

AFTER DARKNESS, LIGHT:
A STUDY OF THE HIGH-PRIESTLY PRAYER OF OUR LORD

Topics: ♦ The Chief End of Jesus Christ (17:1-5) ♦ The Only Heaven There Is (17:3) ♦ What Makes a Good Disciple (17:6-8) ♦ Us and the World (17:9-10) ♦ A Prayer for Our Preservation (17:11-15) ♦ A Prayer for Our Sanctification (17:16-19) ♦ A Prayer for Our Unity (17:20-23) ♦ **A Prayer for Our Eternal Satisfaction (17:24-26)**

A PRAYER FOR OUR ETERNAL SATISFACTION (JOHN 17:24-26)

I. The Pursuit of Happiness

II. Jesus Prays for Us to See His Glory (Jn 17:24-26)

- A. Jesus Desires His Disciples to Be with Him (v 24).
 - 1. The request
 - 2. The reason for this request: “to see my glory”
 - 3. The nature of Jesus’ glory
- B. Those who know the righteous Father (v 25)
 - 1. Those who do *not* know the Father
 - 2. Those who do know the Father: Jesus and the disciples
- C. Jesus has revealed and will continue to reveal the Father’s name (v 26).
 - 1. Jesus has revealed the Father
 - 2. Jesus will continue reveal the Father
 - 3. The reason Jesus reveals the Father
 - a. That the Father’s love for Jesus may be in us
 - b. That Jesus may be in us

III. The End of the Pursuit

- A. 1 Jn 3:1-3 gives us God’s intended response to Jn 17:24-26.
- B. If we are destined to see Jesus’ glory, we ought to purify ourselves now and find our happiness in Jesus.

Questions for further discussion:

- 1. What is your idea of the happy life? What are some things that would make you happy?
- 2. What kind of future awaits the disciples of Jesus?
- 3. Jesus says that the world does not know God (v 25). What does this say about other religions?
- 4. Are you finding your happiness in the Son of God? How do you know?