

## The Ecclesiastical Oath of the Lord

*“The Lord has sworn in truth to David: He will not turn from it: I will set upon your throne the fruit of your body.....”* (Psalm 132: 11-13)

This oath is made to Christ, the Heir, in Whom are all promised things realized (Gal. 3:16). The Abrahamic and Davidic promises all culminate in the Seed, the Heir, which is Christ.

The condition of the promise (If they keep my covenant and my testimony) failed in Old Covenant Israel, but it was secured in the New Covenant Surety, Jesus Christ. He is the Faithful and True, the Mighty Lion of Judah who has prevailed, and Who is worthy to open the seals of God’s decrees.

The Lord *will* enthrone Christ and make the “fruit of His body” to reign with Him. He will never turn from this everlasting oath. Christ is in inseparable unity with His people. He and His children shall reign in uninterrupted perpetuity forever and ever. (vs. 11)

God *will* dwell in Zion, His church. He has freely chosen it according to sovereign election. It is His desire and pleasure to make it His habitation through the Spirit. It will be known, identified and validated by His presence. He will never leave, nor forsake it. (vs. 13-14)

He *will* feed her, bless her bread, cause His word of truth to nourish, and strengthen her. He will satisfy the hungry, make rich the poor, and make her weak to be strong in Himself. (vs. 15)

He *will* cloth, cover, wrap, her priests with salvation. Every grace that proceeds from the merits and power of our blessed High Priest, Jesus Christ shall be ours. He, Himself is our wisdom, righteousness, sanctification and redemption. In one sacrifice of Himself He has put away sin forever, and we who look for His return shall be found with clear conscience, having no sin to condemn us. How can we fail to offer the sacrifice of praise?

He *will* make Christ’s kingdom to grow, to enlarge, to prosper and triumph. This will not be accomplished by the clever devices or failing energies of fallible and dying men but by the power of the Eternal One according to His promise (Isaiah 9:7). The increase of His dominion and government will know no end (vs.17)

She, the church, *will* be God’s prophet, the light of the world, the pillar and ground of truth, a city set on a hill, a lampstand fed by the oil of the Holy Spirit.

He *will* bring down her enemies. Truth and righteous will triumph. Every false way and word shall be exposed for the fraud it is. She shall be victorious in every way. She has no need to defend herself, to vindicate herself against her slanderers, or to get even for the wrong done her. God, Himself will vindicate and exact vengeance. That is His alone. He has reserved that to Himself and will not fail. (vs. 18)

The crown *will* be upon His head. The Lamb is all the glory in Immanuel’s Land!

And what shall we do? We will shout aloud for joy! - C. M

