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The Real Lord's Prayer – Part 2

Introduction to Series

Series: Near to the Heart of God

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I. **The Real Lord's Prayer**

A. Our Lord's prayer

II. **The Gospel from God's Perspective**

A. **John 17:1-5** (ESV) —

1. 1 When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you,
2. 2 since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him.
3. 3 And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.
4. 4 I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do.
5. 5 And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.

B. Glimpse of the gospel from God's perspective

1. Primacy of glory
 - a. Jesus had glory with Father before incarnation
 - b. Jesus set glory aside in incarnation
 - c. Jesus has glorified Father in earthly ministry
 - d. Jesus asks Father to glorify Him in the cross
2. Father gives Jesus people out of world
3. Father gives Jesus authority to save them
4. Jesus gives eternal life to those given
5. Eternal life is to know Father and Son

III. **The Object of the Prayer**

A. John 17.1-5 – Jesus prays for Himself

B. John 17.6-26 – Jesus prays for those whom God has given Him

1. Both those who are given immediately (John 17.6-19)
2. And those who will believe through their message (John 17.20-26)

C. Key question

1. **Who are these people?**
2. What does Jesus want for them?

IV. The Divine Economy of Giving

A. John 17:6–19 (ESV) —

1. 6 “I have manifested your name to the people whom you **gave** me out of the world. Yours they were, and you **gave** them to me, and they have kept your word. 7 Now they know that everything that you have **given** me is from you. 8 For I have **given** them the words that you **gave** me, and they have **received** them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. 9 I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have **given** me, for they are yours. 10 All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. 11 And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have **given** me, that they may be one, even as we are one. 12 While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have **given** me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. 13 But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. 14 I have **given** them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. 15 I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. 16 They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. 17 Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. 18 As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. 19 And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.

B. People

1. **John 17:6** (ESV) — 6 “I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word.
2. God gave certain ones to Jesus
3. Jesus didn't automatically save them
 - a. “Manifested your name”
 - b. Jesus revealed God to them
 - c. **Manifested = phaneroo (Gk); phaneros = shining**
 - d. Jesus has revealed something of God's glory
 - e. **John 1:14** (ESV) — 14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.
4. Where did He get these people?
 - a. “Out of the world”
 - b. Two kinds of people – saved and lost; those who belong to God, given to Christ, and those who are still in the world.
5. How did these people respond?
 - a. “Kept your word”
 - b. In response to that manifestation, they have kept the word of God

- C. **Source**
1. **John 17:7** (ESV) — 7 Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you.
 2. Not only have they kept God's word; they recognized the source of all Jesus taught
 - a. All from the Father
- D. **Words**
1. **John 17:8** (ESV) — 8 For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me.
 2. How did they come to know source?
 - a. God gave words to Jesus
 - b. Jesus gave same words to them
 3. What did they do?
 - a. They received them
 - b. They understood not only that what Jesus had was from God, but that Jesus Himself was from God.
- E. **Prayers**
1. **John 17:9** (ESV) — 9 I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours.
 2. Any question about whether Jesus applies this to the world in general or to only some - v 9
 3. Again – two kinds of humanity
 4. Jesus doesn't pray for world
 5. Jesus does pray for whom He saves
 - a. Very important to know
 - b. James 5 – effectual and fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much
 - c. If anybody prays effectually – it is Jesus!
 - d. And He prays specifically for those given to Him by the Father
 - e. He prays for the saved!
 - f. Is He praying for you?
- F. **Glory**
1. **John 17:10** (ESV) — 10 All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them.
 2. Jesus – glorified in them!
 3. Glory – manifestation of Divine Being
 - a. Father has taken these people out of the world
 - b. Father has given them to Christ
 - c. Christ has manifested God to them
 - d. Christ has given God's Word to them
 - e. They received the Word
 - f. They understood its source
 - g. They believed God sent Jesus
 - h. In these, they have glorified Christ, manifested the Divine Being

- i. Stunning!
- 4. Difference between OT and NT glory – **behold v. participate**
 - a. These saved people participate in the glory of God
 - b. Sense in which to see them is to catch a glimpse of God

V. **The Prayer**

A. **John 17:11** (ESV) — 11 And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, **keep them in your name**, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one.

