

## “WORD OF LIFE”

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

#### P - 23. The Man Going to the Foreign Country in the Parable of the Talents

Hymns: # 132 / # 233 / # 20

✚ “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 – for Faithfulness]

- Matt. 25:14 - For the kingdom of the heavens is just like a man about to go abroad, who called his own slaves and delivered to them his possessions.
- Matt. 25:15 - To one he gave five talents, and to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability. And he went abroad.
- Matt. 25:19 - Now after a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them.
- Matt. 25:29 - For to everyone who has, more shall be given, and he shall abound; but from him who does not have, even that which he has shall be taken away from him.
- Matt. 25:30 - And cast out the useless slave into the outer darkness. 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 man, going into another country, delivered to his slaves his possessions (Matt. 25:14-30).

➤ In verse 14 the Lord gave His slaves His possessions, and in verse 15 He gave them talents.

- “Another country” is the heavens
- The “slaves” signify the believers in the aspect of service;
  - in work they are purchased slaves serving Him.
- Christ delivered His “possessions,” which include the gospel, the truth, the believers, and the church.
  - To one slave He gave five talents, to another two, to another one (v. 15).
  - After a long time, the lord of those slaves comes and settles accounts with them. (v. 19)
    - A “long time” signifies the entire church age, and
    - the coming signifies the Lord’s coming to the air (1 Thes. 4:16).
  - To settle accounts signifies the Lord’s judgment at His judgment seat (2 Cor. 5:10; Rom. 14:10) in the air,
    - where the believer’s life, conduct, and work will be judged by the Lord for reward or punishment (1 Cor. 4:5; Matt. 16:27; Rev. 22:12; 1 Cor. 3:13-15).

✚ “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)

✚ For life we need oil, that we may be enabled to live the virgin life for the Lord’s testimony; for service, for work, we need the talent, the spiritual gift, that we may be equipped as a good slave to accomplish what the Lord intends to accomplish.

✚ The filling of the Spirit in life enables us to use the spiritual gift in service (work), and the spiritual gift in service matches the filling of the Spirit in life, that we may be a perfect member of Christ. Although the gift given to the two-talented one was smaller than that given to the five-talented one, the Lord’s appraisal and reward were the same, they are not related to the size and quantity of our work, but to our faithfulness in using His gift to the fullest extent.

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**Hymn 132**  
Praise of the Lord –  
**His Exaltation**

- 1 Lo! in **heaven** **Jesus** **sitting**,  
**Christ** the **Lord** is there **enthroned**;  
As the man by **God** **exalted**,  
With **God's** **glory** He is **crowned**.
- 2 He hath put on **human nature**,  
**Died** according to **God's** plan,  
**Resurrected** with a body,  
And **ascended** as a man.
- 3 **God** in Him on earth was humbled,  
**God** with man was domiciled;  
Man in Him in heav'n **exalted**,  
Man with **God** is **reconciled**.
- 4 He as **God** with man is **mingled**,  
**God** in man is testified;  
He as man with **God** is **blended**,  
Man in **God** is **glorified**.
- 5 From the **Glorified** in **heaven**  
The inclusive **Spirit** came;  
All of **Jesus'** work and Person  
Doth this **Spirit** here proclaim.
- 6 With the **Glorified** in **heaven**  
Is the **Church** identified;  
By the **Spirit** of this **Jesus**  
Are His members edified.
- 7 Lo! a **man is now in heaven**  
As the **Lord** of all **enthroned**;  
This is **Jesus Christ** our **Savior**,  
With **God's** glory ever **crowned**!

**Psa. 110:1** –  
Jehovah declares to my **Lord**,  
**Sit** at My **right hand**  
Until I make Your enemies  
Your footstool.

**Matt. 26:64** –  
Jesus said to him, ..., From now on you  
will see the **Son of Man** **sitting** at the  
**right hand** of Power and coming on the  
clouds of heaven.

**Heb 1:3** –  
Who, being the effulgence of His glory  
and the impress of His substance and  
upholding and bearing all things by the  
word of His power, having made  
purification of sins, **sat down** on the **right**  
**hand** of the Majesty on high;

**Hymn 233**  
Praise the Lord –  
**Remembrance of Him**

- 1 O what a miracle, my **Lord**,  
That **I'm in Thee** and **Thou in me**,  
That Thou and I are **really one**;  
O what a wondrous mystery!
- 2 For me Thy **body** Thou didst give,  
That I may ever share in Thee;  
For me Thy precious **blood** was **shed**,  
That from my sins I might be free.
- 3 By **resurrection** Thou didst change  
Thy form and as the **Spirit** come;  
Thou wouldst that I be **filled** with Thee  
That all Thy **riches** mine become.
- 4 Now as the **symbols** we behold,  
Thy loving self we see anew;  
We thank Thee for Thy heart's desire  
As all Thy **travail** we review.
- 5 We **eat** the **bread** and **drink** the **wine**,  
And to Thy sweetness we are led;  
In spirit each receiving Thee,  
Our spirits with Thyself are **fed**.
- 6 We long to **eat** and **drink** e'en more,  
To **take** Thyself in spirit thus,  
Till Thou shalt all our **being fill**  
And true **remembrance** have from us.

**1Pet. 1:18** –  
**Knowing** that it was not with  
corruptible things, with silver or  
gold, that you were **redeemed** from  
your **vain manner of life** handed  
down from your fathers,

**1Pet. 1:19** –  
But with **precious blood**, as of a  
**Lamb** without blemish and without  
spot, the **blood** of **Christ**;

**Heb. 9:12** –  
And **not** through the blood of goats  
and calves but through **His own**  
**blood**, entered once for all into the  
Holy of Holies, obtaining an **eternal**  
**redemption**.

**Hymn 20**  
Worship of the Father –  
**His Righteousness**

- 1 **God** our **Father**, we adore Thee,  
For the sake of **righteousness**;  
Thou in **Christ** hast **justified** us,  
Who our conscience can depress?  
Thou art **righteous**, and art **faithful**,  
On Thy **righteousness** **we stand**;  
No unrighteousness is in Thee,  
None can turn Thy righteous hand.
- 2 Thou hast **laid our sins** on **Jesus**,  
By Thy justice He was **killed**;  
All Thy holy law's requirements  
For Thy justice He fulfilled.  
Recompense from Him receiving,  
Thou art fully satisfied;  
How couldst Thou,  
    **O God** most righteous,  
Claim it once more from our side?
- 3 **Father God**, Thou hast **accepted**  
**Jesus** as our **Substitute**;  
**Judged** the Just One for the unjust,  
Couldst Thou change Thy attitude?  
As a proof of perfect justice,  
At Thine own **right hand** He **sits**;  
He, as Thy full satisfaction,  
**Righteously** Thy need befits.
- 4 **Father**, through the **blood** of **Jesus**  
We possess Thy **righteousness**;  
By Thy **righteousness** protected,  
None can shake our **steadfastness**.  
**Righteousness** of Thine  
    Thou mad'st us,  
None can ever us condemn;  
We'll forever testify this  
In the **new Jerusalem**.

**Psa. 48:10** –  
As Your name is, **O God**, So is Your  
**praise** Unto the ends of the earth;  
Your **right hand** is full of  
**righteousness**.

**Eph. 1:3** –  
Blessed be the **God** and **Father** of  
our **Lord Jesus Christ**, who has  
**blessed** us with every **spiritual**  
**blessing** in the **heavenlies** in **Christ**,