

## John 17. The High Priestly Prayer

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John 17:1 When Jesus had spoken these words, <sup>m</sup>he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, "Father, <sup>n</sup>the hour has come; <sup>o</sup>glorify your Son that the Son may <sup>p</sup>glorify you, <sup>2</sup>since <sup>q</sup>you have given him authority over all flesh, <sup>r</sup>to give eternal life to all <sup>s</sup>whom you have given him. <sup>3</sup>"And this is eternal life, <sup>u</sup>that they know you, <sup>v</sup>the only <sup>w</sup>true God, and <sup>x</sup>Jesus Christ whom you have sent. <sup>4</sup>"I <sup>y</sup>glorified you on earth, <sup>z</sup>having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup>And now, Father, <sup>a</sup>glorify me in your own presence with the glory <sup>b</sup>that I had with you <sup>c</sup>before the world existed.

John 17:6 <sup>d</sup>"I have manifested your name to the people <sup>e</sup>whom you gave me out of the world. <sup>f</sup>Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup>Now they know that everything <sup>g</sup>that you have given me is from you. <sup>8</sup>For I have given them <sup>h</sup>the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that <sup>i</sup>I came from you; and <sup>j</sup>they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup>I am praying for them. <sup>k</sup>I am not praying for the world but for those <sup>l</sup>whom you have given me, for <sup>m</sup>they are yours. <sup>10</sup>"All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and <sup>n</sup>I am glorified in

them. <sup>11</sup>And I am no longer in the world, but <sup>o</sup>they are in the world, and <sup>p</sup>I am coming to you. <sup>q</sup>Holy Father, <sup>r</sup>keep them in your name, <sup>s</sup>which you have given me, <sup>t</sup>that they may be one, <sup>u</sup>even as we are one. <sup>12</sup>"While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have <sup>v</sup>guarded them, and <sup>w</sup>not one of them has been lost except <sup>x</sup>the son of destruction, <sup>y</sup>that the Scripture might be fulfilled. <sup>13</sup>But now <sup>z</sup>I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have <sup>a</sup>my joy fulfilled in themselves. <sup>14</sup>"I have given them your word, and <sup>b</sup>the world has hated them <sup>c</sup>because they are not of the world, <sup>d</sup>just as I am not of the world. <sup>15</sup>"I <sup>e</sup>do not ask that you <sup>f</sup>take them out of the world, but that you <sup>g</sup>keep them from <sup>h</sup>the evil one. <sup>16</sup>"They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. <sup>17</sup>"Sanctify them<sup>2</sup> in the truth; <sup>m</sup>your word is truth. <sup>18</sup>"As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup>And <sup>o</sup>for their sake <sup>p</sup>I consecrate myself,<sup>3</sup> that they also <sup>q</sup>may be sanctified<sup>4</sup> in truth.

John 17:20 "I do not <sup>r</sup>ask for these only, but also for those <sup>s</sup>who will believe in me through their word, <sup>21</sup>that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that <sup>t</sup>they also may be in <sup>u</sup>us, so that the world <sup>v</sup>may believe that you have sent me. <sup>22</sup>"The glory that you have given me <sup>w</sup>I have given to them, <sup>x</sup>that they may be one even as we are one. <sup>23</sup>"I in them and you in me, <sup>y</sup>that they may become perfectly one, <sup>z</sup>so that the world may know that you sent me and <sup>a</sup>loved them even as <sup>b</sup>you loved me. <sup>24</sup>Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be <sup>c</sup>with me <sup>d</sup>where I am, <sup>e</sup>to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me <sup>f</sup>before the foundation of the world. <sup>25</sup>"O righteous Father, even though <sup>g</sup>the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me. <sup>26</sup>"I <sup>h</sup>made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love <sup>i</sup>with which you have loved me may be in them, and <sup>j</sup>I in them."

John chapter 17 is known as the High Priestly Prayer of Jesus, where He prays for Himself, His disciples, and all future believers.

1. **\*\*Jesus Prays for Himself (John 17:1-5)\*\*:** Jesus begins His prayer by addressing the Father, telling Him that his hour has come, then asking Him to glorify the Son so that the Son may glorify the Father. Because he has accomplished the assignment he was given, he speaks of the eternal life that comes from knowing God and Jesus Christ, whom He has sent. Jesus reflects on the work He has accomplished on earth and asks to be glorified in the presence of the Father with the glory He had before the world existed. (Do you know your assignment? And are you doing it?)

2. **\*\*Jesus Prays for His Disciples (John 17:6-19)\*\*:** Jesus then prays specifically for His disciples. He acknowledges that He has revealed God's name to them and that they have received and believed in Him. Boot Camp 1. (If you see me, you see the Father.) He asks the Father to protect them in His name, emphasizing their unity and the importance of keeping them from the evil one. Jesus notes that they are not of the world, just as He is not of the world, and He asks the Father to sanctify them in the truth, which He identifies as God's word.

3. **\*\*Jesus Prays for Future Believers (John 17:20-26)\*\*:** Jesus extends His prayer to all future believers, praying for their unity. He desires that they may be one, just as He and the Father are one, so that the world may believe that the Father sent Him. He expresses His hope that all believers may experience the love of the Father and the presence of Jesus with them, culminating in a profound relationship with God. The Glory that was given to Jesus, He gave to us that we may be one like He and the Father are one.

John chapter 17 is a heartfelt prayer of Jesus that highlights His relationship with the Father, His care for His disciples, and His desire for **unity among all believers**. It emphasizes themes of glory, protection, sanctification, and love, reflecting Jesus' deep concern for His followers and the mission they will undertake after His departure.