

## **Life and Ministry of Jesus Christ**

### **The Lord's Prayer, Part 1**

Last time..."A little while and you shall not see (mechanical sight) Me.

Again, a little while and you shall see Me (gaze at Me because I will appear radically different)  
because I go to the Father."

and

"In the world will shall have tribulation, but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world."

This time...The Lord's Prayer

We are in John 17

This is the Lord's Prayer...Matt 6:9-13 is not

He need not pray Matt 6...ever

He alone can pray this prayer

#### Outline

- v1-5        Himself
- v6-19     the 11 disciples
- v20-26    us

#### Keywords repeated (pay attention to)

- glorify
- given
- know/known
- one
- in
- of
- sanctify

v1-3    lifted His eyes to heaven...glorify Thy Son...give eternal life:

Jesus turns His attention from the 11 disciples to the Father

The prayer of our High Priest

Where did the High Priest pray for God's people?

In the Holy of Holies

This chapter is as if we are eavesdropping in the Holy of Holies in heaven:

Our High Priest praying to our Father

The first section of His prayer concerns Himself

v1      The hour is come...Zero Hour is here  
          All things since Gen 3 have moved to this appointed hour

Heretofore, it was not the time

Ch 2:1-4      when turned water into wine in Cana

Ch 7:28-30    in Jerusalem for Tabernacles, take Him

Ch 8:19-20    in Jerusalem in the Temple, take Him

But now it has

Ch 3:14-17    time to be lifted up as the serpent in wilderness

Ch 12:23-28   for this cause He came for this hour

The time has come...

- for the Lamb of God to be offered on the Cross as the Father's sin sacrifice

- for the whole world to see the love of God

Rom 5:6-8      when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. But God

1 John 4:10    Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son *to be* the propitiation for our sins

glorify Thy Son...honor, magnify, lift up

Phil 2:5-11

that Thy Son also may glorify Thee...the glory of God is the Resurrection

John 11:4, 40

John 10:17-18

both Father (Rom 4:24-25) and Son participated in the glory of God, Father glorifying the Son and the Son glorifying the Father

v2      Thou have given Him power over all flesh...power = "mastery", "authority"  
          Acts 10:36    Jesus Christ is Lord of all (Peter in Caesarea, to Gentiles)

He should give eternal life to as many as Thou have given Him...

the gift of eternal life in Christ Jesus to whosoever believes glorifies the Father

John 5:24

Eph 2:8-9

The gift of God nullifies the work of man (sin and death by sin);  
the gift of God is the work of Jesus Christ...

For whosoever believes (John 3:36)  
And who believes is foreknown by the all-knowing God  
And all who believe in Jesus Christ are a gift...  
from the Father to His Son

- v3      this is eternal life...to know = “be aware of”, “be sure about”
1. the only true God (there are countless false gods)
  2. Jesus Christ (sent to earth by the only true God)

Eternal life is to know the one true God...

- to commune/fellowship/relationship with Him
- to have His life in us
- to be in His presence

Prov 19:2a      the soul without knowledge is not good

- v4      I have glorified Thee on earth:  
Jesus glorified the Father by finishing the work the Father gave Him to do  
Jesus' faithful obedience of Deut 18:18-19 glorifies the Father  
John 4:34 in the 1<sup>st</sup> year of His ministry, now finished

Now, Jesus is praying

- in the past tense; that which is yet future is a certain accomplishment  
Before “It is finished”, it is done
- with Divine foreknowledge

Now, Heb 12:2      Jesus the author and finisher of faith; who for the joy that  
was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame,  
and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God

His Personal earthly involvement in the Father's ministry of reconciliation of  
fallen man unto Himself is as good as done!  
Therefore, since it is Mission Accomplished...

- v5      glorify Me...with the glory which I had:  
Jesus concludes His prayer for Himself by asking the Father to Personally glorify  
Him with the glory He had with the Father before the world existed
- in eternity
  - before time was created
  - before Gen 1:1

Thinking about that...

- since God is the High and lofty One that inhabits eternity and Jesus came from eternity (NOT as an angel, Heb 1:1-8), Jesus Christ is God
- the glory of Jesus is in the kingdom of God in heaven, not in the kingdoms of men on earth

The next section the prayer of our High Priest is for His disciples, the 11

v6-8 I have manifested...I have given:

The Father gave the 12 (including Judas Iscariot) to His Son and  
Jesus has manifested His Father's name to them (John 14:9)  
YHWH, Jehovah  
Jesus = "Jehovah is salvation"

The 11 here (again with Divine foreknowledge) have

- kept/guarded the Father's Word...Matt 10:32
- known/perceived/understood all things Jesus has been given are from the Father...James 1:17
- received/held onto the words/teachings/doctrine/Truth of Jesus that the Father gave Him
- known surely (no doubts) that Jesus came to earth from the Father in heaven
- believed the Father sent Jesus  
Matt 16:16  
John 6:68-69  
John 16:30

v9-10 I pray...I pray not...they may be one:

Our High Priest

- prays for His own, whom the Father has given them out of the world
- prays NOT for the world, cursed by God in Gen 3

The world is the devil's dominion (we live behind enemy lines)

Jesus "invaded" to take back that which was stolen by deceit and murder

Matt 16:17-18

Jesus has sent His witnesses into the world to continue the "invasion",  
seeking and saving the lost, calling them out of darkness into light

Acts 26:18

To open their eyes, and to turn *them* from darkness to light, and *from* the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.

