

# “WORD OF LIFE”

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## 49. CHRIST – HIS PERSON (29)

### R. IN THE NEW COVENANT

#### 2. The High Priest

**Hymns: # 193 / # 1111 / # Merciful and Righteous, wise beyond the wise**

✚ “Your words were found and **I ate** them, And Your word became to me The gladness and joy of my heart,” (Jer. 15:16)

[The New Covenant - 2. The High Priest]

- Heb. 3:1 - Therefore, holy brothers, **partakers** of a heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and **High Priest** of our confession, **Jesus**,
- Heb. 2:17 - Hence He should have been made like His brothers in all things that He might become a **merciful** and **faithful High Priest** in the things **pertaining to God**, ...
- Heb. 4:14 - Having therefore a great **High Priest** who has **passed** through the heavens, **Jesus**, ...
- Heb. 7:26 - For such a **High Priest** was also fitting to us, holy, guileless, undefiled, ... become **higher** than the heavens,
- Heb. 7:25 - Hence also He is able to **save** to the uttermost those who **come forward** to **God** through Him, since He lives always to **intercede** for them.

✚ “Until we all arrive at the oneness of the faith and of the **full knowledge** of the Son of God, ...” (Eph. 4:13)

- ❖ In the **new covenant** **Christ** is the **High Priest** (Heb. 3:1).
  - In the **old covenant** the high priest was a **mortal man**,
    - and his ministry was a **shadow** of the good things to come.
  - But the **new covenant** has a **High Priest** who is the **eternal Son of God**
    - with a more excellent ministry (Heb. 8:1-13).
    - His ministry is the **ministry of the kingly and divine priesthood** in heaven,
      - ministering, the divine life with all its riches as our daily supply
      - to bring us into His perfection and **glorification**.
  - As the **High Priest**, typified by Aaron,
    - Christ has **gone to God** from us and **with** us
      - to present us to God so that we and our case may be fully taken care of by God.
    - As the One who **came from** the Father, the Sender, Christ is the Apostle, and
    - as the One who **went back** to the Sender, He is the **High Priest**.
    - Now Christ is the High Priest **executing** God’s New Testament economy.

✚ “But he who **prophesies** speaks building up and encouragement and consolation to men.,” (1Cor. 14:3)

- ✚ As our **High Priest** Christ is **merciful** and **faithful** in things **pertaining** to **God** (Heb. 2:17),
  - ✓ He has passed through the heavens (Heb. 4:14)
  - ✓ He is even higher than the heavens (Heb. 7:26),
  - ✓ He is always living to intercede for us (Heb. 7:25).
- ✚ Christ can be a **faithful High Priest** because He, **as** the **Son of God**, is actually the **faithful** and **almighty God** Himself. Christ can be a **merciful High Priest** because, **as** the **Son of Man**, He experienced **human life** with all its **sufferings**.
- ✚ Through resurrection and ascension our **High Priest** bear us in the presence of **God** and to **care for all our needs**. As our **High Priest Christ** undertakes our case by **interceding** for us. He appears before **God** on our behalf, **praying** for us that we may be brought fully into God’s eternal purpose and into the reality of the **new covenant**.

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**Hymn 193**  
Praise the Lord  
His All-inclusiveness

- 1** Dear **Lord**, Thou art so much to us,  
Thou art **our all in all**;  
What Thou art fully **meets our needs**,  
Though they be great or small.  
Our hearts **appreciate** what Thou art,  
Our spirits **worship** Thee;  
Our grateful **praise** to Thee we give  
As we Thy **riches** see.
- 4** Thou art the **Priest** from us to **God**,  
The holy **Priest** for us,  
Like **Aaron** called of **God** from men,  
For us Thou servest thus.  
In **love** Thou bearest us to **God**,  
The great **High Priest** to serve;  
With **love** Thou **intercedest** there  
And dost with strength preserve.
- 5** Thou art the **Priest** from **God** to us,  
The **royal Priest** of **God**;  
Like Salem's King, **Melchisedec**,  
The minister of **God**.  
With **bread** and **wine**  
Thou cam'st from **God**  
To us in **time of need**;  
Thou cam'st with **God** that we in Him  
Might fully share indeed.
- 8** As **King** and **Priest** and **Prophet** too,  
How precious, **Lord**, art Thou;  
Thy worth to **God**, Thy worth to us,  
We all with **love** avow.  
O how we **treasure** what **Thou** art,  
Our hearts are drawn by Thee;  
To Thee we'll give  
our **thanks** and **praise**  
Throughout eternity.

