

John 17:6-19 – Jesus Prays For His Disciples

10/30/16 Sat Morn Prayer

HYMN # 124 – ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME – Edward Perronet – Maranatha Singers

*All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall; bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.*

*Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed from the fall, hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.*

*Let every kindred, every tribe on this terrestrial ball, to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all.
To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all.*

*O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall! We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all.
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all.*

Context/Biblical Background – Someone has aptly termed this chapter “The Holy of Holies of John’s Gospel.” We have the privilege of hearing the Son conversing with the Father. You could spend many weeks meditating on the truths in this chapter, but here we can only touch upon the highlights. Last time we had Jesus praying for Himself. Now we have Him praying for His disciples.

John 17:6-10:

Joh 17:6 *"I have manifested (phanero - disclosed, shown, revealed) Your name-* “I have manifested Thy name” means “I have revealed the nature of God.” *- to the men whom You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours, You gave them to Me, 1 The charge he had received concerning them: and they have kept Your word.*

Joh 17:7 *Now they have known that all things which You have given Me are from You.*

Joh 17:8 *For I have given to them the words which You have given Me 2. The care he had taken of them to teach them; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came forth from You; and they have believed that You sent Me.*

Joh 17:9 *"I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours.*

Joh 17:10 *And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them.-* With all of their failures and faults, the disciples still receive this word of commendation: “I am glorified in them.”

Great example and application for us—Jesus praying for His disciples-later vs. 20-26 future believers, but these petitions for His disciples also fit us perfectly! Jesus has disclosed, shown, revealed the Father’s name to us – the very nature of God! Jesus is praying for His own and not for the world – He does include the world in v. 20. In fact, the word “world” is mentioned 18X in this prayer. **1. He prays for those that were given him, meaning primarily the disciples that had attended him in this regeneration;** but it is doubtless to be extended further, to all who come under the same character, who receive and believe the words of Christ, **Joh 17:6, Joh 17:8.** **2. He prays for all that should believe on him (Joh 17:20),** and it is not only the petitions that follow, but those also which went before, that must be construed **to extend to all believers**, in every place and every age; for He has a concern for them all, and calls **things that are not as though they were.** **What encouragement He had to pray for them,** and what are the general pleas with which He introduces His petitions for them, and recommends them to His Father's favor;

they are five petitions here: -

- **The charge He had received concerning them:** *They were Yours, You gave them to Me, (Joh 17:6), and again (Joh 17:9),*
- **He prays for all that should believe on Him (Joh 17:20),**
- **The good effect of the care He had taken of them, and the pains He had taken with them,** *(Joh 17:6): they have kept Your word. (Joh 17:7), they have known that all things which You have given Me are from You. (Joh 17:8);*
- **He pleads the Father's own interest in them** *I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours. (Joh 17:9):*
- **He pleads His own concern in them:** *I am glorified (dedoxasmai) in them.- (Jon 17:10)*

John 17:11-19

Joh 17:11 Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through (or “in”) Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We are.

Joh 17:12 While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name. Those whom You gave Me I have kept; and none of them is lost except the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled.

Joh 17:13 But now I come to You, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves. (Joh 15:11 "These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full.)

Joh 17:14 I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.

Joh 17:15 I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one. (Mat 6:13 And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one.)

Joh 17:16 They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.

Joh 17:17 Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.

Joh 17:18 As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world.

Joh 17:19 And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified by the truth.

THREE PETITIONS

- they may be one as We are.
- that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves. (Joh 15:11 "These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full.)
- that You should keep them from the evil one. (Mat 6:13 And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one.)

WORLD (10X) - Jesus' work in the world as Savior is complete. He is leaving-for now!

He shows His compassion for the believers left here to work until we're taken out of the world. "Let us go forth outside the camp, bearing His reproach"

He prays for unity among the believers.

He prays that His joy may remain in us and abound more and more in us (believers).

He prays for our protection from the evil one—much like the model prayer “deliver us from the evil one”

- Notice what they may be one as We are. (we tend toward disunity!!)
- that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves. (Joh 15:11 "These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full.)(we tend to lose heart and His joy-become discouraged and impotent believers)
- that You should keep them from the evil one. (Mat 6:13 And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one.) (Watch and pray, lest you fall into temptation!)

SUMMARY:

- When in severe crisis:
- State your situation to the Lord-
- Okay to ask how to pray-
- Save me (not keep me from) this hour.
- But our purpose for our life is to glorify the Lord!!

PRAY TODAY FOR: (Name persons, name things, take direct aim at the objective of your supplications)

- Our Church, Nationally and locally; Our Nation: Our leaders; for kings and those in authority
- Supreme Court Justices: John Roberts, Jr., Anthony Kennedy, Clarence Thomas, Ruth Ginsburg, Stephen Breyer, Samuel Alito, Sonia Sotomayor, Elena Kagan and the one VACANCY
- Our Current Pres/VP Candidates: Donald Trump; Hillary Clinton; Mike Pence; Tim Kaine
- Police officers/military & all those upholding law & order
- When in small groups - Personal Prayers:

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