

THE GOSPEL *of* JOHN

CHAPTER 17:1-26

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“THE PRAYER OF JESUS”

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John 1:12

But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:

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INTRODUCTION

to the text

John 17:1-5

THE PRAYER OF JESUS

Please don't take this the wrong way and don't misunderstand what it is that I am saying here about prayer...

**we have a fatal misconception
about prayer**

The Prayer Medium is Not for Me to Get My Will Done
Rather it is the Medium by which my heart is prepared to receive what the will of
the Lord is

It's Not My Will Be Done,
But the Will of God

If I am going to enjoy the benefits of prayer

What is The "Lords' Prayer"?

Well, According to Most Catholics and Some Christians they would answer by saying...

it is what is recorded in Matthew's Gospel

Matthew 6:5-15

And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly. But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking. Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him.

Pray after this manner therefore pray ye:

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

Jesus Introduced to us This Pattern of Prayer

This pattern will help you with all of your future prayer requests

Pray After this Manner

-Signed Jesus

See, The Matthew 6 Prayer is My Prayer & Your Prayer but Not His Prayer

THE PRAYER OF JACK

WHAT THEN IS
THE PRAYER OF JESUS
AND WHY IS IT SO IMPORTANT TO ME?

We will be answering this and other questions over the next several weeks together.

THE PRAYER OF JESUS
THE HIGH PRIESTLY PRAYER OF CHRIST

John 16:16

"A little while, and you will not see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me, because I go to the Father."

The Jewishness of His Statement

‘That Just as the High Priest of the People was to leave them all for a little while, he would enter in to make atonement for the sins of the people. He would then present the offering to God for approval – *so Jesus performed the same*”

Having Now Learned That Jesus Christ is Our High Priest
We enjoy instant communication with God the Father,
In Jesus’ Name Through the Holy Spirit.

Hebrews 9:14

Concerning the old testament no past, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from an evil life to serve the living God?

1 Timothy 2:5

For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus,

AN AWESOME THOUGHT IS HERE

It is my personal belief that the teaching of Jesus in the latter section of chapter 16 plays directly into the sanctity of John 17

The Great High Priest
Takes inside to holy of holies and we get to hear all about it

AN AWESOME THOUGHT IS HERE

Remembering Last Week How we came to understand that Jesus Christ was and is and will forever be our great high priest in heaven for us?

Imagine over hearing a conversation between Jesus and the Father,
In Fact - It's a prayer that Jesus is praying about you...

I Would Want to Hear That Prayer

THE PRAYER OF JESUS

1.) *Having a Right Attitude of Prayer*

vv. 1

Jesus **spoke** these words, **lifted up His eyes to heaven**, and said: "**Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You,**

Doesn't This Make Sense
Jesus Opening His Mouth and Looking Up to Heaven -

a.) *Direct Prayer*

v.1

Jesus **spoke** these words,
(to talk as with a Friend. To speak with another)

Mark 10:15-16

"Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it." 16 And He took them up in His arms, put His hands on them, and blessed them.

“these words”

THE IMMENSITY AND ROMANCE OF THESE WORDS THAT FELL FROM HIS LIPS FOR YOU AND FOR ME. THESE WORDS WERE ON JESUS' HEART ABOUT ME

Angels Had Stopped to Listen

*Church, let's be Simple when we pray. To the point
and few of words...*

b.) Postured Prayer

v.1

lifted up His **eyes toward heaven**, and said

eyes toward heaven

Psalm 5:1-3 (NKJ)

1 Give ear to my words, O LORD, consider my meditation.

2 Give heed to the voice of my cry, my King and my God, for to You I will pray.

3 My voice You shall hear in the morning, O LORD; in the morning I will direct it to
You, and I will look up.

make sure your prayer is directed toward heaven

your faith will be secure

Psalm 103:19 (NKJ)

19 The LORD has established His throne in heaven, and His kingdom rules over all.

Psalm 121:1 (NKJ)

1 I will lift up my eyes to the hills-- from whence comes my help?

**I would like to encourage you
to try this from time to time**

Psalm 28:2

Hear the voice of my supplications when I cry to You, when I lift up my hands toward
Your holy sanctuary.

Psalm 63:4

Thus I will bless You while I live; I will lift up my hands in Your name.

Is it writing in some rulebook that you cannot do this or the other while praying?

