

John 17:1-26

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"As you review this prayer, you see the spiritual priorities that were in the Saviour's heart: the glory of God; the sanctity of God's people; the unity of the church; the ministry of sharing the Gospel with a lost world. We today would be wise to focus on these same priorities."- Warren W. Wiersbe

1.The Glory of God- Jesus brings Glory to the Father through his actions, to know God's name is to know him

"As so often in Scripture, emphasis on God's sovereignty functions as an incentive to prayer, not a disincentive"- D. A. Carson

Jesus sets the example to pray. Prayer sometimes may be about stating the truth clearly to the Spiritual world, we often forget that the Spiritual world is the base for which the physical world resides. When the Spiritual world is changed, so the physical world follows.

Jesus is going to resume the full expanse of what it means to be the son

"But in this context the primary meaning of 'to glorify' is 'to clothe in splendour', as v. 5 makes clear. The petition asks the Father to reverse the self-emptying entailed in his incarnation and to restore him to the splendour that he shared with the Father before the world began.-" D. A. Carson

The Holy Spirit holds the picture of Jesus) use various images), so the Son can represent the Father, in this, as Jesus is glorified, so is the Father!

I know Him- What does it mean to carry a name. A family name comes with a certain aspect of who a person is within life, and in ANE culture, to know a person's name was to know the person, thus the name changes that God enacts upon key people in the bible.

"God's 'name' embodies his character; to reveal God's name is to make God's character known.

Jesus' disclosure of the name of God is coincident with his 'narration' of the invisible God in fulfillment of the biblical prophecy, 'Therefore my people will know my name' (Is. 52:6).

To know God is to be transformed, and thus to be introduced to a life that could not otherwise be experienced, knowledge of God cannot be divorced from knowledge of Jesus Christ. Indeed, knowledge of Jesus Christ, whom God has sent, is the ultimate access to knowledge of God

It is clear that the knowledge of God and of Jesus Christ entails fellowship, trust, personal relationship, faith. There is no more powerful evangelistic theme."- D. A. Carson

Do we know the Glory of God?

"The word *glory* is used eight times in this prayer, so it is an important theme. He glorified the Father in His miracles (John 2:11; 11:40), to be sure; but He brought the greatest glory to the Father through His sufferings and death (see John 12:23–25; 13:31–32). From the human point of view, Calvary was a revolting display of man's sin; but from the divine point of view, the cross revealed and magnified the grace and glory of God."- Warren W. Wiersbe,

"God is clothed in splendour in the eyes of those who perceive what has been achieved by God himself in the cross, resurrection and exaltation of his Son. To see God's glory, to be given eternal life—these are parallel, and, lest the reader miss the point, the two themes are drawn together in v. 3. Eternal life turns on nothing

more and nothing less than knowledge of the true God. Eternal life is not so much everlasting life as personal knowledge of the Everlasting One” - D. A. Carson

III- Transformer- steps down "the power" so we can use it, Jesus lets us walk in holiness without fear, he allows us to experience the character of God without the terrifying interaction this often elicits in the people who experience God

Jesus uses his full name, "Jesus Christ"

"In the Bible, "name" refers to "nature," because names so often were given to reveal something special about the nature of the person bearing the name. Jacob was a schemer, and his name comes from a Hebrew root that means "to take by the heel," i.e., to trip up, to deceive (Gen. 25:26). The name *Isaac* means "laughter" (Gen. 21:6) because he brought joy to Abraham and Sarah. Even the name Jesus reveals that He is the Saviour (Matt. 1:21). Jesus took this sacred name "I AM" and made it meaningful to His disciples: "I am the Bread of Life" (John 6:35); "I am the Light of the world" (John 8:12); "I am the Good Shepherd" (John 10:11); etc. In other words, Jesus revealed the Father's gracious name by showing His disciples that He was everything they needed." Warren W. Wiersbe

ILL- Flashbang- a grande used to blind it's victims to incapacity with light and noise, it dis-orientates. This is the exact opposite of what Christ is trying to achieve.