B. **The First Problem**

- 1. Curious – God gave these people out of the world to Jesus
 - a. Jesus says they are in the world!
- 2. Jesus is no more in the world
 - a. **John 1:10** (ESV) — 10 He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him.
 - b. **John 1:14** (ESV) — 14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.
- 3. Now no more – He has left
- 4. Now these, having been taken from the world, nevertheless are still in the world
 - a. “In the world, but not of the world”
 - b. No artificial segregation or sanctification
 - c. Ex – Amish; Monastic movement
 - d. Jesus is leaving, but He is leaving the saved in the world

C. **The Supplication**

- 1. First supplication – keep them in your name
 - a. God takes you out of the world
 - b. Makes you stay there
 - c. Dangerous – world wants you back
 - d. You need protection
- 2. Classic reformed doctrine – perseverance of the Saints
 - a. **Matthew 10:22** (ESV) — 22 ... and you will be hated by all for my name’s sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved.
 - b. Better name – preservation of the saints
 - c. Not that we persevere, but that God protects us, keeps us
 - (1) Actually, our perseverance is evidence of God’s protection
 - (2) He works in us to will and to do (Philippians 2.12-13)
- 3. Not protected from physical harm, but kept spiritually - “in your name”
- 4. Name given to Jesus – Philippians 2 – “Lord”
 - a. That they may be kept under the Lordship of Christ
- 5. Why? – “That they may be one, even as we are one”

D. **The Effect**

- 1. **John 17:12** (ESV) — 12 While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has

been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled.

2. How effective will this preservation be? – Jesus explains
 - a. Jesus kept them while with them
 - b. No one lost, except Judas
 - c. Judas was not a believer – son of destruction
 3. Jesus was able to save everyone God gave Him while He was with them
 4. What kind of effectiveness did Jesus expect?
 - a. John 16 – Jesus tells them it is to their advantage that He leave and send the Spirit!
 - b. Does that bother you? – Be patient
 5. **John 17:13** (ESV) — 13 But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves.
 6. Preservation of saints should not bother you.
 - a. Jesus said these to give you His complete joy!
 - b. Even in midst of a dirty, wicked world – God is keeping you under the Lordship of Christ
- E. **The Second Problem**
1. **John 17:14** (ESV) — 14 I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.
 2. Jesus indicates nature of problem
 - a. Conflict with world
 - b. Already taught that – John 15
 3. What’s the posture of hatred with world
 - a. Not of the world
 - b. “In the world, not of the world”
 - c. Just like Jesus – John 1:10, 14
- F. **The Second Supplication**
1. **John 17:15** (ESV) — 15 I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one.
 2. Second request – Jesus does not ask God to remove them
 - a. Asks for protection, perseverance
 - b. From the evil one
 3. **Luke 22:31–32** (ESV) — 31 “Simon, Simon, behold, Satan demanded to have you, that he might sift you like wheat, 32 but I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned again, strengthen your brothers.”
 - a. Just before Peter’s vow, denial
 - b. Satan has to ask permission
 4. **John 17:16** (ESV) — 16 They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.
 - a. Repeats – “In the world, not of it”
- G. **The Third Supplication**
1. Third request – sanctify them
 - a. Set apart, separate

- b. Again, not physical separation from world – they stay in world
- 2. Sanctify them how?
 - a. Sanctify them by truth; word is truth
 - b. Means of sanctification - Word
- 3. Summarize
 - a. God gives people to Jesus
 - b. Jesus manifests God's glory to them
 - c. Jesus gives them God's word
 - d. They receive it, understand source, that Jesus is from God
 - e. Jesus has kept them; He's leaving
 - f. Jesus asks Father to keep them in the name, keep them from the evil one
 - g. The way that happens is called sanctification
 - h. The way sanctification happens is by the Word

H. **The Purpose**

- 1. **John 17:18** (ESV) — 18 As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world.
- 2. Jesus has gone into the world first
- 3. Jesus is leaving the world
- 4. Jesus is leaving them in the world
 - a. Not without purpose
 - b. Not so much left them
 - c. But He sent them!
- 5. **John 17:19** (ESV) — 19 And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.
- 6. Again, Jesus did it first – sanctified Himself
- 7. That they may be sanctified in truth

VI. Summary

A. **John 17.1-5**

- 1. Triune God planned for salvation before the world
- 2. God gave certain ones to Jesus
- 3. Jesus to give these eternal life
- 4. God sent Him to earth with work to do
- 5. Jesus lived perfect life – achieving meritorious work on our behalf
- 6. Died on cross to pay for sin
- 7. Applies those to us in effecting our salvation

B. **John 17.6-19**

- 1. God gives people to Jesus
- 2. Jesus manifests God's glory to them
- 3. Jesus gives them God's word
- 4. They receive it, understand the source, that Jesus is from God
- 5. Jesus has kept them, is leaving
- 6. Jesus asks Father to keep them in His name, keep them from the evil one
- 7. The way that happens is called sanctification

8. The way sanctification happens is by the Word
 9. Provided example of Himself
- C. Great words of assurance
1. Should give you great joy
 2. HS doesn't let me go too far before bringing me back under the Lordship of Christ
 3. ... before He rekindles desire in my life for things of God
 4. I am utterly grateful, not only that He saved me, but that He keeps me safe by His sanctifying work through the Word