

“WORD OF LIFE”

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

P - 21. The Master of the Faithful Slaves and of the Evil Slaves

Hymns: # 154 / #228 / # 30

✚ “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 – Being Faithful and Prudent]

Matt. 24:45 - Who then is the faithful and prudent slave, whom the master has set over his household to give them food at the proper time?

Matt. 24:46 - Blessed is that slave whom his master, when he comes, will find so doing.

Matt. 24:47 - Truly I say to you that he will set him over all his possessions.

Matt. 24:48 - But if that evil slave says in his heart, My master delays,

Matt. 24:49 - And begins to beat his fellow slaves and eats and drinks with the drunken,

Matt. 24:50 - The master of that slave will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour which he does not know,

Matt. 24:51 - And will cut him asunder and appoint his portion with the hypocrites.
In that place there will be the weeping and the gnashing of teeth.

✚ “...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 Master of the faithful slaves and of the evil slaves.

➤ Christ has set over his household to give them food at the appointed time

- Blessed is the faithful slave when the master comes shall find so doing.
 - will be rewarded in the manifestation of the kingdom
 - will set him over all his possessions
- The master of the evil slave shall come on a day when he does not expect him
 - shall cut him asunder and appoint his portion with the hypocrites
 - there shall be the weeping and the gnashing of teeth

✚ “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)

✚ Blessed are the faithful and prudent slaves, they will be rewarded by Christ, the Master, with ruling authority in the manifestation of the kingdom of the heavens. The Master will set the faithful slaves “over all his possessions” as a reward in the manifestation of the kingdom.

✚ May we practice prudence towards our fellow believers to give food, that is to minister the word of God and Christ as the life supply, at the proper time. May we be faithful and prudent that when our Master comes, will find us so doing.

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Hymn 154
Praise of the Lord –
His Love

- 1 It passeth **knowledge**,
that dear **love** of Thine,
My **Savior, Jesus**; yet this **soul** of mine
Would of Thy **love**
in all its breadth and length,
Its height and depth,
its everlasting strength,
Know more and more.
- 2 It passeth **telling**, that dear **love** of Thine,
My **Savior, Jesus**; yet these **lips** of mine
Would fain proclaim to sinners,
far and near,
A **love** which can remove all guilty fear,
And **love** **beget**.
- 3 It passeth **praises**, that dear **love** of Thine,
My **Savior, Jesus**; yet this **heart** of mine
Would sing that **love**, so full,
so rich, so free,
Which brings a rebel sinner, such as me,
Nigh unto **God**.
- 4 But though I cannot sing, or tell, or know
The fulness of Thy **love**,
while here below,
My empty vessel I may freely bring;
O Thou, who art of **love** the living spring,
My **vessel** fill.
- 5 I am an **empty vessel**—not one thought
Or look of **love** to Thee
I've ever brought;
Yet I may come, and come again to Thee,
With this the empty sinner's only plea,
Thou **lovest** me.
- 6 Oh, fill me, **Jesus, Savior**, with Thy **love**!
Lead, lead me to the **living** fount above;
Thither may I, in simple **faith** draw nigh,
And never to another fountain fly,
But unto Thee.
- 7 **Lord Jesus**, when **Thee face to face I see**,
When on Thy lofty throne **I sit with Thee**,
Then of Thy **love**,
in all its breadth and length,
Its height and depth,
its everlasting strength,
My **soul** shall **sing**.

John 3:16 –
For **God** so **loved** the world that
He **gave** His only begotten Son, that
everyone who **believes** into Him
would not perish, but would have
eternal life.

Hymn 228
Praise the Lord –
Remembrance of Him

- 1 Sweet **feast** of **love** divine!
'Tis **grace** that **makes us free**
To feed upon this **bread** and **wine**,
In **mem'ry**, **Lord**, of Thee.
- 2 Here every welcome guest
Waits, **Lord**, from Thee to learn
The secrets of Thy **Father's breast**,
And all Thy **grace** discern.
- 3 Here conscience ends its strife,
And **faith** delights to prove
The sweetness of the **Bread of Life**,
The fulness of Thy **love**.
- 4 That **blood** that **flowed** for sin
In **symbol** here we see,
And feel the blessed **pledge** within
That **we are loved of Thee**.
- 5 O if this glimpse of **love**
Is so **divinely** sweet,
What will it be, O **Lord**, above,
Thy gladd'ning **smile** to meet!
- 6 **To see Thee face to face**,
Thy perfect likeness wear,
And all Thy ways of wondrous **grace**
Through endless years declare.

John 6:35 –
Jesus said to them, I am the **bread of life**; he who **comes to Me** shall by no means hunger, and he who **believes** into Me shall by no means ever thirst.

John 6:47 –
Truly, truly, I say to you, He who **believes** has **eternal life**.

John 6:48 –
I am the **bread of life**.

John 14:20 –
In **that day** you will know that
I am **in** My Father,
and you **in** Me,
and I **in** you.

Hymn 30
Worship of the Father –
His Love

- 1 What **love** Thou hast **bestowed on us**,
We **thank** Thee from our heart;
Our **Father**, we would **worship** Thee
And **praise** for all Thou art.
- 2 Thy **heart** Thou hast **revealed to us**,
Made known th' eternal will;
Within the **Son** Thou hast come forth,
Thy purpose to fulfill.
- 3 Thou **gavest** Thy beloved **Son**
In **love** to **come** and **die**,
That we may be Thy **many sons**,
As **heirs** with Him, made nigh.
- 4 Through Him **we have Thy very life**
And Thou our **Father** art;
Thy very **nature**, all Thyself,
Thou dost **to us impart**.
- 5 Thy **Spirit** into ours has come
That we may "**Abba**" cry;
Of **Spirit** born, with **Spirit** sealed,
To be transformed thereby.
- 6 The **many sons** to **glory** brought
Is Thine eternal goal,
And to Thy **Son's** own **image** wrought,
Thou wilt **conform** the whole.
- 7 Throughout Thy **transformation** work
Thou dost direct each one,
From **glory** unto **glory** bring
Until the work is done.
- 8 What **love** Thou, **Father**, hast bestowed;
We'll **ever grateful** be;
We'll **worship** Thee forevermore
And **praise** unceasingly.

Joh 14:21 –
He who has My commandments and **keeps** them, he is the one who **loves** Me; and he who **loves** Me will be **loved** by My Father, and I will **love** him and will **manifest** Myself to him.

1John 2:15 –
Do not love the world nor the things
in the world. If anyone loves the
world, **love** for the **Father** is not in
him;