

## JESUS' HIGH-PRIESTLY PRAYER

TEXT: John 17:1-26

PLACE: Not sure. Somewhere ranging between the upper room and Gethsemane.

TIME: Thursday evening.

NOTE: This is the true "Lord's Prayer." It can best be divided into three sections: 1. Jesus prays for Himself, vs. 1-5. 2. Jesus prays for the disciples, vs. 6-19. 3. Jesus prays for all believers, vs. 20-26

### I. JESUS PRAYS FOR HIMSELF, vs. 1-5

- To be glorified in the Cross:
  - How did He approach God? What did He call Him?
  - "...The \_\_\_\_\_ has come; \_\_\_\_\_ Thy Son..."
    - What is the "hour"?
    - How would the events of the "hour" bring glory to Jesus?  
Cp. Phil. 2:6-11  
Define: glory
    - Why did Jesus pray for glorification? "...That the Son may \_\_\_\_\_."
  - Verse 2 explains the means by which Jesus was to glorify the Father.
    - That He, because of the Cross, would "give \_\_\_\_\_" to believers.  
Upon which of the two words should we place the emphasis?
    - Rewards of eternal life: "That they (we) may \_\_\_\_\_  
Thee, the \_\_\_\_\_ true God, Jesus Christ whom \_\_\_\_\_ has sent."
  - What does it mean to "know" God?
    - What are the means involved in getting to know God as we should?
- To be glorified with his former glory:
  - Note the past tense of vs. 4. How could Jesus speak of the Cross in this way?
  - Note the request of vs. 5. (To even speculate about His glory would be foolish for we mortals. You might want to look at Rev. 1:9-16; 5:11-14.)

### II. JESUS PRAYS FOR THE DISCIPLES, vs. 6-19

(Three things to note for which Jesus prayed:)

1 - That what He taught them should end in His glorification.

- "...The \_\_\_\_\_ which Thou gavest Me I have given to \_\_\_\_\_; and they \_\_\_\_\_ them." What did they thus believe about Jesus?
- "...And I have been \_\_\_\_\_ in them."

KEY THOUGHT: Whatever they were to do (or we, the church today) will reflect on Jesus, the Church.

- o Therefore Jesus prays that the Father will grant them all that is needful for their carrying out the purpose for which they were given Him.
- o What did Jesus give them to help them? Cp. Vs. 14
- o Why didn't all that Jesus did work with Judas?
- o Is there a warning for us?

2 - That they may have His joy fulfilled in them by remaining in His Name.  
 "...And these I speak...that they may have My \_\_\_\_\_ made  
 \_\_\_\_\_ in themselves."

- o The road to joy: Is a road of conflict, self-denial and then victory. Joy is at the end of the road, the long and dark night will end in joy.
- o Why does the world hate the believer? (You might want to review the lessons from March 9th and 16th on opposition from the world.)

THE PROBLEM: vs. 15-16; Jesus prays about an age-long problem; how may God's people remain in the world and not be contaminated by it!? (Paul dealt with the same problem in 1 Cor. 5:9-13, 2 Cor. 6:14-7:1).

- o Note Jesus' request in vs. 15.

THE ANSWER: To be "**transformed**" rather than being "**conformed**" (Rom. 12:1-2). The Christian becomes a "new man" and thus does not set his mind on the things of the world (Col. 3:1-17).

- o Jesus prays for protection, not escape!  
 Where does one gain this protection? Cp. Eph. 6:10-20,  
 James 4:7-8

III. That they may be sent into the world by being sanctified in truth.  
 "\_\_\_\_\_ them in \_\_\_\_\_; Thy \_\_\_\_\_ is truth."

- o Define: Sanctify
- o A PARADOX: Jesus prays that the disciples may be set apart from the world in order that they might be sent into the world. Discuss this paradox.
- o Discuss the relationship between being sanctified/set apart for God and how His Word helps us.
  - o Who is the "truth"?
  - o What is opposite of the truth?
  - o Why do some prefer to believe falsehood?