

OUR LORD'S HIGH PRIESTLY PRAYER Part 3

Jesus Prays For His Disciples

John 17:9-12

His prayer is Only for Those Who Believe (17:9-10)

The world (9) = refers to the corrupt world system controlled by Satan – 2Cor. 4:4, Eph. 2:2, 6:12

- Compare with John 8:42-47

Those whom You have given Me (9) = are those whom the Father took out of the world system (17:6) – Col. 1:13-14

- Unlike those of the world system His true disciples believed. Compare 17:7-8 with John 1:9-13

All who believe belong to the Father and the Son (10). = We are adopted children of God. – Rom. 8:14-17

I have been glorified in them (10). = Their faith gave glory to Christ. – Compare John 6:66-69 with John 12:35-37

- “He came to His own and those who were His own did not receive Him.” (John 1:11)
 - The apostles will always be seen as special servants of God. – Rev. 21:14
- Examples of unbelief and total rejection of Christ – Mat. 2:1-8 & 16, 11:20-24, 28:1-4 & 11-15, John 11:46 & 53, and 12:10-11, 19:15

Jesus Prays For Their Spiritual Security (17:11-12)

The disciples will soon be left in the world without Jesus to defend them (11a)

- After Jesus leaves all the hatred directed at Jesus would be hurled at them just as Jesus warned them. – John 15:18-21, 16:33, Luke 21:12-19
- “And indeed, all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.” (2Timothy 3:12)
 - Compare with Mat. 5:10-12 & 1Peter 4:12-16

“Holy Father keep them in Your name.” (11b) = The title “Holy Father” is only used here. Jesus is asking the Father to guard the disciples according to His holy character.

The name which You have given Me. = The holy character of God the Father is seen in Jesus Christ. – Compare John 14:7-11 with Isaiah 53:11

“That they may be one even as We.” = see 17:20-21

I guarded them (12) = see John 6:37-40

- Referring to those given to the Son by the Father – 1Peter 1:3-5, Eph. 1:3-5 & 13-14

The son of perdition (12b) = Judas Iscariot

- Perdition (apoleia) = or destruction, Judas is described as one destined to destruction. Compare with 2Thes. 2:3-4, 2Peter 2:1, and 3:7

“The scripture might be fulfilled.” = “Even my close friend, in whom I trusted, who ate my bread, has lifted his heel against me.” (Psalm 41:9)

- John 13:21-27, John 6:69-71
- The son of perdition compared to the scribes and Pharisees – Mat. 23:15

Closing thought: A blessing and a warning.

He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we did in righteousness, but in accordance with His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit, whom He richly poured out upon us through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by His grace we would be made heirs according to *the* hope of eternal life. (Titus 3:5-7)

Take care, brothers *and sisters*, that there will not be in any one of you an evil, unbelieving heart that falls away from the living God. But encourage one another every day, as long as it is *still* called “today,” so that none of you will be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. For we have become partakers of Christ if we keep the beginning of our commitment firm until the end, while it is said,

“TODAY IF YOU HEAR HIS VOICE,
DO NOT HARDEN YOUR HEARTS, AS WHEN THEY PROVOKED ME.”
(Heb. 3:12-15)