

Chorus 2:

O what grace! O what truth!
Love is seen and light is shown!
We would praise Thee never ceasing,
Thou by love and light art known!