

John 17:20-26 – Jesus Prays For Us!!

11/5/16 Sat Morn Prayer

I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY – Hankey/Fischer (Joslin Grove Choral)

I love to tell the story of unseen things above Of Jesus and His glory, of Jesus and His love

I love to tell the story because I know 'tis true It satisfies my longings as nothing else can do

CHORUS: I love to tell the story 'Twill be my theme in glory. To tell the old, old story Of Jesus and His love

I love to tell the story; 'tis pleasant to repeat what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet.

I love to tell the story, for some have never heard the message of salvation from God's own holy Word. CHORUS

I love to tell the story, for those who know it best Seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest

And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song 'Twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long. CHORUS

John 17:20-26 *"I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; [21] that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. [22] And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: [23] I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me. [24] "Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world. [25] O righteous Father! The world has not known You, but I have known You; and these have known that You sent Me. [26] And I have declared to them Your name, and will declare it, that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them."*

Context/Biblical Background – The seventeenth chapter of John has aptly been termed “The Holy of Holies of John’s Gospel.” We have the privilege of hearing the Son conversing with the Father. Many weeks could be spent meditating on the truths in this chapter, but here we can only touch upon the highlights. The last two times we had Jesus praying for Himself and then for His disciples. Now as He finishes this prayer, He prays for us! Note His emphasis on unity!

SEVEN PETITIONS:

- that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; (Joh 17:21)
- that they also may be one in Us (Joh 17:21)
- that they may be one just as We are one: (Joh 17:22)
- that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me. (Joh 17:23)
- "...I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world. (Joh 17:24)
- that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them." (Joh 17:26)

SUMMARY:

- ❖ **ABOVE ALL HE IS PRAYING FOR UNITY FOR US!**
- ❖ **HE KNOWS OUR SELFISHNESS, COMPETITIVENESS, SELF FIGHTEOUSNESS**
- ❖ **WE HAVE; SAME SAVIOR; SAME GLORY; SAME HEAVEN; SAME FATHER; SAME INHERITANCE; AND THE SAME WORK!!!**
- ❖ **THE WORLD DOES NOT KNOW HIM**
- ❖ **WE ARE TO SHOW HIS LOVE TO THE WORLD FOR THEM**

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
- Our Current Pres/VP Candidates: Donald Trump; Hillary Clinton; Mike Pence; Tim Kaine
- Police officers/military. Supreme Ct. Justices: John Roberts, Jr., Anthony Kennedy, Clarence Thomas, Ruth Ginsburg, Stephen Breyer, Samuel Alito, Sonia Sotomayor, Elena Kagan and the one VACANCY
- When in small groups - Personal Prayers:

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