



## **Prayer Meeting Study for Wed. Nov. 8, 17 - 7:30 p.m.**

Notes from The Believer's Bible. Q. & A. by Pastor Goligher.

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### **Jesus Prays for His Ministry (John 17:1-5)**

We now come to what is known as the High-Priestly prayer of the Lord Jesus. In this prayer, He made intercession for His own. It is a picture of His present ministry in heaven where He prays for His people. Marcus Rainsford puts it well:

“The whole prayer is a beautiful illustration of our blessed Lord's intercession at the right hand of God. Not a word against His people; no reference to their failings, or their shortcomings. ... No. He speaks of them only as they were in the Father's purpose, as in association with Himself, and as the recipients of the fulness He came down from heaven to bestow upon them. ... All the Lord's particular petitions for His people relate to spiritual things; all have reference to heavenly blessings. The Lord does not ask riches for them, or honours, or worldly influence, or great preferments, but He does most earnestly pray that they may be kept from evil, separated from the world, qualified for duty, and brought home safely to heaven. Soul prosperity is the best prosperity; it is the index of true prosperity.”

**Q. How could the Lord Jesus pray for the Father to glorify Him [theSon]? Should we pray like that?**

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**Q. What is the significance of the fact that Jesus did not utter a word of complaint about His people?**

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**Q. What is the Father's purpose?**

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**Q. What is the significance of the fact that Lord did not ask for material prosperity?**

A. \_\_\_\_\_

**17:1 The hour** had **come**. Many times, His enemies had been unable to take Him because His hour had *not* come. But now the time had arrived for the Lord to be put to death. **“Glorify Your Son,”** the Savior prayed. He was looking ahead to His death on the cross. If He were to remain in the grave, the world would know that He was just another man. But if God glorified Him by raising Him from the dead, that would be proof He was God's Son and the world's Savior. God answered this request by raising the Lord Jesus on the third day and then later by taking Him back to heaven and crowning Him with glory and honour.

**Q. How do we know the Lord was looking forward to His death?**

A. \_\_\_\_\_

**“That Your Son also may glorify You,”** the Lord continued. The meaning of this is explained in the next two verses. Jesus glorifies the Father by giving eternal life to those who believe on Him. It brings great glory to God when ungodly men and women are converted and manifest the life of the Lord Jesus on this earth.

**Q. Is it right to say that God is most glorified in the conversion of sinners? If so, how should we pray?**

A. \_\_\_\_\_

**17:2** As a result of His work of redemption at the cross, God has given His Son **authority over all** mankind. This **authority** entitled Him to **give eternal life to** those whom the Father had **given Him**. Here again we are reminded that before the foundation of the world, God marked out certain ones as belonging to Christ. Remember, though, that God offers salvation to anyone who will receive Jesus Christ. There is no one who cannot be saved by trusting the Savior.

**Q. What is this power/authority which the Father has given to the Son?**

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**Q. To whom does the Lord Jesus give the gift of eternal life?**

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**Q. Why were the recipients of eternal life first given to the Son?**

A. \_\_\_\_\_

**Q. Is it true to say that God never deals with His people apart from Christ?**

A. \_\_\_\_\_

**17:3** Here is a simple explanation of how **eternal life** is obtained. It is by knowing **God and Jesus Christ**. The **only true God** is in contrast to idols, which are not genuine gods at all. This verse does not mean that Jesus Christ is not the true God. The fact that His Name is mentioned together with God the Father's as being the joint source of eternal life means that They are equal. Here the Lord called Himself **Jesus Christ**. **Christ** was the same as Messiah. This verse disproves the charge that Jesus never claimed to be the Messiah.

**Q. Why is it required that we know both Father and Son to have eternal life?**

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**Q. Why is it so significant that the Lord Jesus called Himself “Christ.”**

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**Q. What meaning would you give to the word “know” in v3?**

A. (Circle correct answer). 1. To have head knowledge of God's attributes..  
2. To know the history of God's works in creation. 3. To know God by experience, by conviction of heart and head? (See. Phil. 3:10).

**[Study Steps:** 1. Read the scripture text carefully. 2. Read the Believer's Bible notes thoughtfully. 3. Answer the questions prayerfully. 4. Bring to Prayer Meeting this week.]

