

John Chapter 17

This whole chapter is a prayer from Jesus to the Father. Jesus is the *only* One Who can pray this prayer. Uniquely as the Mediator. Constant intercession.

Prays for Himself and His disciples. Prays for their petitions, their sanctification, and their unity. He prays for them after He has taught them all these things and that the Spirit was coming.

The prayer was a blessing and also a parting prayer. Praying as a Priest about to make a sacrifice. Prayed it after a sermon He had just done.

Prays for Himself as Man, Jesus of Nazareth. Model of praying to the Father. Glorify Me- was doing His part in the Plan of Salvation. Confesses that He is the Son. Knows that the time has come.

V3 defines eternal life. To know the only God and Jesus as Mediator.

V5 is about His Glory as Ever-Existent God. Forever as Trinity.

Then prays for His friends. They are taken *out* of the world. They were chosen to be with Jesus and to hear His teaching. Witnesses. They believed that He had come from God and that His Word had come from God. He had given them the teaching and the instruction. They heard the Word and believed it. They will keep it.

He prays for those the Father gave Him. But they have them in common. They are One in Essence . Jesus is glorified in them because they believe and will spread the Word.

V11: He prays for their unity. Wants them preserved and protected. They should be one as He and the Father are One. Knows that their dangers come from the world. They are not taken immediately to Heaven. They have to remain and preach the Kingdom. He was leaving and they were staying. Keep them for the **Name's** sake. Keep them under the Father's Power.

Jesus says that He has kept them together and away from sin and the world. Except for Judas. Some others had gone off but these stayed. He gave them the Word and the world hated them for it. But they have Him joy in them. They are no longer of the world. He is not of the world; now through His Word and Teaching they are not of the world.

The Spirit of God is opposite of the spirit of the world.

V 17-19: disciples are sanctified by His Word. As Jesus was sent into the world, He sent *them* into the world. "Sent ones." They are set apart for service. They are now ambassadors. Jesus

is interceding for them. He gave Himself fully for them. He was about to make the perfect Sacrifice. Gives Himself so that they (us) can be presented to the Father.

V20-21 : He prays for those who will believe because of them. Applies to us. They saw and believed; we have not seen and believed. He is the Shepherd of all. Prays again for their unity. One Body , motivated and taught by One Spirit, and be of one accord. He has given *them* the glory that the Father has given Him. This would be a powerful witness to the world. They will know that Christ was sent by the Father.

V 24-26 : He wants them to be where He is and behold the Glory that Jesus had before the Creation. Not only the apostles but all believers through history. He prays that they will be glorified. He intercedes to bring us to glory.

The world does not know the Father but these men know that the Father sent Jesus. We know the Father through Jesus. He declares the Father's Name to them and us. The Father's Love will be in them and Jesus will be in them.