

“WORD OF LIFE”

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

P – 31. A Man of Noble Birth in the Parable of the Minas

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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 – Teaching concerning Faithfulness]

Luke 19:12 - A certain man of noble birth... called ten of his own slaves and gave them ten minas, and he said to them, Do business until I come.

Luke 19:15–17 - And when he came back,... the first appeared, saying, Master, your mina has gained ten minas. And he said to him, Well done, good slave.

Because you have become faithful in the least, have authority over ten cities.

Luke 19:18–19 - And the second came, saying, Your mina, master, has made five minas. And he said to this one as well, And you, be over five cities.

Luke 19:20–24 - And the other came, saying, Master, behold your mina, which I kept laid away in a handkerchief;... He said to him, ...wicked slave...Take the mina away from 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)

❖ The man of noble birth is Christ the Savior with the highest status of the God-man.

➤ He called ten of his own slaves and gave them ten minas, and do business until he comes.

- He has given equal portion to each slave based upon the common salvation.
- After His death and resurrection, he came back with the kingdom.
- Then he rewarded the slave who used the mina to gain ten minas and also the one who used the mina to gain five (vv. 16-19).
- But he took away the mina from the slave who had laid it away in a handkerchief and then gave it to the slave with the ten minas (vv. 20-24).
 - The taking away of the mina signifies that the Lord’s gift will be taken away from slothful believers in the coming kingdom.
 - Giving the mina to the one who has ten minas signifies that the gift of faithful believers will be increased in the coming kingdom age.

✚ “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 man of noble birth, Christ the Savior with the highest status of the God-man, “went” to heaven after His death and resurrection, and “return” with the kingdom to reward us.

✚ We the saved ones should serve the Lord so that they may inherit the coming kingdom. Our faithfulness will determine our portion as our reward in the coming kingdom.

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Hymn 203

Praise of 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**.

John 12:23 –

And **Jesus** answered them, saying,
The **hour** has come for the **Son of Man** to be **glorified**.

John 12:24 –

Truly, truly, I say to you, Unless the **grain of wheat** falls into the ground and **dies**, it abides alone; but if it dies, it **bears much fruit**.

Hymn 215

Praise the Lord –
Remembrance of Him

- 1 **Jesus, Lord**,
we know Thee present
At Thy **table** freshly spread,
Seated at Thy **priceless** banquet
With Thy banner overhead.
Precious moments at Thy **table**,
From all fear and doubt **set free**;
Here to rest, so sweetly able,
Occupied alone with Thee.
- 2 Here rejoicing in Thy nearness,
Gladly by Thy **Spirit** led;
Calmly in the blest **remembrance**
Of Thyself, Thy **blood** once **shed**.
Lord, we take each simple token
In fond memory of Thee,
Muse upon Thy body broken
And Thy **blood** shed on the tree.
- 3 Oh, what joy it is to see Thee,
In these chosen **emblems** here;
In the **bread** and **wine** of blessing—
Bread to strengthen, **wine** to cheer!
Lord, behold us **met together**,
One in Thee, our risen **Head**,
Thus we take the **cup** of blessing,
Thus we share the broken **bread**.
- 4 **Lord**, we know how **true Thy promise**
To be with us where we meet,
When in Thy **loved** name we **gather**
To enjoy **communion** sweet;
Dearer still that looked-for **promise**
To each waiting, yearning heart,
That with Thee
we soon shall be, **Lord**,
Yes, "**forever**" where Thou art.

John 7:37 –

Now on the **last** day, the great **day** of the **feast**, **Jesus** stood and cried out, saying, If anyone **thirsts**, let him **come** to Me and **drink**.

John 7:38 –

He who **believes** into Me, as the Scripture said, out of his **innermost** being shall **flow rivers** of living water.

Hymn 55

Worship of the Father –
His Praise from Many Sons

- 1 O **God** our **Father**,
we would come to Thee
In virtue of our **Savior's**
precious **blood**;
All distance gone,
our souls by **grace** **set free**,
We **worship** Thee,
our **Father** and our **God**.
- 2 We would, O **God**,
present before Thy face
The fragrant name
of Thy **beloved Son**;
By faith we view Him
through Thy boundless **grace**,
Which, by His dying,
He for us has won.
- 3 Thy joy in Him
who is with Thee **we share**;
Our hearts delight
in Thy delight in Him;
Chiefest of thousands,
fairer than the fair;
His **glory** nought
can tarnish, nought can dim.
- 4 We bow in **worship** now
before Thy throne,
By faith the Object
of Thy **love** would see;
Who, in the midst,
His **brethren's** song doth lead.
To Him, our **Savior**,
shall the **glory** be!

Heb. 2:11 –

For both He who **sanctifies** and those who are being **sanctified** are **all of One**, for which cause He is not ashamed to call them **brothers**,

Heb. 2:12 –

Saying, "I will **declare** Your name to My brothers; in the midst of the **church** I will **sing** hymns of praise to You."