**Heb. 4:14 –**

Having therefore a great **High Priest** who has passed through the heavens, **Jesus**, the **Son of God**, let us hold fast the confession.

**Heb. 4:15 –**

For we do not have a **High Priest** who cannot be **touched** with the feeling of our weaknesses,

**Heb. 4:16 –**

Let us therefore **come** forward with boldness to the throne of **grace** that we may receive **mercy** and find **grace** for **timely help**.

**Hymn 1111**  
Praise the Lord –  
Remembrance of Him

- 1** Gathered at Thy **table**, Lord;  
Here the **bread** and **wine** are spread.  
Thou, our **High Priest**, present here;  
We, by Thee, are richly **fed**.  
Thou, **Lord**, our **Melchisedec**—  
We, the ones You come to feed;  
**God** to us to **minister**,  
Rich supply to us indeed.
- 2** From the slaughter of the kings  
Abram did return one night,  
O'er the foe **victorious**,  
With the spoils of the fight.  
On the way this One he met,  
Who for him did **intercede**;  
King of **Righteousness** and **Peace**  
Meeting **Abram** in his **need**.
- 3** We too, **Lord**, the kings have fought  
In the battle all day long;  
By Thine **intercession**, **Lord**,  
We are now **victorious**, strong.  
Round this **table** here we meet,  
We Thy **church victorious**,  
To enjoy the **ministering**  
Of the **processed God** to us.
- 4** We're not sinners, miserable;  
All our sins are history!  
Now to us, the **fighters** true,  
Is Thy **priestly ministry**.  
**Gathered in thanksgiving**, **Lord**,  
Now our hearts to Thee we **raise**;  
To our great **Melchisedec**,  
Render we our highest **praise**!

**1Cor. 11:24 –**

And having given thanks, He broke it and said, This is My **body**, which is given for you; **this do** unto the **remembrance** of Me.

**1Cor. 11:25 –**

Similarly also the cup after they had dined, saying, This cup is the new covenant established in My **blood**; **this do**, as often as you drink it, unto the **remembrance** of Me.

**Merciful and Righteous, wise beyond the wise**  
Blessing of the Trinity  
His Worship

- 1** **Merciful** and **righteous**,  
wise beyond the wise,  
Powerful, immortal, hidden from our eyes,  
**God** Thou art and **Father**,  
**Son** of **life** and **love**,  
**Christ** **anointed** with the **Spirit** all above.
- Chorus:**  
**Holy, holy, holy! Praise** the Three-in-One—  
He **who is** and **was** and  
still is yet **to come**!
- 2** All things Thou didst make  
for Thine eternal will,  
Cent'ring in the **Son**—  
His place all things to fill;  
Far beyond all telling—His place, too,  
to **die**,  
That Thou may **redeem**  
and make all **new** thereby.
- 3** Hail the **Lamb** now standing  
'fore the awful\* throne,  
**Angels** 'round Him bending,  
casting down their **crowns**!  
Lo the scroll is taken  
in His **pierced** hands—  
And the **gospel horse**  
runs swiftly through the lands!
- 4** **High Priest** crowned forever,  
King of **righteousness**,  
**Minister** of heaven,  
man with **God** to **bless**,  
**Jesus** ever lives to **pray** for all His own,  
Till beneath their feet  
His ev'ry foe is thrown!
- 5** New Jerusalem, His **glorious bride**, to bring  
To the earth from heaven,  
queen unto her **King**,  
He now sends His seven **searching**,  
burning **eyes**,  
His **economy** to fully realize!
- 6** When at last we rest in our eternal home,  
In our **God** and **Father**  
through our **Lord** the **Son**,  
Ever shall the **Spirit**, through the ages long,  
Teach our hearts to **sing**  
again a blessed new song!

**Isa 6:3 - ...**

**Holy, holy, holy, Jehovah** of hosts;  
The whole earth is filled with His **glory**.

**Rev 4:8 –**

And the four living creatures, ... have no rest day and night, saying, **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God the Almighty**, who **was** and who **is** and who is **coming**.