

AFTER DARKNESS, LIGHT:
A STUDY OF THE HIGH-PRIESTLY PRAYER OF OUR LORD

Topics: ♦ The Chief End of Jesus Christ (17:1-5) ♦ The Only Heaven There Is (17:3) ♦ What Makes a Good Disciple (17:6-8) ♦ **Us and the World (17:9-10)** ♦ A Prayer for Our Preservation (17:11-16) ♦ A Prayer for Our Sanctification (17:17-19) ♦ A Prayer for Our Unity (17:20-23) ♦ A Prayer for Our Eternal Satisfaction (17:24-26)

US AND THE WORLD (JOHN 17:9-10)

I. Important Truths Thus Far...

- A. 17:1-5:
 - 1. Jesus' destiny is glorification with God the Father.
 - 2. To know both God the Father and Jesus Christ the Son is what eternal life is all about.
- B. 17:6-8:
 - 1. The work that Jesus had accomplished was the work of revealing God to his disciples.
 - 2. The disciples did their part to receive the words of Jesus.
 - 3. The disciples were themselves those whom God had given to him in the first place.

II. Jesus Prays for Those Whom God had Given Him (Jn 17:9-10)

- A. Jesus prays only for the God-given ones (17:9)
 - 1. Two important assertions:
 - a. Jesus prays for those whom God had given him.
 - b. Jesus does not pray for the world.
 - 2. Two inferences from v 9:
 - a. There is a sense in which God shows preference for his own.
 - b. There is a sense in which we must not pray for the world.
- B. The sharing of possessions between the Father and the Son (17:10)
 - 1. "All mine are yours" (17:6, 9)
 - 2. "Yours are mine" (17:6)
 - 3. "I am glorified in them."

III. Resting in our Lord's Prayer

- A. Jesus intends for us to find assurance and comfort in his prayer.
- B. What will our Lord's prayer achieve for us?
 - 1. Our preservation (17:11)
 - 2. Our sanctification (17:17-19)
 - 3. Our unity (17:20-23)

4. Our eternal satisfaction and worship (17:24)

Questions for further discussion:

1. Why does Jesus not pray for the world? In what sense does he not pray for the world? (v 9)
2. In what sense are we not to pray for the world? (v 9)
3. What comfort and assurance does Jesus' prayer give to us? What will Jesus' prayer produce for us?
4. Do you belong to Jesus or to the world? How do you know?