

# Developing A Life of Prayer

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## “Jesus’ Petitions for Us”

*Jesus’ Example - **Jo 17:6-19** "I have manifested Your name to the men whom You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours, You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word. "Now they have known that all things which You have given Me are from You. "For I have given to them the words which You have given Me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came forth from You; and they have believed that You sent Me. "I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours. "And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them. "Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, **keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We are.** "While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name. Those whom You gave Me I have kept; and none of them is lost except the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. "But now I come to You, and these things I speak in the world, **that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves.** "I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. "I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but **that You should keep them from the evil one.** "They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. "**Sanctify them by Your truth.** Your word is truth. "As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world. "And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified by the truth. "I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; **"that they all may be one,** as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. "And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: "I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me. "**Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am,** that they may behold My glory which You have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world. "O righteous Father! The world has not known You, but I have known You; and these have known that You sent Me. "And I have declared to them Your name, and will declare it, that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them."*

### I. Learning about Prayer from Jesus

#### A. Questions that need to be answered as a reminder of what is going on

1. Who is Praying?
2. Does Christ Pray According to the will of God?
3. Does God hear the Son’s request?
4. Will He answer them differently than requested?
5. For Whom is He Praying? - vs 9-10

## *B. The Prayer for Preservation - vs 11*

### *1. The Request – vs 11*

- a. The reason for the request - "Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You.*
- b. The Request - Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me,*
- c. The Purpose for the request - that they may be one as We are.*
- d. Lessons*
  - i. God's design is that we do not live independently from Him*
  - ii. God knows who belongs to Him - 2Ti 2:19 Nevertheless the solid foundation of God stands, having this seal: "The Lord knows those who are His," and "Let everyone who names the name of Christ depart from iniquity."*
  - iii. It is God who keeps those that belong to Him*
    - 2Ti 1:12 For this reason I also suffer these things; nevertheless, I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day.*
    - Jude 1:24 Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to present you faultless Before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy,*
  - iv. Those that are kept are one, based on the person of God, not similarities of belief in non-essential teachings*
- e. Applications for Prayer*
  - i. Admitting our need for God is a declaration of worship*
  - ii. I can ask because I belong to Him*
  - iii. Since answered prayer is dependent on being in a right relationship with others, non-essentials should never be the reason why we are not in loving relationships with others*

### *2. Statement of previous protection – vs 12*

- a. "While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name.*
  - i. Note the lesson from point d.i.*
  - ii. Note the lesson from point d.iii.*
  - iii. Note the location of preservation*
    - in Your Name*
    - what does it mean to pray in the name of Jesus?*
- b. Those whom You gave Me I have kept; and none of them is lost*
  - i. Note the lesson from point 1.d.ii.*
  - ii. Note the lesson from point 1.d.iii.*
- c. and none of them is lost except the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled.*
  - i. In the Scripture, there is no concept of losing one's salvation*
  - ii. Note the title of the one lost – son of perdition*
    - Only used twice, here and 2Th 2:3 referring to the antichrist*

- **apoleia** - ruin or loss (physical, spiritual, or eternal), waste damnable(-nation), destruction, die, perdition, pernicious ways.
  - He did not lose salvation, he was a lost one – 1 Jo 2:19
3. Reason for Audible Prayer -vs 13
- a. "But now I come to You, and these things I speak in the world, - speaking audibly
  - b. that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves.
    - i. What would cause joy for Jesus?
    - ii. That which has already been spoken
      - Jesus was going home; He had fulfilled His Father's will here and it was time
      - God was providing the Spirit for them to live in the World
      - God was going to keep them as Jesus had
    - iii. If the disciples listened, there was much reason for Joy
      - Often, they, like us, didn't grasp what was being said before them
      - The more we understand what God has said about whatever subject, the more joy we experience as we see how things fit together in God's plan and work properly
4. Reasons for protection – vs 14-16
- a. The Reason why the world hates us - "I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.
    - i. Jesus had given believers God's word
      - Ro 10:17 So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.
      - Jas 1:18 Of His own will He brought us forth by the word of truth, that we might be a kind of first fruits of His creatures.
    - ii. Believers are not of this world
      - The world is the organized system under Satan's domain – Eph 2:2 in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience,
      - It works directly against the flesh – Eph 4:22 that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts,
  - b. The Request for protection not separation
    - i. "I do not pray that You should take them out of the world,
    - ii. but that You should keep them from the evil one.
      - Jas 4:7 Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.
      - 1Pe 5:8-9 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.

