

# Lessons from John

Lesson 17: *The Priestly Prayer* John 17 (8 Apr 27AD)

## The High Priestly Prayer

John 17:1 After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and **prayed**: “Father, the **hour** has come. **Glorify** your Son, that your Son may **glorify** you. 2 For you granted him authority over **all people** that he might **give eternal life** to all those you have given him. 3 **Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.** 4 I have brought you **glory on earth** by finishing the work you gave me to do. 5 And now, Father, **glorify me in your presence** with the glory I had with you **before the world began.**

6 “I have **revealed you** to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were **yours**; you gave them to me and they have **obeyed your word.** 7 Now they know that **everything** you have given me **comes from you.** 8 For I gave them the **words you gave me** and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me. 9 I pray for **them.** I am not praying for the **world**, but for those you have **given me**, for they are yours. 10 All I have is yours, and **all you have is mine.** And **glory has come to me through them.**

**Proverbs 3:6** in all your ways **submit to him**, and he will make your paths straight.

**Revelation 21:3** And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will  **dwell** with them. They will be his people, and God himself will **be with them and be their God.**

11 I will **remain in the world no longer**, but they are **still** in the world, and **I am coming to you.** **Holy Father**, protect them by the power of your **name**, the name you gave me, so that they may be **one** as we are one. 12 While I was with them, I protected them and **kept** them safe by that name you gave me. None has been lost **except** the one doomed to destruction so that **Scripture** would be fulfilled.

**Psalms 41:9** Even my close friend, someone I trusted, one who shared my bread, has turned against me.

13 “I am coming to **you** now, but I say these things while I am **still** in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my **joy** within them. 14 I have given them your word and the world has **hated** them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. 15 My prayer is **not** that you take them out of the world but that you **protect them from the evil one.** 16 They are **not of the world**, even as I am not of it. 17 **Sanctify** them by the **truth**; your **word** is truth. 18 **As you sent me** into the world, I have **sent them into the world.** 19 For **them I sanctify myself**, that they too may be truly **sanctified.**

**Deuteronomy 15:19** **Set apart** for the LORD your God every firstborn male of your herds and flocks. Do not put the firstborn of your cows to work, and do not shear the firstborn of your sheep. 20 Each year you and your family are to eat them in the presence of the LORD your God at the place he will choose. 21 If an animal has a defect, is lame or blind, or has any serious flaw, you must **not sacrifice it to the LORD your God.**

20 “My prayer is **not** for them alone. I pray also for those who **will believe** in me through their **message**, 21 that all of them may be **one**, Father, just as you are in **me and I am in you.** May they also be in us so that the world may **believe** that you have sent me. 22 I have given them the **glory** that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one— 23 I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete **unity.** Then the world will know that you sent me and have **loved** them even as you have **loved** me.

24 “Father, I **want** those you have given me to be **with me** where I am, and to **see my glory**, the glory you have given me because you **loved** me **before the creation of the world.**

**1 John 3:2** Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall **be like him**, for we shall see him as he is.

25 “**Righteous Father**, though the world **does not know** you, I know you, and they know that **you have sent me.** 26 I have made you known to them, and will **continue** to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that **I myself may be in them.**”

**John 13:34** “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.

**John 18:1** When he had finished praying, Jesus left with his disciples and crossed the Kidron Valley. On the other side there was a garden, and he and his disciples went into it.

**Matthew 26:36** Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to them, “Sit here while I go over there and pray.” 37 He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee along with him, and he began to be sorrowful and troubled. 38 Then he said to them, “My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me.”

39 Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, “My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will.”

40 Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. “Couldn’t you men keep watch with me for one hour?” he asked Peter. 41 “Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

42 He went away a second time and prayed, “My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to be taken away unless I drink it, may your will be done.”

43 When he came back, he again found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy. 44 So he left them and went away once more and prayed the third time, saying the same thing.

45 Then he returned to the disciples and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and resting? Look, the hour has come, and the Son of Man is delivered into the hands of sinners. 46 Rise! Let us go! Here comes my betrayer!”