

“WORD OF LIFE”

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

P - 8. A Teacher above His Disciples, the Lord above His Slaves, and the Master of the House

Hymns: # 481 / # 217 / # 32

✚ “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 – Persecution and the way to meet it]

Matt. 10:24 - A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above his master.

Matt. 10:25 - It is sufficient for the disciple that he become like his teacher, and the slave like his master.
If they have called the Master of the house Beelzebub, how much more those of His household!.

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

❖ The Lord Jesus is the teacher, we are His disciples.

- “A disciple is not above the teacher...” (Matt 10:24; Luke 6:40)
 - In suffering persecution, we cannot be above Him; we must not expect a better lot.
 - It is sufficient that, in suffering persecution, we become as He.

❖ The Lord Jesus is the lord, we are His slaves.

- “A slave is not greater than his master,
 - nor one who were is greater than the one who sends him.” (John 13:16)
 - we should not be arguing who is the greatest among us (Matt. 20:21).
 - whoever wants to be first among you shall be your slave (Matt. 20:27).
 - The way to live in the kingdom is to be willing to a servant, even as a slave.

❖ The Lord Jesus is the master, we are His household. (Matt. 10:25)

- If they called Him Beelzebub (ruler of the demon);
 - how much more to us His household!
 - The Lord Jesus came to the world to save men
 - we should not harden our heart and purposely disbelieve Him

✚ “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)

✚ The Lord Jesus instructed us regarding the suffering of persecution in our going out to spread His ministry. He likens Himself to a teacher, the lord, and the master of the house, and likens us to disciples, slaves, and those of the household.

- ✓ In suffering persecution, we cannot be above Him; we must not expect a better lot.
- ✓ In suffering persecution, we become as He.

He is our Teacher, Lord, and Master of the house, and we are His disciples, slaves, and those of His household.

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Hymn 481

Union with Christ –
Identified with His Death and Resurrection

1 Crucified with Christ my Savior,
To the world and self and sin;
To the death-born life of Jesus
I am sweetly ent'ring in:
In His fellowship of suff'ring,
To His death conformed to be,
I am going with my Savior
All the way to Calvary.

Chorus:

All the way to Calvary,
Where my Savior went for me,
Help me, Lord, to go with Thee,
All the way to Calvary.

2 'Tis not hard to die with Christ
When His risen life we know;
'Tis not hard to share His suff'rings
When our hearts with joy o'erflow.
In His resurrection power
He has come to dwell in me,
And my heart is gladly going
All the way to Calvary.

3 If we die we'll live with Christ,
If we suffer we shall reign;
Only thus the prize of glory
Can the conqueror attain.
Oh, how sweet,
on that glad morning
Should the Master say to thee,
"Yes, my child,
thou didst go with me
All the way to Calvary."

Hymn 217

Praise the Lord –
Remembrance of Him

1 On that night of nights
most solemn,
Jesus called His own
'Round the table of remembrance,
All alone.

2 Then this feast of feasts
He ordered,
Feast of grace Divine;
Sacred symbols He appointed,
Bread and wine.

3 Thus His death of deaths
is shadowed
In this simple way,
Looking backward,
pointing upward,
To that day.

4 Till the morn of morns
bright dawning,
Earth's dark shadows passed;
And the splendor of God's glory
Breaks at last.

5 Thus the day of days
shall open,
Deathless, cloudless, fair;
In that day, the Savior's glories
We shall share!

Hymn 32

Worship of the Father –
His Intent

1 We bow and worship, Father, here
And marvel at Thy wondrous love.
O what is man
that Thou shouldst deign
To him such boundless grace to prove!

2 We praise Thee for Thy heart's intent
That man Thy likeness should possess,
That with Thy life and nature filled
Thine image he should manifest.

3 Man in Thine image Thou didst make,
To him authority didst give;
Thyself presenting as his life,
That by Thy riches he might live.

4 To enter man Thou dost desire,
With him to mingle thru Thy grace,
That man may be transformed and built
To be Thy worthy dwelling place.

5 Tho' man did fall, Thou didst not leave
Thy heart's intent,
but Thou didst move;
Redeeming man to bring him back,
Thou didst Thy love
and wisdom prove.

6 In Christ Thou didst Thyself reveal,
Who died and rose,
redemption wrought;
In Spirit Thou hast entered man
And to him life and grace hast brought.

7 My spirit is Thy holiest place,
Thy throne of grace is founded there;
Thou wouldst that we in spirit come
To burn the incense thru our prayer.

8 Such grace is like a river full
Which from the throne
of grace doth come;
It floweth thru, transforming us,
And builds us up to be Thy home.

9 Receiving of Thy matchless grace,
We marvel at Thy gift so free;
With grateful hearts for Thy great love,
In spirit now we worship Thee.