

“WORD OF LIFE”

October 27, 2024

45. CHRIST IN HIS PERSON (25) –

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

48. The Sun

Hymns: # 200 / # 104 / # 48

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

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Mal. 4:2 - But unto you who fear My name will the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in His wings, ...

[Fulfillment]

Luke 1:78 - Because of the merciful compassions of our God, in which the rising sun will visit us from on high,

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

❖ Christ is the Sun of righteousness

- With healing in His “wings,” (Mal. 4:2)
 - In His shining, there is the healing of death.
 - Without His shining there is death.
 - When His shining appears, death is healed.
- “The rising sun from on high shall visit us.” (Luke 1:78)
 - “From on high” means from God
 - Christ is the rising sun from the heavens.
 - In His deity Jesus Christ the Savior is the dawning sun to the dark age.
 - His birth was the real sunrise for humanity.
 - His coming ended the night of the Old Testament and began the day of the New Testament.

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

✚ Christ is the Sun that heals us as it shines upon us. Christ’s being our healing is based on His being the Sun of righteousness.

- ✓ The word Sun indicates life, and
- ✓ the word righteousness indicates justice.

✚ The whole earth is filled with death and injustice, but with the healing Christ there is life and justice. Today we enjoy Christ’s shining as the Sun of righteousness for our growth in life in the dispelling of darkness, and also for our healing in life in the effacing of unrighteousness. Our hope, our expectation, is that Christ is coming as the Sun of righteousness with healing in His wings to heal the nations from darkness and unrighteousness. We are waiting for Him as the Desire of the nations and as the Sun of righteousness.

{(Reference: The Conclusion of the New Testament Ch. 45 letter O – point 48)
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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 200

- 1 Thou art the **Sun of righteousness**
With **healing in Thy wings**;
The **shining** of Thy glorious face
To us Thy riches brings.
- 2 The tender **mercy** of our **God**
Caused Thee **on us to dawn**,
To those in **darkness giving light**
That **shades of death be gone**.
- 3 Thou art the Morning
without clouds,
And as the Morning **Light**;
We are the tender grass on earth,
Who in Thy **rays delight**.
- 4 Thy **shining light** with pleasant rays
Increases all the way;
It **shines** within us more and more
Until the perfect day.
- 5 It **shines** thru woe
with clearest beams,
As **shining** after rain;
And in Thy **mercy** with Thy **love**
Thy **shining** e'er **remains**.
- 6 Thou also art the Morning Star
To us as a reward;
While still 'tis dark
it **shines** with **light**
To those who **love** the **Lord**.
- 7 **Lord**, help us e'er to **love** Thy **light**
And see things from afar;
And **look for Thee**
in watch and prayer
As for the Morning Star.

Hymn 104

- 1 Alas! and did my **Savior bleed**?
And did my Sov'reign **die**,
Would He devote that **sacred head**
For such a **worm as I**?
- 2 Was it for **sins that I had done**
He **groaned upon the tree**?
Amazing pity! **grace** unknown!
And **love** beyond degree!
- 3 Well might the **sun in darkness hide**,
And **shut his glories in**,
When the **incarnate Maker died**
For man, His creature's sin.
- 4 Thus might I hide my blushing face
While His **dear cross** appears
Dissolve my heart in thankfulness,
And melt mine eyes to tears.
- 5 But drops of grief can ne'er repay
The **debt of love I owe**;
Here **Lord**, I **give myself away**:
'Tis all that I can do.

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**!