

The HEARING OF Faith

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"He therefore who bountifully supplies to you the Spirit . . . does He do it out of the works of the law or out of the hearing of faith?" Galatians 3:5

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Dear Life-study Listener,

This month we have a few announcements for you. Living Stream Ministry is releasing *The Normal Christian Life* by Watchman Nee for the first time as an audio book. Watchman Nee ministered this classic word during a conference in England in the 1930s. More than a million copies of the book have been sold, helping countless believers worldwide. Now the message in *The Normal Christian Life* is available on cassette tape and CD. For more information, see the enclosed insert.

Living Stream Ministry is also releasing its second music album in the series *Hymns of Life and Truth* featuring the hymns of Watchman Nee and Witness Lee. The new album, *Oh, What A Life*, is titled after a hymn written by Witness Lee. The first album, *The Name of Jesus Is Our Stand*, came out six months ago. We have printed its title hymn, written by Watchman Nee, on page two of this newsletter.

Besides radio, there are now other opportunities for the Lord's people to receive faith through their hearing (Rom. 10:17). Even if you do not have a station in your area that broadcasts *Life-study of the Bible with Witness Lee*, all our past radio programs are available on cassette tape and can also be heard on the Internet. May we all, through the life-study broadcasts, program tapes, the Internet, and music tapes, give the Lord our ears so He can bountifully supply us with the Spirit through the *hearing of faith* (Gal. 3:5).

Living Stream Ministry

Life-Study of the Bible

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WHAT IS THE SIGNIFICANCE OF CHRIST'S GLORIFICATION?

The Lord Jesus, right before His crucifixion, prayed to the Father, "Father, the hour has come; glorify Your Son that the Son may glorify You (John 17:1). In answer to His prayer that the Father would glorify Him, the Father resurrected

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RESPONSE *from* LISTENERS

We invite you to share your comments with us and other listeners so we all may be encouraged in the Lord. Responses should be addressed to *The Hearing of Faith*, "Response from Listeners," 2431 W. La Palma Ave., Anaheim, CA 92801 or radio@lsm.org. Responses are subject to editing for the sake of space and clarity.

What a mercy of the Lord to be able to access and partake of the life-studies on the radio and on the Internet! Where else on earth could you hear messages so centered upon Christ and the church?

Redondo Beach, CA

How refreshing it is to have excellent teaching of the Word of God in this nation at this time when the church of our Lord Jesus Christ is being plunged into apostasy. The teaching of Watchman Nee and Witness Lee is so strong and deep. May this ministry endure until the coming of our Lord.

Vida, OR

The life-study messages are beyond price, precious, and truly reveal the mysteries of the Bible and the true God! Thank you for making available to the hungry and thirsty the true bread from heaven.

Jacksonville, FL

I love to listen to Witness Lee. He stole my affections. He sees Christ everywhere. It's like this man has some kind of compass. He can follow Christ everywhere. I have some books from Watchman Nee, but I had never heard of Witness Lee until I listened to your broadcast. We are very fortunate to hear him even after he has gone.

Ocala, FL

Watchman Nee and Witness Lee richly and faithfully ministered the Word of God. They both also wrote a number of hymns, which are included in *Hymns*, published by Living Stream Ministry. The following hymn by Watchman Nee concerning spiritual warfare was also recorded on the CD and cassette tape *Hymns of Life and Truth, The Name of Jesus is Our Stand*, produced by Living Stream Ministry.

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| <p>2 Behold, the foe doth meet and plot,
Stand firm in one accord!
Though war be fierce and darkness thick,
Resist him in the Lord!
If one thru fear should backward turn,
He undermines the rest.
Oh, do not let your brothers down,
Nor by you be distressed.</p> <p>3 The devil knows his time is short,
He is the more enraged,
And by his wiles would weaken us
Before the battle's waged.
The trials now more numerous are,
The suff'ring e'en more sore,
The force of hell opposing us
More dreadful than before.</p> | <p>4 What should our posture be today
In such a desperate hour?
Should we our ease and pleasure seek
And let the foe devour?
Or with increasing conflict strong
Courageous to endure?
'Tis here that life or death is won!
Who will God's praise secure?</p> <p>5 For Christ the Lord we then would stand,
He is the Conqueror!
For Him we would endure the pain
Until the fight is o'er.
The hour of triumph soon we'll see —
The Lord will come again;
If now we suffer for His sake,
Then we with Him shall reign.</p> |
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(Hymns, #887)

CHRIST'S GLORIFICATION

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the Lord Jesus from the dead. Therefore, the significance of Christ's glorification is related to His death and resurrection. In fact, we may say that Christ's resurrection is His glorification (Acts 3:13a; John 13:31-32; Luke 24:26).

On the day of the Lord's resurrection, two of the Lord's disciples were walking from Jerusalem toward Emmaus, disappointed, discouraged, and confused by the events surrounding His death. As they walked, the resurrected Lord Himself joined them and questioned them about the things they were saying. After the disciples explained to Him the reason for their sorrow and perplexity, He said to them, "O foolish and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary for the Christ to suffer these things and enter into His glory?" (Luke 24:25-26). For Christ to enter into His glory was for Him to enter into His resurrection.

