

“WORD OF LIFE”

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48. CHRIST IN HIS **PERSON** (28) – In the **Parables** of the New Testament

P - 25. A **Moneylender** with Two **Debtors**

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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 – Forgiving Sinners]

- Luke 7:39 - But when the **Pharisee** who had invited Him saw *this*, he said within himself,
This man, if He were a prophet, would know who and what sort of **woman** *this is* ..., she is a **sinner**.
- Luke 7:40 - Jesus answered and said...
- Luke 7:41 - A certain **moneylender** had **two debtors**: one owed five hundred denarii and the other fifty.
- Luke 7:42 - But since **they had nothing** *with which to repay*, he graciously **forgave them both**.
Which of them therefore will love him more?

✚ “...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**, as the **moneylender**, is the incarnation of the **forgiving** God (Luke 7:41).

- He is the very **God**, the One who **has authority to forgive sins**.
- Both the **Pharisee** and the **woman** were **sinners**, debtors to Him.
 - The debtors had nothing to repay the **moneylender**,
 - but he graciously **forgave** them both.
 - All **sinners** have nothing with which to **repay their debt** to God.
 - In **verse 48** the Lord Jesus showed His tender care for the sinful one
 - He said, “**Your sins have been forgiven**.”
 - And in **verse 50**, He said, “**Your faith has saved you; go in peace**”

✚ “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 **Lord** is the **moneylender** and both the **Pharisee** and the **woman** were **sinners**, **debtors** to Him. They had nothing to repay the **moneylender**, but he graciously **forgave** them both. This means that we have nothing with which to repay our debt to God. But thank the Lord our Savior, He had already forgiven us.

✚ **Christ**, as the **moneylender**, is the incarnation of the **forgiving** God, the One who has authority to **forgive** sins. Christ’s divine attributes are also shown in His **giving peace** to us. Only God can forgive sins and give peace. These divine attributes are expressed through the Savior’s human virtues, portraying Christ as the One with the highest standard of morality. As such a One He is the **moneylender** who forgives His **debtors**.

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Hymn 239
Praise of the Lord –
General

1 Ten thousand **thanks** to **Jesus**,
Whose life our **ransom** paid,
Whose blood a **full redemption**
For all the world has made;
Let every heart **adore** Him;
Let every creature **sing**
Ten thousand **thanks** to **Jesus**,
Our **Savior** and our **King**.

Chorus:

Ten thousand **thanks**,
ten thousand **thanks**,
We'll **praise** Him o'er and o'er;
And for the life with Him to live,
Ten thousand thousand more.

2 Ten thousand **hearts** to **Jesus**
How **gladly** would we give;
Ten thousand **lives** to **Jesus**,
Had we so long to live;
Ten thousand tongues
shall **praise** Him,
Ten thousand **songs** ascend
To Him, our blest **Redeemer**,
To Him, our dearest **Friend**.

3 Ten thousand **thanks** to **Jesus**
For **blessings** every hour;
Ten thousand times ten thousand,
For **love's** **redeeming** pow'r;
And when He comes in **glory**
His **blessed** face we'll see,
His **love** through endless ages
Our **sweetest song** shall be.

Eph 5:20 - Giving **thanks** at **all times**
for all things in the name of our **Lord**
Jesus Christ to our **God** and **Father**,

Col 3:17 - And whatever you do in
word or in deed, do **all things** in the
name of the **Lord Jesus**, giving
thanks to **God** the **Father** through
Him.

1Th 5:18 - In **everything** give **thanks**;
for this is the will of **God** in **Christ**
Jesus for you.

Hymn 223
Praise the Lord –
Remembrance of Him

1 On the **table** of Thy **love**,
With the **bread**, the **cup** is spread.
By **partaking** of these signs,
We with Thee are richly fed.
How we **thank** Thee for this **cup**,
For the **cup** of blessing, Lord,
Cup of Thy Salvation full,
Cup of all Thou dost afford.

2 'Tis the **blood** Thou **shedd'st** for us,
That our **sins** may be forgiv'n;
'Tis the cov'nant **made for us**,
That Thy blessings may be giv'n.
Thou didst **drink** the **cup** of wrath,
Thou hast tasted **death** for us,
Thus the **cup** of **blessing** bought,
As the **portion** gained for us.

3 In this **portion** we have God,
Whom we lost thru Adam's fall;
By the **shedding** of Thy **blood**,
God becomes our all in all.
In this **portion** all we have—
Life and **peace**, **redemption** sure;
All that **God** has planned
and willed,
In this **portion** we secure.

4 An eternal **portion**, 'tis,
Overflowing **cup** divine;
Heav'nly taste do we enjoy
In this **cup** of God's design.
Here in **love** we **drink** this **cup**
In **remembrance**, Lord, of Thee;
Thus in spirit we **partake**
All Thy work on **Calvary**.

Heb 9:22 - And almost all things are
purified by blood according to the
law, and without **shedding of blood**
there is no **forgiveness**.

Mat 26:28 - For this is My **blood** of
the **covenant**, which is being poured
out for many for **forgiveness** of sins.

Hymn 27
Worship of the Father –
His Love

1 Come, let us all **unite** to **sing**,
God is **love**, **God** is **love**.
Let heav'n and earth
their **praises** bring;
God is **love**, **God** is **love**.
Let ev'ry soul from sin awake,
Each in his heart
sweet music make,
And **sing** with us, for **Jesus'** sake,
God is **love**! **God** is **love**!

2 How **happy** is our **portion** here!
God is **love**, **God** is **love**.
His promises our spirits cheer;
God is **love**, **God** is **love**.
He is our sun and shield by day,
Our **help**, our **hope**,
our **strength**, and stay,
He will be with us all the way:
God is **love**! **God** is **love**!

3 In **glory** we shall **sing** again,
God is **love**, **God** is **love**.
Yes, this shall be our lofty strain,
God is **love**, **God** is **love**.
While endless ages roll along,
In concert with the heav'nly throng,
This shall be still
our **sweetest song**,
God is **love**! **God** is **love**!

1Jo 4:16 - And we know and have
believed the **love** which **God** has in
us. **God is love**, and he who abides in
love abides in **God** and **God** abides
in him.

1Jo 4:19 - We **love** because He first
loved us.

Eph 1:4 - Even as He **chose** us in
Him before the foundation of the
world **to be holy** and without blemish
before Him in **love**,