



Sermon Title: "Our Great High Priest Prays" (Part 1)

Scripture: John 17:1-8

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INTRODUCTION

Verses 1-5: Jesus prays for Himself.

Verses 6-19: Jesus prays for His disciples.

Verses 20-26: Jesus prays for all believers of all time.

I. VERSES 1-5: JESUS PRAYS FOR HIMSELF

A. The Posture of Jesus' Prayer

Luke 18:13 -

B. The Particulars of Jesus' Prayer

1) Jesus prays eagerly anticipating the Father's will to be accomplished.

Luke 2:49; John 2:4; John 3:14 -

Genesis 3:15 - "I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel."

Matthew 6:9-10 -

2) Jesus prays eagerly anticipating glory.

Hebrews 12:2; John 16:33; 2 Corinthians 4:16-18 -

Note: Jesus prays regarding His own glory AND the glory of the Father.

Note: God's glory will be displayed in Christ's authority and life-giving power.

John 6:37 - "All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and whoever comes to Me I will never cast out."

Note: Jesus defines the nature of eternal life as a relationship with God.

Jeremiah 9:23-24 - “Thus says the Lord: ‘Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom, let not the mighty man boast in his might, let not the rich man boast in his riches, but let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows Me, that I am the Lord who practices steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth. For in these things I delight, declares the Lord.’”

Romans 8:14-17 -

Note: Jesus is so certain of victory that He speaks in the past tense regarding His life and mission.

Romans 8:30 - “And those whom He predestined He also called, and those whom He called He also justified, and those whom He justified He also glorified.”

Note: Jesus prays that He might again manifest and display the full radiance of His divine glory.

Hebrews 1:3-4 -

II. VERSES 6-19: JESUS PRAYS FOR HIS DISCIPLES

A. The “Big Picture” of Verses 6-8: Truth has been revealed and accepted!

What JESUS Has Done: Jesus manifested the Father’s name by giving truth, the Father’s words.

John 14:7; John 1:18 -

What the DISCIPLES Have Done: The Disciples believed, received, and embraced the truth.

Take Home Questions for Further Study & Reflection & Application...

1. What is unique and special about John chapter 17?
2. What are some of the repeated words, ideas, and themes that you see in Jesus’ prayer?
3. How/Why can Jesus pray and speak so boldly?
4. What is the “hour” that Jesus is referring to at the beginning of His prayer?
5. What does Jesus’ prayer teach us about eternal life? How should it be understood?
6. What does it mean that Jesus “manifested” (verse 6) the Father’s name? How did He do that?
7. How does it affect your life to know that Jesus has prayed and is praying for you?