Matt 28:18-20

Gal 1:4

Acts 1:8 with Acts 2:47b unto this day (Luke 19:10 is on-going)

At the appointed day, Jesus will break the seals of the title deed of the world to claim that which He purchased

Rev 5

In the meantime, the world is not our friend

1 John 2:15-17

Love not the world, neither the things *that are* in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that *is* in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

James 4:4

Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.

The 11 disciples are the Father's and the Son's

That which belongs to the Father belongs also to the Son and vice versa...  
because Ch 10:30

The Son is glorified/honored in them...and the Father will be also (John 15:8)

v11 I am no more in the world, but these are...keep...that they may be one:

Jesus continues to pray in the future tense with Divine foreknowledge,  
regarding His and the disciples residency

Since Jesus finishing the Father's work is a certain accomplishment,  
He is no longer in the world

But the 11 are still in the world, hostile territory (John 15:18)

Jesus is going to the Holy Father but He is leaving the 11 behind, in the world

Holy Father: Was Jesus praying to the Pope?!

Why do Roman Catholics call the Pope "Holy Father" and in so  
doing equating him with God the Father?!

Who is behind this blasphemy?

The author of confusion and of all religions...Is 14:12-17

Addressing His prayer as He did  
(to God the Father, not a presumptuous man wearing a white hat),  
Jesus Christ is separating the God of Israel from all other gods  
(false, demons)

The mystery of the Godhead: God (Elohim) is one LORD (Jehovah)  
Deut 6:4...one = *echad*  
The Creator God is one...united in character, authority, essence, nature

So He prays that the Father would keep/guard them (the ones He has given the Son) by the power of His own name/authority...

Divine protection until their ministries are finished/hour is come...  
So that the 11 will be one, in unity with each other and inseparable...  
just as is the only true God

v12-13 I kept them in Thy name...save the son of perdition...My joy fulfilled in themselves:  
Looking back over the past 3½ years of His ministry, Jesus was faithful to keep in  
the power of His Father's name/authority the men the Father had given  
Him out of the world

Jesus did not lose any of the disciples, all were preserved from destruction, except  
for Judas aka son of perdition so that prophetic Scripture would be  
fulfilled

“As I return to You, may My prayer for them before I go give My joy to these  
You have given Me.

He prayed while facing the Cross...[John 15:11](#), Heb 12:2  
We meditate on while facing tribulations...James 1:1-4, Phil 4:6-13

v14-15 thy word...the world...of...out:  
Jesus has also faithfully given the Father's word to the 11...  
and to all who would listen (John 7:16)

The result: the world hates those who receive/believe Jesus' words...  
they are speaking “hate speech”, a “foreign language”  
The world hates the disciples because they are not of the world...  
out of (v6) and in, but not of/originating from/belonging to...  
just as their Lord and Master

[John 8:23](#)  
[John 15:18-19](#)

Jesus still has work to do in the world (Acts 1:1, Matt 10:34) so He does not pray that the Father would take them out of this hostile environment, but rather that He would preserve them from the destroyer, the prince of this world (John 16:11) for the duration of their ministries, until their hour is come.

A man of God in the will of God is immortal until his work is finished.

The Father will put His seal on them (Eph 1:13-14) until the day of redemption (Eph 4:30)

People of faith in Jesus Christ are as those in Heb 11...  
of whom the world was not worthy (Heb 11:38a)

v16-17 Sanctify:

The 11 are not of the world, just as Jesus is not of the world

Therefore, Jesus our High Priest prays that the Father would sanctify/consecrate unto Himself/make holy/purify/set apart/out of the 11 in His Truth...as He was sanctified

John 10:36

Note: “sanctify” appears in the Gospels only in the Gospel of John

The Truth is the Word of God...John 14:6

Teach them “Not my will but your will be done.”

v18-19 sent Me...send them...I sanctify Myself:

As the Father sent the Son, the Son sends His disciples...with the help of the Holy Spirit of Truth

And for their good, sanctifies Himself

Heb 2:9-11

Heb 6:9

sanctification accompanies (after) salvation

The process of sanctification

(purifying, setting apart, consecration, being perfected)

is simply learning and practicing “Your will be done, not mine.”

i.e. surrendering your will to the Father’s will

Jesus is going to sanctify Himself in the Garden of Gethsemane (next);  
He yielded His will to the Father (Matt 26:39, 42, 44) in a Garden,  
unlike the 1<sup>st</sup> Adam in another Garden

Thereby teaching by example the 11...and us...to be sanctified,  
surrender their/our will to the Father thru the Truth

And they will!  
Have we?

Which leads us to the 3<sup>rd</sup> and final section of the prayer of our High Priest –  
for us!

Next week

### **Application**

The 11 will be sanctified, they will learn sanctification, to surrender their will to the will of the  
Father

Have we so learned?

After giving us the gift of salvation/eternal life, the Creator begins a work in us...  
Sanctification, by His Spirit and by His Word

Phil 1:6

Rom 8:29

A Divine work of “separation”

- out of the world
- unto Himself

The Word of God makes and keeps us different from the world

As Jesus separated Himself from the world, He separates us from the world  
He is our Lord, the devil is not  
He is our Final Authority, neither we nor the ways of the world are

Let us never leave/abandon the Word of God as our Final Authority  
We are NOT the Final Authority  
No human Gov’t is the Final Authority

The indwelling Spirit of Truth is our Teacher and Guide until we see Jesus  
face-to-face

Prov 18:10     The name of the LORD *is* a strong tower: the righteous  
runneth into it, and is safe