Jesus desires a gradual revelation, so our eyes could adjust, we must ask Who was God to the disciples before they knew Jesus, after they travelled with him, and after the resurrection?

"I have manifested Thy name" means "I have revealed the nature of God." One of the ministries of the Son was to declare the Father (John 1:18). The Greek word translated "declared" means, "to unfold, to lead, to show the way." Jesus did not instantly reveal the Father in a blaze of blinding glory, because His

disciples could not have endured that kind of experience. Gradually, by His words and His deeds, He revealed to them the nature of God, as they were able to bear it (John 16:12).”- Warren W. Wiersbe

What about Judas?

"The believer, then, is secure in Christ for many reasons: the very nature of God, the nature of salvation, the glory of God, and the intercessory ministry of Christ. But what about Judas? Was he secure? How did he fall? Why did Jesus not keep him safe? For the simple reason that *Judas was never one of Christ's own*. Jesus faithfully kept all that the Father gave to Him, but Judas had never been given to Him by the Father. Judas was not a believer (John 6:64–71); he had never been cleansed (John 13:11); he had not been among the chosen (John 13:18); he had never been given to Christ (John 18:8–9).

No, Judas is not an example of a believer who “lost his salvation.” He is an example of an unbeliever who *pretended to have salvation* but was finally exposed as a fraud. Jesus keeps all whom the Father gives to Him (John 10:26–30).”- Warren W. Wiersbe

2.We are a gift to Jesus as he is a gift to us- Bionicle

"We are accustomed to thinking of Jesus as the Father's love gift to us (John 3:16), but the Lord affirms that believers are the Father's “love gift” to His beloved Son!-" Warren W. Wiersbe

III- Flawed but perfect

The disciples had been given gift of Jesus, but he in turn had been given the gift of the distcples, they were to be sure flawed, and their faith imperfect, but it was there and their actions in face of adversity confirm this.

"Between the belief and obedience of the *disciples before* the resurrection and the unbelief and disobedience of the *world before* the resurrection. Judged by those standards—*i.e.* placing

them at their proper location in the stream of redemptive history—the first disciples stand out. When other ‘disciples’ judge that Jesus teaches too many hard things, the Twelve stay with Jesus: ‘You have the words of eternal life. We believe and know that you are the Holy One of God’ (6:68–69). Even where there is risk to life and health, the closest disciples self-consciously choose to remain with Christ (11:16; 13:37), however flawed their courage might have been.”- D. A. Carson

ill- the bionicles, a set of lego characters, all different yet important they are to those that collect them.

We have value to Jesus as we were given to him by the father?

Jesus is a gift to us, we are a gift to him- how do we think of ourselves!!

Our safety depends on the nature of God, not our own character or conduct!

3.The unity of the church is a blessing to God

What makes a bunch of people change their whole way of life and act the way they do? The early church was inspired by this reaction to who they came to realise Jesus was, the truth of these prayers were attested to in the actions of the early disciples.

God’s word properly used can give right context to the situations we find ourselves in

"The world competes for the Father’s love (1 John 2:15–17), but the Word of God enables us to enjoy the Father’s love. One of the first steps toward a worldly life is the neglect of the Word of God. D.L. Moody wrote in the front of his Bible, “This book will keep you from sin or sin will keep you from this book.” Just as the pillar

of fire was darkness to the Egyptians but light to Israel, so God's Word is our light in this dark world, but the world cannot understand the things of God (Ex. 14:20; 1 Cor. 2:12–16). It is not enough merely to study the Bible and learn a great deal of doctrinal truth. We must also love Jesus Christ more as we learn all that He is and all He has done for us. Learning and loving should lead to living, allowing the Spirit of God to enable us to obey His Word. This is how we glorify Him in this present evil world.”- Warren W. Wiersbe

"We also have the fellowship of the church: “that they may be one, as we are” (John 17:11). The New Testament knows nothing of isolated believers; wherever you find saints, you find them in fellowship. Why? Because God's people need each other. Jesus opened His Upper Room message by washing the disciples' feet and teaching them to minister to one another. In the hours that would follow, these men (including confident Peter!) would discover how weak they were and how much they needed each other's encouragement.”- Warren W. Wiersbe

4.We are called to share this blessing

Jesus is God who became human, not a human who seeks to become God, essential difference between you and I.