To Jesus,

His Father's Presence was everywhere but in a real and mystical way Jesus
intentionally postured Himself toward the skies. He would often escape to the
mountains to retreat with God

c.) *Determined Prayer*

v.1

**"Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son,
that Your Son also may glorify You,**

“Father”

used 14 times in the Old testament and 77 times in the New by Jesus alone

The Heart of Our Father

He cares about birds and plants and things we never think of

**the hour has come. Glorify Your Son,
that Your Son also may glorify You,**

use me now so that the world will know that we are in this together

our prayer requests should be a request for His glory

Hebrews 7:25

Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through
Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.

Hebrews 7:25 (TLB)

25 He is able to save completely all who come to God through Him. Since he will live forever, he will always be there to remind God that he has paid for their sins with His blood.

THE PRAYER OF JESUS

2.) *Having a Right Motive in Prayer*

vv. 2-3

"as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him. 3 "And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.

Having a Right Motive in Prayer

a.) *Direct* v.2

"as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him.

as many as You have given Him

seven times this is mentioned in this chapter

1 Peter 1:1-2

1 Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To God's elect, strangers in the world, scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia, 2 who have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to be obedient to Jesus Christ and sprinkled with his blood: Grace and peace be yours in abundance. (NIV)

The Doctrine of Predestination Romans 8:28-30 (NKJ)

28 And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. **29** For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.

30 Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.

ONLY THOSE THAT GOD HAS CALLED TO INHEIRIT HEAVEN
Will respond to God's invitation =

Having a Right Motive in Prayer

b.) *Simple*

v.3

"And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.

1 John 5:20

And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us an understanding, that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life.

Having a Right Motive in Prayer

c.) *Honoring*

v.3

"And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.

THE PRAYER OF JESUS

3.) *Having a Right Mission in Prayer*

vv. 4-5

"I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do. 5 "And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.

1. Verses 4-6 Encouraging - there is a possessiveness, and that is encouraging
2. Verses 7-8 The Empowerment
3. Verse 9 Exclusive
4. Verses 10-14 Instructive '...and all that are Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them...'

5. Verses 15-19 A Great Commissioning

6. Verses 20-26

a.) v.1

“Mission”

His Glory

That is the glory of His approval

Acts 2:22

Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves

The glory of His resurrection

Acts 3:13-15

13 "The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified His Servant Jesus, whom you delivered up and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let Him go. 14 "But you denied the Holy One and the Just, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, 15 "and killed the Prince of life, whom God raised from the dead, of which we are witnesses. (NKJ)

The glory of His ascension

Acts 1:9-11

9 Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. 10 And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, 11 who also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven." (NKJ)

The glory of His throne

Revelation 21:23

23 The city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb is its light. (NKJ)

The glory of His worship

Revelation 7:9-11

9 After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands, 10 and crying out with a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" 11 All the angels stood around the throne and the elders and the four living creatures, and fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, (NKJ)

The glory of His judgment

Revelation 6:15-17

15 Then the kings of the earth, the princes, the generals, the rich, the mighty, and every slave and every free man hid in caves and among the rocks of the mountains. 16 They called to the mountains and the rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb! 17 For the great day of their wrath has come, and who can stand?" (NIV)

The glory of His coming

Revelation 1:7

7 Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him. Even so, Amen. (NKJ)

The glory of His eternity

Revelation 22:17

17 And the Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let him who hears say, "Come!" And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely. (NKJ)

What is our mission when we pray?

Luke 11:1-4

1 Now it came to pass, as He was praying in a certain place, when He ceased, that one of His disciples said to Him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples." 2 So He said to them, "When you pray, say: our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. 3 Give us day by day our daily bread. 4 And forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one."

Can I Lead You In a Prayer Now

1 Timothy 2:8

I desire therefore that the men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting;

A Personal Prayer

Your Daughter / Your Son / Your Wife / Your Husband
Your Sister / Your Brother / A Relative / That One Who's On Your Mind

May I Pray For You

So specific in prayer

Matthew 6:1-7

- 1 "Take heed that you do not do your charitable deeds before men, to be seen by them. Otherwise you have no reward from your Father in heaven.
- 2 "Therefore, when you do a charitable deed, do not sound a trumpet before you as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory from men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward.
- 3 "But when you do a charitable deed, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing,
- 4 "that your charitable deed may be in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will Himself reward you openly.
- 5 "And when you pray, you shall not be like the hypocrites. For they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the corners of the streets, that they may be seen by men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward.
- 6 "But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly.
- 7 "And when you pray, do not use vain repetitions as the heathen do. For they think that they will be heard for their many words.

(NKJ)