

## “WORD OF LIFE”

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

#### P - 14. The Bread and the Crumbs in the Parable of the Children’s Bread

Hymns: Christ is the Tree of Life, # 1143 / # 1110 / # 17

✚ “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 faith of a Gentile woman]

Matt. 15:22 - And behold, a Canaanite woman ... cried out, saying,  
Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David! ...

Matt. 15:24 - But He answered and said, I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

Matt. 15:25 - But she came and worshipped Him, saying, Lord, help me!

Matt. 15:26 - But He answered and said, It is not good to take the children’s bread and throw it to the little dogs.

Matt. 15:27 - And she said, Yes, Lord, for even the little dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters’ table.

✚ “...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 reveals Himself as the children’s bread, to the house of Israel

- A Canaanite woman cried out saying, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David;” (Matt. 15:22).
  - The woman considered the Lord, the Son of David.
  - The Lord told her that He was sent to the lost sheep of the house of Israel” (v. 24).
  - The woman, realizing that she was not a child of Israel, she said, “Lord, help me!” (v. 25).
  - The Lord answered, it is not good to take the children’s bread and throw it to the little dogs.
    - The “children” are the Jews, and
    - the little “dogs” are the Gentiles.
  - The Lord unveiled Himself to her as small pieces of bread, good for food.
    - The Lord referred her to the matter of eating in order to show her that she needs inward nourishing.
    - The Lord caused her to realize
      - that He was bread for the feeding of the hungry children,
      - that He was dispensing Himself to others as their inner life supply.

❖ Christ, became crumbs under the table as a portion to the Gentiles.

- The Lord Jesus referred to the woman as a little dog.
- The woman answered, even the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters’ table (v. 27).
  - at that time Christ, after being rejected by Jews, became “crumbs” under the table as portion to the Gentiles.

✚ “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 holy land of Israel was the table on which Christ, the heavenly bread, came as a portion to the children of Israel. but they threw Him off the table to the “ground,” the Gentile country. He became broken crumbs as a portion to the Gentiles. We need to realize that Christ has been cast off the table by the Israelites and is now in the Gentile world, where the dogs are. As the crumbs under the table, the edible Christ is near to us.

✚ Feeding is a matter of dispensing. Christ dispensing Himself as bread, as nourishing food, as the element of the life supply, to satisfy us. We need to take Christ in by eating Him as bread, even as the crumbs under the table.

### Christ is the Tree of Life

- 1** In the beginning we can see  
**God** placed man in front  
 of two different trees—  
 The **tree of life** and  
 the tree of knowledge  
 Of good and evil.  
 One **leads to life** by **eating** Him.  
 And the other leads  
 to deadness and sin.  
 So, **feed on Christ!**  
 Don’t be satisfied  
 with being good and legal.
- Christ**, Is the **tree of life**.  
 He’s our **life supply**.  
 Let’s choose the **way of life!**  
 Take Him in  
 By enjoying Him!  
 Open deep within.  
 And on His life depend.  
 (End: Eat the tree of life.)
- 2** Now everyone can **feast** on Him!  
 Open deeply and be filled to the brim!  
 Partake of **Christ** as the **tree of life**.  
 Express Him together.  
 Give **Christ** the first place in our **hearts**.  
 As we **love** Him all  
 His life He imparts.  
 In spirit He fills eternally!  
 Satisfied forever!

### Hymn 1143

#### Experience of Christ – As Food and Drink

- 1** The **tree of life**, how sweet the fruit,  
 With **God** as life complete.  
 I once was dead, but now I live,  
 Was starved, but now I **eat**.
- 2** ’Twas **God** that brought me to the **tree**,  
 With **Christ** Himself as meat;  
 How precious did that **tree** become  
 When I began to **eat**.
- 3** The **Lord** Himself is **food** to me,  
 He is my **life supply**;  
 He will my pure enjoyment be,  
 None else can satisfy.
- 4** I freely **eat** this living **tree**,  
 For eating is the way  
 To put **God’s** life **inside of me**,  
 To live by Him today.

### Hymn 1110

#### Praise the Lord – Remembrance of Him

- 1** O **Jesus Lord**,  
 when present at Thy **table**,  
 And on the **bread** and on the **wine**  
 we gaze;  
 We praise Thee, **Lord**,  
 that Thou as **food** art able  
 To be enjoyed by man in many ways.

#### *Chorus 1:*

So all our being sings in **praise** to Thee,  
 How small Thou art, how small Thou art!  
 And Thee we’ll **eat** through all eternity;  
 How small Thou art, how small Thou art!

- 2** O what a shame—  
 when **Christ** with all His **riches**,  
 Has come into the world,  
**life to supply**—  
 That man would live,  
 not by Him, but by teachings,  
 So powerless these **riches** to apply.

#### *Chorus 2:*

But all we need to do is **eat** the **Lord**;  
 He’s marvelous, He’s wonderful!  
 And as we **eat**, we’re inwardly restored;  
**Christ** grows in us, grows to the full.

- 3** O **Jesus Christ**,  
 Thou camest not to mankind  
 To be a king, to rule us outwardly.  
 But Thou hast come as **food**  
 to satisfy us,  
 And by Thy **life** to guide us inwardly.

#### *(First chorus)*

- 4** We **praise** Thee, **Lord**,  
 for all Thy glorious grandeur,  
 For all Thy strength  
 and majesty replete;  
 And yet, O **Lord**,  
 what special thanks we give Thee,  
 That all Thou art is small  
 enough to **eat**.

### Hymn 17

#### Worship of the Father – His Greatness

- 1** My **Father God**,  
 when on Thy vast creation,  
 The wonders of  
 the heav’n and earth, I gaze,  
 Things **great** and **small**,  
 beyond enumeration,  
 Which manifest  
 Thy pow’r in untold ways;

#### *Chorus:*

Then all my being sings in **praise** to Thee  
 How marvellous! How **great** Thou art!  
 And this I’ll sing through all eternity,  
 How marvellous! How **great** Thou art!

- 2** As I enjoy  
 the **grace** of Thy **salvation**  
 And contemplate  
 how Thou Thy **Son** hast sent,  
 Who died that we  
 might be Thy **new creation**,  
 Thy life expressing  
 to the full extent;

- 3** When in the **church**,  
 in blest participation,  
 I see how millions  
 Thine **own life** possess,  
 How they are built  
 to form Thy habitation,  
 Containing Thee,  
 Thy fulness to express;

- 4** As I expect  
 the coming age of fulness  
 And hope to share  
 the **new Jerusalem**,  
 With all the heavens  
 and the earth in **newness**  
 And all Thou art  
 expressed in all of them;