

## “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

#### 41. The Beloved (Husband)

**Hymns: # 1154 / I don't know where they have laid Him / # 48**

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

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SoS 1:16a - Oh, you are beautiful, my beloved; indeed, pleasant!

SoS 2:3a - As the apple tree among the trees of the wood, So is my beloved ...

SoS 8:14 - Make haste, my beloved,

[Fulfillment]

2Cor. 11:2 - For I am jealous over you with a jealousy of God; for I betrothed you to one husband to present you as a pure virgin to Christ.

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

❖ God in Christ as the Husband and His redeemed people as the wife.

- The Bible, in the most pure and holy sense, is the record of a divine romance, of a universal couple.
  - God was desirous of being a husband and of having His people as His wife.
  - The Lord refers to Himself as the Husband and to His people as His wife (Isa. 54:5; 62:5; Jer. 2:2; 3:1, 14; 31:32; Ezek. 16:8; 23:5; Hosea 2:7, 19).
  - In Song of Songs, the seeking one speaks of her beloved, who is a type of Christ as our Beloved, our Husband.
- The type of the beloved in Song of Songs is fulfilled in the New Testament.
  - Christ is revealed as our Husband, and the believers are revealed as His counterpart, as His wife.
    - In the Gospel: Christ has come as the Bridegroom
    - In the Epistle: Christ is revealed as our husband and that we are revealed as His counterpart
    - In Revelation: Christ is unveiled as having a wedding and the New Jerusalem is presented as His wife
  - Christ and His chosen people are one universal, corporate man with Christ, the Husband.
    - The Husband as the Head (Eph. 4:15)
    - And with church, the wife, as the Body (Eph. 1:22-23)

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

✚ 2 Corinthians 11:2 says, “I betrothed you to one Husband, to present a pure virgin to Christ.” Christ is the unique, universal Husband for us to love.

- ✓ He, the most lovely One, has attracted us, and we have been presented as a pure virgin to Him.
- ✓ Now we should love Him, treasure Him, and care only for Him, allowing no one to replace Him in our hearts.
- ✓ Our love for Him should be pure, and our whole being should be focused on Him, our Beloved, our Husband.

{(Reference: The Conclusion of the New Testament Ch. 45 letter O – point 41)  
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### Hymn 1154

- 1** I love Thee, **Jesus**,  
And Thy love to me  
Draws me, ever to seek Thee  
And run after Thee,  
Draws me, ever to seek Thee  
And run after Thee.
- Thou art **beloved**,  
Yea! Altogether lovely,  
The One in whom  
my heart delighteth.
- 2** Thy love, **Lord Jesus**,  
Is sweeter than wine,  
And Thy fragrance of ointments  
My heart doth entwine,  
And Thy fragrance of ointments  
My heart doth entwine.
- A fount in gardens,  
A well of living waters,  
Which streams and flows  
from Lebanon's mountains.
- 3** O come **Beloved**,  
On my garden blow,  
That the odor of spices  
May break forth and flow,  
That the odor of spices  
May break forth and flow.
- My spouse, My sister,  
I'm come into My garden  
To feast upon wine,  
milk and honey.
- 4** Set me, **Lord Jesus**,  
As seal on Thine heart;  
Jealousy's cruel as Sheol,  
And love's strong as death,  
Jealousy's cruel as Sheol,  
And love's strong as death.
- Much water cannot  
Quench love,  
nor do floods drown it.  
All man could give  
for love is condemned.

### I don't know where they have laid Him

- 1** I do not know where they have laid Him.  
The stone is taken away from the tomb.  
Oh! They have taken Him away!  
Oh! Where is He?
- 2** Disciples came and saw the empty tomb  
But went away so soon to their own homes,  
They're satisfied with just the facts.  
But where's my **Lord**?
- Where is He, my **Jesus**?  
Where is He, my **Beloved**?  
Where is He Whom my soul doth love?  
**Jesus**, my Love, I just want You.
- 3** My heart is broken from my deepest need.  
Don't ask me, angels, why I'm weeping.  
Nothing but **Jesus** fills my inner being.  
Oh! Where's my Love?
- 4** Someone is standing right behind me.  
It's just the gardener I can barely see.  
Sir, if you carried Him away...  
Oh! Where is He?
- Where is He my **Jesus**?  
Where is He my **Beloved**?  
Tell me where you have laid Him  
And I'll carry Him away, I'll carry Him away.
- 5** And then I heard a voice say, "**Mary**."  
That sweetest voice that penetrated me.  
It is the voice of my **Beloved**,  
**Jesus**, my Love.
- I have found my **Jesus**!  
I have found my **Beloved**!  
I have found Whom my soul doth love,  
**Jesus**, my love, I just love You!
- 6** But **Jesus** told me not to touch Him yet.  
He must ascend first to the **Father**  
And to My **Father** and your **Father**  
To My **God** and your **God**.
- Go and tell My brothers,  
I ascend to the **Father**  
To My **Father** and your **Father**,  
And My **God** and your **God**,  
go tell My brothers.

### Hymn 48

- 1** We bless Thee, **God** and **Father**,  
We joy before Thy face;  
Beyond dark death for ever,  
We share Thy **Son's** blest place.  
He lives a **Man** before Thee,  
In cloudless light above,  
In Thine unbounded favor,  
Thine everlasting love.
- 2** His **Father** and our **Father**,  
His **God** and ours Thou art;  
And He is Thy **Beloved**,  
The gladness of Thy heart.  
We're His, in joy He brings us  
To share His part and place,  
To know Thy love and favor,  
The shining of Thy face.
- 3** Thy love that now enfolds us  
Can ne'er wax cold or dim;  
In Him that love doth center,  
And we are loved in Him.  
In Him Thy love and glory  
Find their eternal rest;  
The many sons—His brethren—  
In Him, how near, how blest!