The Word gives us joy, love, and power to live a holy life. It also gives us what we need to serve Him as witnesses in this world (John 17:18–19). Sanctification is not for the purpose of selfish enjoyment or boasting; it is so that we might represent Christ in this world and win others to Him. Jesus set Himself apart for us, and now He has set us apart for Him. The Father sent Him into the world, and now He sends us into the world. We are people “under orders” and we had better obey! Jesus is now “set apart” in heaven, praying for us, that our witness will bear fruit as many repent of their sins and turn to the Lord.

"The Word of God not only brings us God's joy and love, but it also imparts God's power for holy living (John 17:15–17). The burden of our Lord's prayer in John 17:6–12 was *security*, but here it is *sanctity*, practical holy living to the glory of God. We are

in the world but not *of* the world, and we must not live *like* the world. Sometimes we think it would be easier if we were “out of the world,” but this is not true. Wherever we go, we take our own sinful self with us, and the powers of darkness will follow us. I have met people who have gone into “spiritual isolation” in order to become more holy, only to discover that it does not always work.

True sanctification (being set apart for God) comes through the ministry of the Word of God. “Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you” (John 15:3). When you were saved, you were set apart for God. As you grow in your faith, you are more and more experiencing sanctification. You love sin less and you love God more. You want to serve Him and be a blessing to others. All of this comes through the Word.” - Warren W. Wiersbe,

How are you acting in regard to the things God has entrusted to you?

Children. Talents, Family, Friends, other members of the church, the ability to witness and share, the ability to do good works for others?

In short how does our life bring glory to God (Unlike Jesus who rightly brings Glory to himself)

"Jesus has assured us that some will believe because of our witness (John 17:20), but we must make sure that our witness is true and loving. Some Christians are prosecuting attorneys and judges instead of faithful witnesses, and this only turns lost sinners away from the Saviour.”- Warren W. Wiersbe

5.If God spoke who can stand against us?

Ill-I’ve started so i’ll finish , this was a catch phrase of a TV presenter for Mastermind, once the presenter had started reading a question, even if the final buzzer went he would continue with the question! God enacts the same principle

Satan has tried to obscure the precious truth of the finished work of Jesus Christ, because he knows it is a basis for spiritual

victory. “And they overcame him [Satan] by the blood of the Lamb” (Rev. 12:11). Don’t let Satan rob you of your overcoming power through Christ’s finished work.” Warren W. Wiersbe

"Our security rests in another fact: we are here to glorify Him (John 17:10). With all of their failures and faults, the disciples still receive this word of commendation: “I am glorified in them.” Would it bring glory to God if one of His own, who trusted in the Saviour, did not make it to heaven? Certainly not! This was Moses’ argument when the nation of Israel sinned: “Wherefore should the Egyptians speak, and say, ‘For mischief did He bring them out, to slay them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth?’ ” (Ex. 32:12) Certainly God knows all things, so why save them at all if He knows they will fail along the way? Whatever God starts, He finishes (Phil. 1:6).” Warren W. Wiersbe

"God has provided the divine resources for us to glorify Him and be faithful.” -Warren W. Wiersbe

This is not a once off process, we all go through this as we come to understand who the God we follow really is!

If the voice which created the world speaks a truth, is it not enacted for all time, not just the moment of utterance.

"I have often used John 17:24 as a text for funeral meditations. How do we know that Christians go to heaven? Because of the price that Jesus paid (1 Thes. 5:9–10), and the promise that Jesus made (John 14:1–6), and the prayer that Jesus prayed (John 17:24). The Father always answers His Son’s prayers, so we know that believers who die do go to heaven to behold the glory of God.”- Warren W. Wiersbe

How can we be overcome by the world when we have the Word of God to enlighten us, enable us, and encourage us?