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(Basic Bible in English)

Jesus is with His 11 disciples. Judas has taken off to do his thing. He's giving the last words to His disciples, and we know everyone pays attention to a dying man's last words. They are very important.

24 Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.

Listen, I'm reaching a point now where I'll be with my Father. You can ask anything of me and I will fulfill it because I want you to be happy. Remember, don't ask for worldly things like wealth and fame. He is a good father and He'll give you what you need, not necessarily what you want. This joy He's talking about is joy in Him, not happiness of the world. Joy is something you keep with you regardless of circumstances. Happiness comes and goes depending on what's happening around you.

25 These things have I spoken unto you in proverbs: but the time cometh, when I shall no more speak unto you in proverbs, but I shall shew you plainly of the Father. A proverb is an earthly story with a heavenly or spiritual meaning. Jesus isn't going to tell them anymore of these stories; He's going to show them the Father.

26 At that day ye shall ask in my name: and I say not unto you, that I will pray the Father for you:

You can ask in My name but I won't particularly go to the Father for you because you love Me and I love you and therefore He loves you. At that time you couldn't talk directly to God. You had to go through a priest or someone like that. Jesus will intercede for us if we need it when we sin. He's like our lawyer to God.

27 For the Father himself loveth you, because ye have loved me, and have believed that I came out from God.

28 ¶ I came forth from the Father, and am come into the world: again, I leave the world, and go to the Father. I came from the Father in the heavens, did my task, and now I'm going back to heaven.

29 His disciples said unto him, Lo, now speakest thou plainly, and speakest no proverb. Now the disciples realize Jesus is speaking plainly now.

30 Now are we sure that thou knowest all things, and needest not that any man should ask thee: by this we believe that thou camest forth from God.

31 Jesus answered them, Do ye now believe? Do you all finally realize what I'm saying now after all this time, after 3 years?

32 Behold, the hour cometh, yea, is now come, that ye shall be scattered, every man to his own, and shall leave me alone: and yet I am not alone, because the Father is with me. Every man is going to leave me and go to his own house soon. You all can all desert me, and they all did but one, but Jesus says the Father is with Him so He's really not alone.


33 These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world. Jesus says He wants us to have peace, but realize the world is not fair but get over it. Life is not fair. Jesus says is right here. But we're not to worry because He overcame the world and we can overcome the world by being in Him.

The whole 17th chapter of John is a prayer.

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1 ¶ These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee: There is an interconnection between the Father and the Son.

2 As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him. Here's some proof that Jesus gives life eternal in Him.



3 And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent. "know" doesn't just mean "have knowledge of". It means to know about it, to accept and internalize it and to live it.

4 I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do.

5 And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.

6 ¶ I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word. Jesus continues to tell mankind that He's come to reveal the Father to us in all of His glory and power. God does not hold you accountable for anything you don't understand. All of us are different and God has given each of us different talents, abilities and understanding of the scriptures. God expects us to use our talents and show Him how we've grown and used them in our lifetimes. The disciples don't have the Holy Spirit yet, so they are held accountable up to what they've been given by Jesus.

7 Now they have known that all things whatsoever thou hast given me are of thee.

8 For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me. The disciples have believed everything Jesus has said about God.

9 I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine. This is an interesting verse. Jesus prays for the 11 disciples, not the rest of mankind. These 11 men are special to Jesus. It doesn't mean He doesn't care about the rest of us. It just means that this particular prayer is just for the 11 disciples at that time.

10 And all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them. As Jesus is talking to the Father, He brings this unique grouping together. The 11 disciples, the Father, and the Son are all intertwined in this prayer. Each one can go directly to the other in prayer.

11 ¶ And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are.

12 While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled. Judas is called the son of perdition or destruction. The only 2 people called this in the bible are Judas and the Antichrist. But Judas had to fulfill the scripture requirements as Jesus says right here.

13 And now come I to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves. The disciples are hearing Jesus saying all this prayer as they all walk to the Mount of Olives for Jesus to be arrested and crucified.

14 I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. Many of us feel we're not part of this world, maybe not from this world. Spiritually speaking, this is a good thing.

15 I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil. Jesus is not asking the Father to take the disciples out of the world but rather to protect them from the evil in this world.

16 They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. One Christian on this planet stops the devil from taking over the world. As long as one Christian remains on the face of the earth, satan can't fulfill anything.

17 ¶ Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth. We Christians are different from the other people of the world. We have been set aside as special.

18 As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world. Jesus has to send His disciples out into the evil world.