

“WORD OF LIFE”

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47. CHRIST IN HIS PERSON (27) – In the **Parables** of the New Testament

P - 11. The **Three Measures of Meal** in the Parable of Leaven

Hymns: # 509 (1144) / # 221 / # 1081

✚ “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 inward corruption of the outward appearance of the kingdom]

Matt. 13:33 - Another **parable** He spoke to them:
The **kingdom of the heavens** is like leaven,
which a woman took and hid in **three measures of meal** until the whole was leavened..

✚ “...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)

- ❖ As **three measures of meal**, **Christ**, the **reality** of the **meal offering**, is **food** for God and man.
 - The **three measures of meal** refer to fine flour that was used in the **meal offering** (Lev. 2:1)
 - The fine flour made of wheat grain, was used in the **meal offering**
 - The **meal offering** is a **type** of **Christ** in **His humanity**.
 - The fine flour **signifies** the **fineness** and **evenness** of Christ’s humanity,
 - **it also signifies** the **beauty** and **excellence** of Christ’s human living and daily walk.
 - Those who served God as priests fed on the fine flour of the **meal offering**.
 - The **meal offering** was for the **satisfaction** not only of the priests but of God Himself.
 - Thus, the **meal offering** was **food** for both the priests and for God.
 - In the **Bible** **three measures of meal** denote a full meal (Gen. 18:6).
 - The three measures of fine flour **signify** the **resurrected Christ** in His humanity
 - The **church**, as the **practicality** of the **kingdom of the heavens**, should have only **Christ**
 - There should be **no leaven**
 - which **signifies** evil things, evil doctrines, pagan practices, and mixed teachings.
 - **only** the unleavened fine flour, as its content.

✚ “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 **three measures** are the quantity needed to make a full meal. Meal, for making the **meal offering** which signifies Christ as **food** to both God and man. The **church** as the **practical kingdom of the heavens**, **with** Christ, the unleavened fine flour, as its content, must be a loaf of unleavened bread.

✚ The **meal offering** **typifies** Christ in His human living. The **emphasis** of the **meal offering** is on Christ’s **human living** and **daily walk**, and that Christ is righteous before God. As **fine flour**, the main element of the meal offering, Christ’s humanity, is fine, perfect, tender, balanced, and right in every way, with no excess and no deficiency.

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Hymn 509
Experience of Christ –
As Food

1 A flowing river and a tree,
Eden's outstanding features are,
Man to supply with food and drink
That he may live fore'er.

Chorus:

God is in **Christ** to be my supply,
God as the **Spirit** nourisheth me;
If upon **Christ** in spirit I feed,
Filled with His **life** I'll be.

2 The tree the glorious Christ
does show
As living food to man supplied,
That he **God's** riches may enjoy,
Thus to be satisfied.

3 The river does the **Spirit** show,
Coming man's spirit to supply,
That with **God's** riches he be filled,
Holy to be thereby.

4 The **Christ** of glory is my life,
He as the **Spirit** lives in mine,
That I with **God** be fully blent
And in His image shine.

5 I would exalt this glorious **Christ**,
Ever the **Spirit** I'd obey,
Making His glory fully known,
Filled with His grace for aye.

Hymn 221
Praise the Lord –
Remembrance of Him

1 Lord, we thank Thee for the table,
With the bread and with the wine;
At this table we enjoy Thee
As the feast of love divine.
We partake the bread, the emblem
Of Thy body giv'n for us;
And we share the wine, the symbol
Of Thy blood Thou shedd'st for us.

Chorus:

Lo, the holy table!
With the sacred symbols;
Its significance in figure
Is unsearchable!

2 By the death of Thy redemption,
That Thy life Thou may impart,
E'en Thyself to us Thou gavest
That we share in all Thou art.
By the bread and wine partaking,
We Thy death display and prove;
Eating, drinking of Thyself, Lord,
We remember Thee with love.

3 By this bread which signifieth
Thy one body mystical,
We commune with all
Thy members
In one bond identical.
By this holy cup of blessing,
Cup of wine which now we bless,
Of Thy blood we have communion
With all those who faith possess.

4 Thou art our eternal portion,
Here we take a sweet foretaste;
We are waiting for Thy kingdom,
And Thy coming now we haste.
At Thy coming, in Thy kingdom,
With all saints that overcome,
We anew will feast upon Thee
And Thy loving Bride become.

Hymn 1081
Worship of the Father –
His Name. His Word, His Glory

1 Father God,
Thou art the source of life.
We, Thy sons,
are Thine expression;
In Thy name, our dear possession.
Father God,
Thou art the source of life.

In Thy life, in Thy life,
We have oneness in Thy life.
In Thy life, in Thy life,
In Thy life, O **Father**, we are one.
John 17:6-13

2 How we thank Thee
that Thy holy Word
With Thy nature, saturates us;
From the world it separates us.
Thank Thee, **Father**,
for Thy holy Word.

Through Thy Word,
through Thy Word,
We have oneness
through Thy Word.
Through Thy Word,
through Thy Word,
Through Thy holy Word
we're all made one.
John 17:14-21

3 Oh, the glory of the Triune God!
We're His sons,
oh, what a blessing!
We His glory are expressing—
Oh, the glory of the Triune God!

In Thy glory, in Thy glory,
In Thy glory we are one.
In Thy glory, in Thy glory,
In Thy glory we are all made one!
John 17:22-24