That was not the first time the Lord Jesus directly linked His suffering of death and His resurrection to His glorification. A week before His crucifixion, as great throngs of people were welcoming Him and seeking Him, the Lord Jesus declared, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified" (John 12:23). How would He be glorified? The disciples might have thought He meant He was about to establish His kingdom on the earth. Instead, the Lord continued to say, "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" (John 12:24). The Lord Jesus indicated here that His being glorified would be through His death and resurrection.

In John 12 the Lord Jesus likened Himself to a grain of wheat. When a grain of wheat, a seed, is planted into the ground, its outer shell decays and dies, but the life essence and life power contained in the seed sprouts, grows, and produces fruit. In His incarnation, the divine life and divine glory of Christ were concealed and even restricted in the "shell" of His humanity. When the Lord Jesus was crucified, that was His falling into the ground to die. His humanity, like the outer shell of a seed, was "planted" and broken in His death. His death then became His release, releasing and manifesting His divine life which had been confined and hidden in the shell of His humanity. This release through

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death was what the Lord Jesus longed for when He said, "I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how I am pressed until it is accomplished" (Luke 12:50; cf. Mark 10:38).

Then in Christ's resurrection, His glorification, He became the life-giving Spirit (John 7:39; 1 Cor. 15:45b) and dispensed His life into His believers, regenerating them to produce them as the many grains, His fruit (1 Pet. 1:3). These many grains have become His increase, His multiplication, which is the church, as the full expression and glorification of God (Eph. 3:21).

For further reading on this subject, please see the footnotes for the above referenced verses in the New Testament Recovery Version and *The Issue of Christ Being Glorified by the Father with the Divine Glory*, by Witness Lee, both published by Living Stream Ministry.

Life-Study of the Bible with Witness Lee

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The PATH OF Life

Below are excerpts focused on matters and practices of the spiritual life as revealed in God's Word. May the Lord show us "the path of life" (Psa. 16:11) that we may have a daily living of enjoying, experiencing, and gaining Christ.

ENJOYING BY LOVING

Life is a Person, and there is no other way to apply and enjoy this Person but by love. We need to love Him. Some of the saints in past centuries used to pray, "Lord, show me your love that I may love You." We need to pray the same prayer. Once we see the love of Jesus, we will be so constrained, so captured, and so attracted. We will spontaneously love Him. Then by loving Him, we will enjoy Him. This is life, and since this life is a Person, there is no other way for us to experience Him but by love. Only by loving Jesus can we enjoy Him.

If I want to enjoy a brother, I must love that brother. The more I love him, the more I enjoy him. The Lord Jesus is not a doctrine; He is not a set of gifts or a power; He is a Person who needs our love, our appreciation, and our affection. How we need the sweet affection and love toward the Lord Jesus!

Many Christians today hold the teachings, but are so cold toward the Lord. They have all the doctrines, the dispensations, the prophecies, and the types. Some even have doctor's degrees in divine teachings, yet they are so cold toward the Lord Jesus. We can deal with teachings in this way, but we cannot deal with this Person in a cold way. We can exercise our mind to deal with all the doctrines, and yet our heart remains cold. If we are going to deal with this Person, we must have a hot and loving heart, a heart so full of affection that we would contact Him all the time. One book among the sixty-six books of the Bible, the Song of Songs, illus-

trates how the Lord Jesus is altogether lovely. This book shows how the Lord is so attractive, and how we are those who love Him. We just love Him! Could you love some doctrine in this way? I do not believe that you could even love the gifts in this way. Do you love the gifts? Could you say, "O dear gifts, you are altogether lovely! Oh, the healing! Oh, the speaking in tongues! All the gifts are so sweet!?" Just try to speak in this way. It simply does not fit. But we can say a thousand times, "Lord Jesus, You are alto-

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gether lovely! O Lord Jesus, You are altogether lovely!"

Suppose you have the best furniture in your home. The chairs, the sofas, the desks, and the bedroom furniture are all very beautiful and expensive. But could you love them like you love a person? Could you go to one of the chairs and tell it, "Little chair, I just love you. You are altogether lovely?" Could you do that? I simply could not do it. I do care for all the furniture in my apartment, but I have never told it how much I love it. I simply cannot express myself in this way. But the more you say this to a person, the more there is the sweet love and enjoyment. This is because there is the affectionate attachment in a person. The Lord Jesus is not a chair; He is not a sofa; neither is He a teaching, a doctrine, a gift, or a power. He is a loving Person. "My Beloved is altogether lovely! He is

my life!" This life is nothing else but a lovely Person.

We may talk about Christ being our life, but if we do not have the real love toward Him, He is only life to us in doctrine. We just have the doctrine of Christ as life; we do not have the enjoyment of Him as life. If we would enjoy Jesus as life, we must love Him. As long as we love Him, even if we do not know the term "life," we will enjoy life. We will not know a doctrine, but we will enjoy Jesus, a living Person, as our very life.

Life and Building as Portrayed in the Song of Songs, pp. 21-22, by Witness Lee

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