

## “WORD OF LIFE”

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

#### P - 12. The **Man** in the Parable of a **Treasure** Hidden in the Field

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✚ “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 kingdom **hidden** in the God-created earth]

Matt. 13:44 - The kingdom of the heavens is like a **treasure** **hidden** in the **field**,  
which a **man** found and **hid**,  
and in his joy goes and **sells** all that he has, and **buys** that **field**.

✚ “...He taught them many things in **parables**... (Mark 4:2)  
“...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)

❖ **Christ** is the **man** who found the **hidden treasure in the field** (Matt.13:44).

- He hid it, and **in His joy sold** all and bought the field.
  - The **treasure** signifies the **kingdom** with the true Israel, God’s peculiar **treasure** (Exo. 19:5; Psa. 135:4).
  - The **field** is the **earth**, which signifies the **world** created by God for His **kingdom** (Gen. 1:26-28).
  - The **treasure hidden in the field** signifies **the kingdom hidden in the God-created world**.

❖ **Christ** is the **man** who found the kingdom of the heavens in Matthew 4:12 to 12:23,

- Christ first found the treasure when He came out to **minister, declaring**,
  - ✓ “**Repent**, for the kingdom of the heavens has drawn near” (Matt. 4:17).
- When the Jews’ **rejection** of the **Lord** reached its peak, He **forsook** them.
  - From that time onward, He **hid the treasure**.
  - Then He **went to the cross** to **buy not only the treasure but also the field**.
    - in **His joy went to the cross**, **sell all He had** and **buy that field**
    - thereby **redeeming** the earth created by God.
    - He redeemed the whole earth for the sake of the **treasure**.

❖ **Christ** is the **man** who redeemed the created and lost earth—for the **kingdom**.

✚ “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)

✚ Christ **went to the cross** to **redeem** the God-created earth because within the earth there was the **kingdom**, the **treasure**. In order for Him to have the kingdom on earth, Christ had to **redeem** the earth because it had been polluted and damaged by Satan’s rebellion and man’s sin.

✚ The Lord **sold** all that He had and **bought the earth**; that is, He **sacrificed all He had on the cross** to **redeem the earth** for the **treasure of the kingdom**. This kingdom is realized in the church life, but its manifestation is related to the redeemed nation of Israel. During the millennium the earth will become the kingdom of Christ (Rev. 11:15).

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## Suffering from Gethsemane to Calvary

Praise of the Lord  
Remembrance of Him

1 Lord, You suffered and were ravaged  
By the cruelty of men.  
From Gethsemane to Calvary,  
Men oppressed and judged You then;  
Our transgressions  
caused You wounding,  
Pain and suffering all consuming,  
'Til a breach in Your communing  
Caused You grief  
unknown from birth.  
From the garden to Golgotha,  
All You passed through  
proved Your worth.

2 You had one friend who betrayed You,  
With a kiss, to hate-filled men,  
And another who denied You  
Out of fear towards all of them.  
When they took You as their prisoner,  
Questioned You, their anger bitter,  
And then mocked You,  
thought a sinner,  
You did not Yourself defend.  
You were mute and long-enduring  
With a view to reach Your end.

3 The Sanhedrin sought to weaken  
Your endurance and Your strength,  
Then delivered You to Pilate  
Whose men scourged You,  
whipped at length.  
At Golgotha, soldiers stripped You,  
And with violent  
pounding nailed You  
To Your cross,  
through joint and sinew,  
There to hang upon the tree,  
Where bystanders mocked, despising,  
Wagging heads contemptuously.

4 Those who hated You were staring,  
No respect, their visage hard.  
Soldiers gambled for Your garments  
While Your strength dried like a shard.  
Like hot wax, Your heart was melting.  
Gravity each joint was rending.  
In Your mouth,  
Your tongue was cleaving.  
As Your weight each breath then stole,  
Your ordeal made all the harder  
When God made You sin for all.

5 At the noon hour,  
when God judged You,  
Laid on You the whole of sin,  
God's dear presence fled, departed,  
From Your fellowship within.  
This was much worse  
than the violence;  
This forsaking—dreaded silence,  
All the scorn of men's derision  
Paling in comparison  
To the scope of  
God's own judgement  
Poured upon His only Son.

6 After three hours, at Your limit,  
You cried out in agony,  
In the words of David, Psalmist,  
"Why have You forsaken Me?"  
Saying, "I thirst... It is finished"  
You were done,  
Your work unblemished.  
You prayed "Father, into Your hands  
I commit My spirit." Then  
With a loud cry, You expired,  
As Your loved ones grieved again.

7 When Your death  
the soldiers noticed,  
One took up His weighted spear  
And he pierced  
Your side in coldness,  
Blood and water flowing clear.  
From Gethsemane to Calvary  
You were broken,  
suffering greatly.  
Wounds innumerable, a fountain,  
Flowing precious priceless blood,  
For our sins and our redemption,  
Reconciling us to God.

8 Lord, I praise You and I thank You  
That You bled and died for me,  
As I ponder how You loved me  
And You gave Yourself for me.  
I am filled with love and reverence,  
Gratitude and deep assurance  
You forgive me in Your mercy,  
By Your blood, for all my sin!  
And You joined me to the Father!  
Hallelujah, Lord! Amen!

## Hymn 21

Worship of the Father –  
His Righteousness

1 We praise Thee  
for Thy righteousness;  
Thy justice, Father, we confess,  
And fully testify.  
Thou art the judge of all mankind,  
In Thee injustice none can find,  
Nor wrong to Thee apply.

2 O holy Father, righteous One,  
Thy righteousness upholds  
Thy throne,  
'Tis a foundation sure.  
'Tis through this righteousness  
of Thine  
That reigns in Christ  
the grace divine,  
And peace we thus secure.

3 Thy righteousness  
has caused Thy Son  
To die for us that we be won,  
Redemption thus was bought;  
Thy righteousness has justified  
When Christ's redemption  
was applied,  
Salvation thus was wrought.

4 That Thou might show  
Thy righteousness,  
With Thy forgiveness  
Thou didst bless  
Men in the ancient age;  
For Thee Thy righteousness to show,  
Remission Thou dost now bestow  
On sinners in this age.

5 All people Thou wilt judge one day,  
Thy righteousness to all display  
By Christ, Thy Son, our Lord;  
Yet fast we'll stand,  
for none can move,  
Thy righteousness we'll ever prove,  
With grace Thou wilt afford.

6 With justice is Thy kingdom filled,  
And peace upon it Thou dost build  
With all in harmony;  
In the new heaven and new earth  
Thy righteousness  
will be their worth,  
As promised, God, by Thee.