

Episode #2-15 – John 17 Part 1 - The Real Lord's Prayer

I. The purpose of the gospel of John is to produce believers in the fact that Jesus is the Christ, the One anointed by God to be the Savior of the world, and that Jesus is the Son of God, God represented in human form.

II. We have been studying the Lord's teaching to His disciples as they made their way from the upper room where they had the last supper to the garden of Gethsemane. Now, the Lord has finished his teaching, and begins to pray to His Father on the behalf of His disciples.

III. John 17:1-5. Glorification.

- A. V.1. This is the real "Lord's prayer," for the other was teaching His disciples how to pray (the disciples' prayer.) Not asking for things, but a conversation with His Father. Some call this the high priestly prayer. Heb. 8:4. He was on earth, so He could not have been a priest. Instead, this was the prayer of a Master for His disciples. Lifting up His eyes shows humility. Heaven is singular, refers to God. The hour has come, earlier He said it had not yet come (7:30, 8:20). He asks for glory. Glory has to do with esteem. The esteem the Son should be held in would show through in His suffering and death. His esteem for the Father would show forth in His willingness.
- B. V.2. This also shows the Father's esteem. Eternal=eonian. In Acts 3:6, we see life flowing from Christ through Peter. Ultimately, though, only in the resurrection.
- C. V.3. This is not a definition, but the purpose for which it is given. Only in the life to come will we have time and fullness to gain such knowledge. Sent=*apostello*.
- D. V.4. He showed His Father's character, and so increased the esteem He is held in. He is speaking of His now all-but-finished earthly ministry. He is also speaking of the work He is about to do!
- E. V.5. No one but God would or could ask this without arrogance! World=*kosmos*, the order, system, or arrangement. He had glory then, He now has emptied Himself (Philippians 2), and so He wants that glory back. The Father will grant Him this!

IV. John 17:6-19. Prayer for His disciples.

- A. V.6. Name=character. He was the perfect representative of God, and so He could do this. These men His disciples were not "saved" in our modern idea of the term. Instead, they were Israelites and law-keepers in good standing. They were related to God through a covenant. This is even true of Matthew. John 14:23b. He gives them a good recommendation when He says they kept His word!
- B. V.7. Let us never refuse to acknowledge this!
- C. V.8. The words flow from the Father to the Son to His disciples. These were words of eonian life, and they received them as such. John 6:68. Now they flow to us through the Scriptures. John 16:30. He mentions their knowledge to the Father.
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V. Conclusion: The Lord prayed this, the "real Lord's prayer," since the one in Matthew was a prayer He taught His disciples for them to pray. In this prayer, He asked for glorification for Himself and His disciples. He speaks in ways that teach us more about the relationship between the Lord Jesus and the Father. May we too act in ways to increase how much others esteem God, and may we too seek His glory in all things!