

Sunday, Sept 19, 2021

1 Timothy 4:13, "Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching."

The Lord's Prayer

Text: John 17

Purpose: I want to INFORM my congregation of the major elements of the Lord's High Priestly prayer that we, as believers, may take courage, comfort and hope in His prayer for us!

Introduction:

~ This morning we begin a new series of devotions on "Bible Prayers;" and we begin with the Lord's Prayer recorded in John 17. The prayer recorded in Matthew 6, given by the Lord in response to the disciples request, is a model prayer for His disciples.

~ Romans 8:34, "Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died – more than that, who was raised – who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us."

~ Hebrews 7:25, "Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them."

~ All factors of redemption are included in this prayer by our Lord:

- 17:2, Salvation;
- 17:6, Manifestation;
- 17:9, Representation;
- 17:12, Preservation;
- 17:17 – 19, Sanctification;
- 17:21, Identification;
- 17:22, Glorification

~ Our Lord makes at least seven requests in this prayer:

- 1) 17:1 Glorification of the Son;
- 2) 17:5, Restoration of His Original Glory;
- 3) 17:11 & 15, Protection of Believers;
- 4) 17:17, Sanctification;
- 5) 17:21 World Witness;
- 6) 17:21 – 23, Unification
- 7) 17:24, Glorification

~ Five benefits of salvation are listed in this prayer:

- 1) 17:2, Eternal Life;
 - 2) 17:6 & 26, Father's Name;
 - 3) 17:3 & 14, Father's Words;
 - 4) 17:13, His Joy;
 - 5) 17:22, His Own Glory
- Remember Romans 8:32, "all things"

1. The LORD Prays for Himself:

John 17:1 - 5

~ John 17:1, "...Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you,"

G1392, doxazo: to cause the dignity and worth of some person or thing to become manifest and acknowledged

~ John 17:2, "since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him."

~ John 17:3, "And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent."

"know you" - that is: not speculative, but practical; not theoretical, but experimental; not intellectual, but spiritual; not inactive, but saving knowledge.

~ John 17:4, "I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do."

*John 20:21, "Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you."

*2 Corinthians 5:9, "So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him."

~ John 17:5, here is the wonderful mystery of God in the flesh; very God yet very man!

2. The LORD Prays for the Eleven:

John 17:6 - 19

~ John 17:9, "I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they love me."

*Romans 8:29, "For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers."

~ John 17:11, "And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one."

SECURITY

~ John 17:13, "But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves."

JOY

~ John 17:15, "I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one."

PROTECTION

~ John 17:17, "Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth." Also verse 19

SANCTIFICATION

Please remember that the "word" is not limited to the words in the Bible; the "word" according to John 1 is the PERSON Jesus Christ!!!

~ John 17:18, "As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world."

COMMISSIONING

3. The LORD Prays for all Believers:

~ John 17:20, "I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word,"

Please let this verse penetrate your soul; what Jesus just prayed for the eleven is here extended to every believer. If you have Bible faith in Jesus Christ that prayer is extended to YOU! That is:

SECURITY, JOY, PROTECTION, SANCTIFICATION and COMMISSIONING!

~ John 17:21, "that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me."

UNITY

~ John 17:22, "The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one,"

GLORY

~ John 17:23, "I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me."

LOVED

~ John 17:24, "Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you have loved me before the foundation of the world."

GIFTED TO THE SON!

Conclusion:

1 John 5:14, "And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us."

The High Priest prays for his own; our High Priest, Jesus Christ, has prayed for us!!!

We have available through His prayer: **SECURITY, JOY, PROTECTION, SANCTIFICATION, COMMISSIONING, UNITY, GLORY, LOVE** and the awesome realization that we have been **GIFTED TO THE SON** from the Everlasting Father!