

“WORD OF LIFE”

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46. CHRIST IN HIS PERSON (26) – In the Parables of the New Testament

P - 7. The Lord of the Harvest

Hymns: #203 / #222 / #50

✚ “So that what was spoken through the prophet [Psa. 78:2] might be fulfilled, saying, ‘I will open My mouth in **parables**; I will utter things **hidden** from the foundation of the world’.” (Matt 13:35)

[Parable – The need of **shepherding** and **reaping**]

Matt. 9:38 - Therefore beseech the **Lord of the harvest** that He would thrust out workers into His **harvest**.

Luke 10:2 - And He said to them, The **harvest** is great, but the workers few; therefore, **beseech** the **Lord of the harvest** that He would thrust out workers into His **harvest**.

John 4:35 - Do you not say that there are yet four months and then the **harvest** comes?
Behold, I tell you, Lift up your eyes and look on the fields, for they are already white for **harvest**.

✚ “...Why do You speak in **parables** to them? (Mat 13:10)
“...And His **disciples** came to H.im, saying, Make the **parable** ... clear to us. (Matt. 13:36)

❖ Christ is revealed as the **Lord of the harvest**.

- This **indicates** that His kingdom is established with **things of life**
 - that **grow** and **multiply** and
 - that He is the Lord who owns this **crop**.
- We are the **Lord’s crop**, who have been saved and have **received** the **Lord’s life**.
 - Under His hand nothing is **lifeless**.
 - He does care for **things that are living**.
 - Everything **under His care** is **living**.
- We need to **participate** in **His harvest**.
 - Lift up our eyes and look on the fields the **harvest** is ready.
 - **Pray** that the Lord would **send reapers** into **His harvest**

✚ “And having the **same spirit of faith** according to that which is written, “I **believed**, therefore I **spoke**,” we also **believe**, therefore we also **speak**,” (2Cor. 4:13)

- ✚ We all need to see a vision of the **Lord Jesus** as the **Lord of the harvest** and realize that we should **beseech Him** as the **Lord of the harvest** to **thrust out workers** into His harvest.
 - ✓ we should pray to the **Lord of the harvest**, to thrust out workers into His harvest and recognizing that the harvest belongs to Him.
 - ✓ Whenever we pray in this way, we honor the Lord Jesus very much.
- ✚ In His economy God has a plan to accomplish, He needs us to beseech Him, to pray to Him, in order to accomplish His plan. As the King of the heavenly kingdom, He is **not only** the Shepherd of the sheep **but also** the **Lord of the harvest**. His kingdom is established with **things of life** that can **grow** and **multiply**.

{(Reference: The Conclusion of the New Testament Ch. 46 letter P – point 7)
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Hymn 203
Praise the Lord – His Increase

- 1** In the **bosom** of the **Father**,
Ere the ages had begun,
Thou wast in the **Father's glory**,
God's unique **begotten Son**.
When to us the **Father** gave Thee,
Thou in person wast the same,
All the fulness of the **Father**
In the **Spirit** to proclaim.
- 2** By Thy **death** and **resurrection**,
Thou wast made
God's firstborn Son;
By Thy life to us imparting,
Was Thy **duplication** done.
We, in Thee **regenerated**,
Many sons to **God** became;
Truly as Thy **many brethren**,
We are as Thyself the same.
- 3** Once Thou wast
the **only grain**, **Lord**,
Falling to the earth to die,
That thru **death** and **resurrection**
Thou in life may multiply.
We were brought forth
in Thy nature
And the many **grains** became;
As one loaf we all are blended,
All Thy fulness to proclaim.
- 4** We're Thy total **reproduction**,
Thy dear **Body** and Thy **Bride**,
Thine expression and Thy fulness,
For Thee ever to abide.
We are Thy **continuation**,
Thy **life-increase** and Thy spread,
Thy full growth and
Thy **rich surplus**,
One with Thee, our glorious **Head**.

Hymn 222
Praise the Lord – Remembrance of Him

- 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 50
Worship of the Father –
His Praise from many Sons

- 1** **Father**, Thy **Son** beloved
leads our **praise**
After the banquet **feast**
is had and done;
How dear, how sweet
to Thee the **praise** He leads,
And in His **praises**
joining **we are one**.
- 2** **Father**, we need no goodness
more than Thee,
Nor do we seek a love
that's less than Thine;
How we **adore** Thee
now that here we know
Thy searchless,
uncreated life divine.
- 3** **Father**, within Thy **love**
our love to Thee
Grows, **far transcending**
all our **earthly ties**;
Thine own dear **love**
in power leads our hearts
Where Thine own **presence**
deeply satisfies.
- 4** **Father**, by **joining**
with Thy **Son** beloved,
We all with gladness
praise Thee now again;
Joyfully **feasting** on Thy holy **love**,
Tasting, **as sons**,
the sweetness of Thy name.