

“WORD OF LIFE”

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

P - 17. The Son of the Householder In the Parable of the Evil Husbandmen

Hymns: [# 203 / # 86 / # 43](https://www.hymnal.net/en/hymn/ns/548)

✚ “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 transfer of the kingdom of God]

Matt. 21:33 - ...There was a householder, who planted a vineyard...and he leased it out to vinedressers...

Matt. 21:34–38 - And when the time to harvest ..., he sent his slaves to the vinedressers to get his fruit.
And the vinedressers took his slaves and beat one, and killed another, and stoned another.
Then later he sent to them his son...when they saw the son...

Matt. 21:39 - And they took him and cast him out of the vineyard and killed him.

✚ “...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 son of the householder who was killed out of the vineyard (Matt. 21:33-46).

- The Jewish leaders were jealous of Christ’s rights and wanted to maintain their false position
 - the householder is God,
 - the vineyard is the city of Jerusalem (Isa. 5:1),
 - the husbandmen are the leaders of the Israelites (Matt. 21:45).
 - The slaves sent to receive the fruits are the prophets who suffered persecution
 - They were beaten, killed and stoned (Jer. 37:15; Neh. 9:26; 2 Chron. 24:21).
- The householder sent to them his son, saying, they will respect my son.
 - But the husbandmen said, let us kill him and possess his inheritance (Matt. 21:37-38).
 - they envied Christ because of His rights
 - “they took him and cast him out of the vineyard and killed him” (v. 39).
 - this refers to Christ’s being killed outside the city of Jerusalem (Heb. 13:12).

✚ “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)

✚ 1John 4:9 - In this the love of God was manifested among us, that God sent His only begotten Son into the world that we might have life and live through Him.

- ✓ God sent His Son into the world not only to be a propitiation for our sins that we might be forgiven but also to be life to us.
- ✓ In the love of God, the Son of God saves us not only from our sins by His blood but also from our death by His life.

✚ He is not only the Lamb of God who takes away our sin; He is also the Son of God who gives us eternal life. He died for our sins that we might have eternal life in Him and live through Him. In this the love of God, which is God’s essence, has been manifested.

[1 John 4:9 footnotes]

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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 86
Praise the Lord – His Life

- 1 Though Thou art **God**,
most glorious, high,
Thou in the **flesh** to us came nigh,
A lowly man become thereby;
Lord, I **remember** Thee!
- 2 **Glory** divine was put away
Under the tent of **flesh** to stay,
No outward beauty to display;
Lord, I **remember** Thee!
- 3 Thou art a root
from out dry ground,
Thou wast the **Man of sorrows**
found,
Hated, despised by man around;
Lord, I **remember** Thee!
- 4 Gentle and lowly is Thy heart,
Willing to **suffer** all Thou art,
To **God** and man complaining not;
Lord, I **remember** Thee!
- 5 Thou as a man art tender, sweet,
Balanced in every way, complete,
Meal-offering to the **Father** meet;
Lord, I **remember** Thee!
- 6 Doing the Father's will Thy prize,
Never accepting Satan's **lies**,
None like Thyself,
so **faithful**, wise;
Lord, I **remember** Thee!
- 7 For Thine **obedience** to God's will,
Willing to **suffer** deathly ill,
E'en on the **Cross** my place to fill,
Lord, I **remember** Thee!
- 8 Therefore hath **God** exalted Thee,
Given Thee **glory**, majesty,
Heaven and earth
will bow the knee;
O **Lord**, I worship Thee!

Hymn 43
Worship of the Father – His Redemption

- 1 "Abba, **Father**," we approach Thee
In our **Savior's** precious name.
We, Thy children, here assembling,
Now the promised blessing claim.
From our guilt His **blood**
has **washed** us,
'Tis through Him our souls
draw nigh,
And Thy **Spirit** too has taught us
"Abba, **Father**," thus to cry.
- 2 Once as **prodigals** we wandered,
In our folly, far from Thee;
But Thy **grace**, o'er sin abounding,
Rescued us from misery.
Clothed in garments of salvation
At Thy **table** is our place;
We rejoice, and Thou rejoicest,
In the riches of Thy **grace**.
- 3 Thou the **prodigal** hast pardoned,
"Kissed us" with a Father's **love**;
"Killed the fatted calf,"
and made us
Fit Thy purpose to approve.
"It is meet," we hear Thee saying,
"We should **merry** be and **glad**;
I have found My once-lost children,
Now they live
who once were dead."
- 4 "Abba, **Father**," we **adore** Thee,
While the hosts in heaven above
E'en in us now learn the wonders
Of Thy **wisdom**, **grace**, and **love**.
Soon before Thy throne assembled,
All Thy children shall proclaim
Abba's **love** shown in **redemption**,
And how full is Abba's name!