

John 17:13-26: Jesus Prays Part II.

Romans 8:27 - *Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.*

- I. (13-16) **Protection** from the evil one; deceiver, tempter, accuser, thief, murderer, destroyer...

1 Peter 5:8 - *Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.*

Luke 22:31-32 - *And the Lord said, "Simon, Simon! Indeed, Satan has asked for you, that he may sift you as wheat. "But I have prayed for you, that your faith should not fail; and when you have returned to Me, strengthen your brethren."*

Matthew 6:13 - *And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.*

- II. (17-19) **Sanctification.**

1 Thessalonians 4:3-4 - *For this is the will of God, your **sanctification**: that you should abstain from sexual immorality; that each of you should know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honour.*

Sanctify means to be set apart for God's special pleasure and use. It implies holiness, being set apart *from* the corruption of the world and *for* God's use. This process, as the keeping process, is not left to us alone; it is a work of God in us and through us.

In the OT, the word is **consecrate**; all offerings, priests, Tabernacle, Temple, utensils and people

Leviticus 20:7 - *'Consecrate yourselves therefore, and be holy, for I am the LORD your God.*

Our goal is to be in the world, but not of it; even as a ship is to be in the ocean, but not allowing the ocean to be in the ship, as oil in water...

The power and tool for sanctification is **truth**. The word of God read, heard, understood and applied.

Psalms 119:9 - *How can a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed according to Your word.*

III. (20-26) **Glory in Heaven**

John 14:3 - *“And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.*

Psalms 27:4 - *One thing I have desired of the LORD, that will I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in His temple.*

Revelation 19:9 - *Then he said to me, “Write: ‘Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!’” And he said to me, “These are the true sayings of God.”*

This prayer was answered with a “YES”.

Jesus' strong desire and prayer for His followers was that they be **protected, sanctified, unified and heaven bound**. Do we share the same desires? Or are our desires taken more from this world than from Jesus' heart?

- i. "The proper way for man to pray," "The only proper attitude is down upon his knees."
- ii. "No, I should say the way to pray, is standing straight with outstretched arms looking upward."
- iii. "Oh, no, no, no," "such posture is too proud." A man should pray with eyes fast-closed and head bowed." "It seems to me his hands should be clasped in front. With both thumbs pointing to the ground,"
- iv. Last year I fell in a well head-down; and I prayed right then and there; best prayer I ever said, standing on my head."

Dear God, please put another holiday between Easter and Christmas. Dear God, please change the taste of this medicine.

Dear God, would you please give me a little brother, I want someone to boss around.

Dear God, instead of letting people die and you make new one, please just keep the ones that you have now.

Dear God, if you look around church on Sunday, I'll show you my new shoes.'

Dear God, I would like to live up to 900 years old, like the people in Genesis.