

Lesson 25

Jesus Prays For His Own, Part II

John 17:6-26

1. For whom does Jesus not pray in this particular prayer (vs. 6-10)?

6 "I revealed your name to those whom you gave me out of the world. They belonged to you, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word.

7 Now they know that everything you gave me is from you,

8 because the words you gave to me I have given to them, and they accepted them and truly understood that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me.

9 I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for the ones you have given me, because they are yours,

10 and everything of mine is yours and everything of yours is mine, and I have been glorified in them.

2. From verses 6-10, for what three reasons does Jesus especially love His followers?

3. Think about the phrases "They have kept Thy Word", "I have given them the words which Thou gave Me", and "I have given them Thy word". Can you suggest some changes we will want to make in our everyday living as we think about the importance of these words?

4. In verse 11, what does he mean by "the name you gave me"? (See 8:58, Exodus 3:14)

John 17:11

11 And now I will no longer be in the world, but they are in the world, while I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one just as we are.

John 8:58

58 Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, before Abraham came to be, I AM."

Exodus 3:14

14 God replied, "I am who am." Then he added, "This is what you shall tell the Israelites: I AM sent me to you."

5. In verses 10-19, Jesus prays for protection for His disciples. From what danger does Jesus pray His disciples will be protected? (Also see Ephesians. 6:10-12, 1 Peter 1:4-5)

John 17:10-19

10 and everything of mine is yours and everything of yours is mine, and I have been glorified in them.

11 And now I will no longer be in the world, but they are in the world, while I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one just as we are.

12 When I was with them I protected them in your name that you gave me, and I guarded them, and none of them was lost except the son of destruction, in order that the scripture might be fulfilled.

13 But now I am coming to you. I speak this in the world so that they may share my joy completely.

14 I gave them your word, and the world hated them, because they do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world.

15 I do not ask that you take them out of the world but that you keep them from the evil one.

16 They do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world.

17 Consecrate them in the truth. Your word is truth.

18 As you sent me into the world, so I sent them into the world.

19 And I consecrate myself for them, so that they also may be consecrated in truth.

Ephesians 6:10-12

10 Finally, draw your strength from the Lord and from his mighty power.

11 Put on the armor of God so that you may be able to stand firm against the tactics of the devil.

12 For our struggle is not with flesh and blood but with the principalities, with the powers, with the world rulers of this present darkness, with the evil spirits in the heavens.

1 Peter 1:5

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy gave us a new birth to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

4 to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you

5 who by the power of God are safeguarded through faith, to a salvation that is ready to be revealed in the final time.

6. How did God answer Jesus' prayer in regard to that danger?

7. What does the word “holy” or “sanctified” mean to you as it is used in several of the following verses: Deuteronomy 7:6, Luke 11:2, Romans 12:1-2 and Jude 24?

Deuteronomy 7:6

6 For you are a people sacred to the LORD, your God; he has chosen you from all the nations on the face of the earth to be a people peculiarly his own.

Luke 11:2

2 He said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come.

Romans 12:1-2

1 I urge you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship.

2 Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect.

Jude 24

24 To the one who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you unblemished and exultant, in the presence of his glory,

8. What is the focus of Jesus' prayer in vs. 20-26?

20 "I pray not only for them, but also for those who will believe in me through their word,

21 so that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us, that the world may believe that you sent me.

22 And I have given them the glory you gave me, so that they may be one, as we are one,

23 I in them and you in me, that they may be brought to perfection as one, that the world may know that you sent me, and that you loved them even as you loved me.

24 Father, they are your gift to me. I wish that where I am they also may be with me, that they may see my glory that you gave me, because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

25 Righteous Father, the world also does not know you, but I know you, and they know that you sent me.

26 I made known to them your name and I will make it known, that the love with which you loved me may be in them and I in them."

9. A. What do you find comforting in vs. 20-26?

B. What new thought do you find here?

10. A. What is Jesus' ultimate desire in this prayer?

B. What does that reveal about His love for us?