

“WORD OF LIFE”

October 11, 2026

59. CHRIST – HIS PERSON (39)

U. IN THE CHURCH

9. The High Priest Dressing the Lamps in the Sanctuary

Suggested Hymns: # 1184 & # 1183 / # 1111 / # 11

✚ “... the words ... are spirit and are life.,” (John 6:63)

- Exo 30:7** - And Aaron shall burn on it fragrant incense; every morning when he dresses the lamps he shall burn it.
- Rev. 1:13** - And in the midst of the lampstands One like the Son of Man,
clothed with a garment reaching to the feet, and girded about at the breasts with a golden girdle.
- Rev. 2:1** - ... He who walks in the midst of the seven golden lampstands:

✚ “... the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord...,” (Phil. 3:8)

- ❖ Christ is the High Priest dressing the lamps (Revelation 1:13-16; cf. Exo. 30:7).
- Christ today is in the midst of the churches (Rev. 1:13).
 - On the one hand, He is the High Priest in the heavens interceding for the churches.
 - On the other hand, He is the High Priest among the churches taking care of them.
 - Christ today is exercising a priestly care for the churches.
 - Christ is “clothed with a garment reaching to the feet” proves that He is a Priest (Exo. 28:33-35).
 - He is exercising a loving care for His beloved churches, even rebuking and chastising them in love.
 - He is the loving High Priest walking among His churches and caring for them.
 - Christ today as a High Priest is trimming the lamps of the lampstand
 - He fills them with oil and snuffs the burned wick.
 - He has a heart of concern to care for all the shining lampstands.
 - He is the Priest to supply the oil and to snuff the waste.

✚ “For you can all prophesy one by one that all may learn and all may be encouraged.” (1Cor. 14:31)

- ✚ The Lord Jesus appears in Revelation as the High Priest walking among the lampstands to snuff the burned out wicks and to add more oil.
- ✓ The burned out wick is something worldly, sinful, fleshly, or even satanic that is absolutely not good. These things have to be snuffed, have to be cut off.
 - ✓ The churches also need more oil, which typifies the Spirit, and in Revelation the oil is the sevenfold Spirit.
- ✚ The Lord is the High Priest snuffing the wicks and adding more oil to the lampstands. The Lord Jesus snuffed some bad things, and at the same time the Lord added more oil, which means He added more Spirit into the church. He is snuffing the wicks of the lampstands and adding more oil to make all the golden lampstands pure and shining.

Hymn 1184 Experience of Christ— As the Son of Man

- 1 In Revelation chapter one
God gives a vision of the Son,
Of Him who was and is to come;
Oh, let us to this One now come.
- 2 In spirit hear His trumpet voice;
We must be turned to see His choice—
The seven lampstands golden fair;
The Son of Man is walking there.
- 3 The great high priestly robe He wears,
For every church He fully cares:
He trims the lamp, the oil supplies;
He makes them burn, flames in His eyes.
- 4 A golden girdle on His breast—
His work is done, and from His rest
He unto all the churches pours
Himself in love, the treasure store.
- 5 His head, His hair is white as wool—
The ancient One with youth is full.
His face is shining as the sun
To burn and lighten every one.
- 6 Oh, when this living One we see,
We'll fall as dead, we'll finished be.
But then the Lord His comfort gives—
He once was dead, but now He lives.
- 7 Let every church just love Him more
His riches then He will outpour.
All other loves now lay aside;
Let's take this Jesus, none beside.

Lev 24:4 –

He shall keep the lamps in order on the pure lampstand before Jehovah continually.

In Revelation 1, John saw the Son of Man, Jesus, in the midst of the lampstands. The Lord Jesus appeared as a High Priest in the midst of the churches. He is "clothed with a garment reaching to the feet" which is the priestly robe, and He is walking in the midst of the lampstands. He is like the priest in the Old Testament coming to the Holy Place to dress the lamps.

To dress the lamps, the priest first had to snuff the burned out wick, to cleanse the lamp that the lamp may shine better. At the same time, the priest had to add more oil.

His walking in the midst of the churches is His functioning as the heavenly High Priest. By ministering His priesthood to us, He purifies and transforms us. Originally, we are not golden but muddy. We need to be purified. We need to be transformed. Christ as High Priest is ministering to cleanse away the mud and add the gold.

[Hymn # 1183 - As the Son of Man...]

Hymn 1111 Praise of 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!

Heb 8:1 –

... We have such a High Priest, who sat down on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens,

Rom 8:34 –

... It is Christ Jesus who died and, rather, who was raised, who is also at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us.

Rom 8:26 –

... but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

In v. 34, Christ who intercedes for us, yet in v. 26, it is the Spirit who intercedes for us. These are not two Intercessors but one, He is interceding for us at two ends. At one end it is the Spirit in us, initiating the intercession for us; at the other end it is the Lord Christ at the right hand of God, completing the intercession for us, which must be mainly that we will be conformed to His image and brought into His glory.

Hymn 11 Worship of the Father – As the Spirit

- 1 Thou, Father, who art Spirit true,
The holiest of all;
We worship in the spirit now,
In truth upon Thee call.
- 2 A spirit Thou hast made for us
That we may worship Thee,
That echoing in, spirit thus
One spirit we will be.
- 3 The Father in the Son has come,
The Son the Spirit is,
That to our spirit God may come.
O what a grace is this!
- 4 The Son is Thine eternal Word,
The Word is Spirit too;
The Spirit as our life has come
Our spirit to renew.
- 5 Thy Spirit in our spirit is,
And thus in unity
Thy Spirit witnesseth with ours
That we are born of Thee.
- 6 In everything Thy Spirit leads
That we may follow Him;
We thus may spiritual become,
With life and peace within.
- 7 In spirit we would worship Thee,
In spirit Thee address,
Until our spirit is released
Thine image to express.
- 8 Our Father, we would praise Thee now
That Thou the Spirit art;
In spirit and in truth to Thee
True worship we impart.

Joh 4:23 –

But an hour is coming, and it is now, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truthfulness, for the Father also seeks such to worship Him.

Joh 4:24 –

God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truthfulness.

God's habitation today is the human spirit; Christ is the fulfillment and reality of all the offerings with which we worshipped God. We should contact God the Spirit in our spirit instead of in a specific location, and through Christ instead of with the offerings.

Truthfulness is the divine reality becoming man's genuineness and sincerity (which are the opposite of the hypocrisy) for the true worship of God.