

The High Priestly Prayer, Part 2
John 17:6-19

Main Point:

Though the world is spiritually dangerous, rest in the intercession of your Savior and the protection of your Father as you participate in His work of sanctification.

1. As an elect believer, you are not of the world.
2. You will face many threats as you live in the world.
3. Rest assured, Jesus is always praying for the Father to keep you.
4. The Father keeps you by sanctifying you with the truth of His Word.

Sinclair Ferguson “This whole chapter is like a stethoscope through which we can hear the Savior’s heartbeat.”

Richard Phillips “Here is a threat to the church far greater than mere outward persecution: the spirit-destroying assimilation into the world’s evil ways, as it is dominated by Satan.”

2 Corinthians 6:17 17 Therefore “Come out from among them And be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, And I will receive you.” (NKJV)

John Gill “His request is, that his Father would keep them from the evil of the world; from sinking under temptations and afflictions; faithful to him and to his Gospel, and in unity among themselves.”

Sinclair Ferguson “The disciples will arrive at their destination only if they are guarded throughout the whole course of their journey.”

John Flavel “In this prayer he gives them a specimen, or sample, of that his glorious intercession work, which he was just then going to perform in heaven for them.”

1 Peter 1:5 5 ... [You] are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. (NKJV)

J.C. Ryle “The special intercession of the Lord Jesus is one grand secret of the believer’s safety. He is daily watched, and thought for, and provided for with unfailing care, by one whose eye never slumbers and never sleeps.”

Isaiah 55:10-11 10 “For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, And do not return there, But water the earth, And make it bring forth and bud, That it may give seed to the sower And bread to the eater, 11 So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper *in the thing* for which I sent it. (NKJV)

Richard Phillips “Whenever biblical authority is compromised, the dam is broken and the flood of secularism and worldliness breaks in.”