

Christian LifeHacks 3: Jesus

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Review

- Christian LifeHacks 1 and 2

Prayer

Introduction

- Importance of Jn 17

8T 239

The instruction given me by One of authority is that we are to learn to answer the prayer recorded in the seventeenth chapter of John. We are to make this prayer our first study. Every gospel minister, every medical missionary, is to learn the science of this prayer. My brethren and sisters, I ask you to heed these words and to bring to your study a calm, humble, contrite spirit, and the healthy energies of a mind under the control of God. Those who fail to learn the lessons contained in this prayer are in danger of making one-sided developments, which no future training will ever fully correct.

Introduction

- Importance of Jn 17
- Outline

Vs 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

Vs 2

- As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him.

Vs 3

- And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent

Vs 4

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

Vs 5

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

Summary

- Vss 1-5: Jesus' Ministry

Vs 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

Vs 7-8

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

Parallel construction

“kept thy word”

“known that all things given me are
of thee”

“given them the words...and they have received
them”

“and have known that I came from
thee”

Vs 9-10

- I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine. And all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them

Summary

- Vss 1-5: Jesus' Ministry
- Vss 6-10: Disciples' Ministry

Vs 11-13a

- 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. 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. And now come I to thee

Summary

- Vss 1-5: Jesus' Ministry
- Vss 6-10: Disciples' Ministry
- Vss 11-13a: Jesus' Ascension

Vss 13b

- ...and these things I speak in the world, that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves.

Vss 14/16

- 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.
- 16 They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world

Vs 15

- I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil.

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- Vss 1-5: Jesus' Ministry
- Vss 6-10: Disciples' Ministry
- Vss 11-13a: Jesus' Ascension
- Vss 13b-16: Disciples stay behind/Persecuted

Vs 17

- 17 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth

Vs 18

- As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world

Vs 19

- And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth

Vs 20

- Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word

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- Vss 11-13a: Jesus' Ascension
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- Vss 17-20: Sanctification/Transition

Vs 21

- That they all may be one; as thou, Father, [art] in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.

Vs 22

- And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one:

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- Vss 21-22: Unity/Mechanism of Unity

Vs 23

- I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.

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- Vs 23: Perfection

Vs 24

- Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world.

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- Vs 24: Translation

Vs 25-26

- O righteous Father, the world hath not known thee: but I have known thee, and these have known that thou hast sent me. And I have declared unto them thy name, and will declare it: that the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them.

6T 401

- As trials thicken around us, both separation and unity will be seen in our ranks. Some...will in times of real peril make it manifest that they have not built upon the solid rock...But, on the other hand, when the storm of persecution really breaks upon us, the true sheep will hear the true Shepherd's voice. Self-denying efforts will be put forth to save the lost, and many who have strayed from the fold will come back...

6T 401

- The people of God will draw together and present to the enemy a united front...strife for supremacy will cease; there will be no disputing as to who shall be accounted greatest...Thus will be answered the prayer of Christ, uttered just before His humiliation and death: "That they all may be one; as Thou, Father, art in Me, and I in Thee, that they also may be one in Us: that the world may believe that Thou hast sent Me."

6T 401

- The love of Christ, the love of our brethren, will testify to the world that we have been with Jesus and learned of Him. Then will the message of the third angel swell to a loud cry, and the whole earth will be lightened with the glory of the Lord.

- The Lord calls for men of genuine faith and sound minds, who recognize the distinction between the true and the false. Each one should be on his guard, studying and practicing the lessons given in the seventeenth chapter of John... We need that self-control which will enable us to bring our habits into harmony with the prayer of Christ.
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