c. *In Christ, we are positionally like Him, - "They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.*

d. *Lessons*

i. *Reception of the word is very important b/c of who we are,*

- *it is life to us – Eph 5:19; Col 3:16*

- *it transforms our minds – Ro 12:2*

ii. *we should not be looking to the world for satisfaction, peace, or answers seeing as we are not from the world*

iii. *Satan has no power to do anything to us unless God permits*

- *He may permit for chastisement – 1 Co 5:4-5*

- *He may permit for sanctification - Job*

- *He may permit to bring Him glory – Rev 6:9-11; 7:14*

e. *Applications for Prayer*

i. *Praying according to the will of God requires a knowledge of His will as revealed in His word*

ii. *Satan can and does attack when we try to pray, but can be resisted as we look to God for strength and power to do so*

C. *The Prayer for Sanctification – vs 17-23*

1. *The 1<sup>st</sup> request - "**Sanctify them by Your truth***

a. *Means of sanctification - Your word is truth*

b. *Reason for sanctification*

i. *"As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world*

ii. *"And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified by the truth – Jo 14:6*

2. *The 2<sup>nd</sup> request - "**that they all may be one***

a. *For whom*

i. *"I do not pray for these alone*

ii. *but also for those who will believe in Me through their word*

b. *What kind of unity*

i. *Inter-generational – these and those who will believe*

ii. *The same kind exhibited in the Godhead - that they may be one just as We are one:*

- *as You, Father, are in Me*

- *and I in You*

- *that they also may be one in Us*

- *"I in them,*

- *and You in Me*

c. *The reason for the 2<sup>nd</sup> request –*

i. *that the world may believe that You sent Me*

ii. *that they may be made perfect in one,*

iii. *and that the world may know that You have sent Me,*

iv. *and have loved them as You have loved Me.*

d. *The means of the 2<sup>nd</sup> request - "And the glory which You gave Me I have given them*

e. *Lessons*

- i. *If you are going to grow spiritually, you must be in God's word*
- ii. *Going into the world, a place that hates you, is also important to spiritual growth*
- iii. *The church is one, unified, all believers from Acts 2 – “The Rapture” of the church – 1 Th 4:13-17, based on our relationship with God, not our similarities in non-essential doctrines*
- iv. *Living according to that unity is a declaration to the world that God sent Jesus and that God loves us*
- v. *We have been given that which God gave Jesus to live here for His glory so that we can too*
- f. *Applications to prayer*
  - i. *Since God has given us His word and Spirit, we pray according to the word and in the Spirit*
  - ii. *Any difficulty with another believer, is an opportunity to pray and look to God for good resolution so that we may demonstrate His Love and that His Son has come*

#### *D. The Prayer for Glorification – vs 24*

1. *The Request - **"Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am"***
2. *The Answer*
  - a. *Where is Christ*
    - i. *Ascended to heaven - Mk 16:19; Lk 24:51; Jo 20:17; Acts 1:2,9; Eph 4:8*
    - ii. *Sitting at the right hand of the Father – Ro 8:34; Eph 1:20; Heb 1:13; 8:1; 10:12; 12:2; 1 Pe 3:22*
  - b. *Where do believers go when they die – 2 Co 5:8*
3. *The Reason*
  - a. *that they may behold My glory which You have given Me*
    - i. *We already have witnesses of His Glory – Mt 17:1-6; Mk 9:1-8; Lk 9:28-36; 2 Co 12:1-10*
    - ii. *We already have a record of what will be the beholding of His Glory – Rev 5; 7*
    - iii. *How do we get there? Death - 2 Co 5:8 or Rapture – Jo 14:3; 1 Th 4:17*
  - b. *for You loved Me before the foundation of the world*
    - i. *Christ's pre-existence in eternity past is stated again – Jo 8:58; 17:5; Rev 1:8*
    - ii. *God's plan determined before the foundations of the world - Mt 25:34; Heb 4:3; 1Pe 1:20*
    - iii. *We were chosen and our names were written in the book - Eph 1:4; Php 4:3; Re 13:8; 17:8; Php 4:3*
4. *Applications for Prayer*
  - a. *There is nothing wrong with stating desires - notice the wording “I desire” - Mt 26:42; Lu 22:42*
  - b. *We can have confidence in prayer b/c we not only belong to Him, but He is in us and we are in Him – vs 21*