



Sermons of the Savior

John 17

Lesson 22

In this final chapter before the betrayal of Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus allows us to "peek in" as He pours His heart out to His Father. Here we see His love and care for all those the Father has given to Him. May this study give you a new appreciation for all you are to Him.

OBSERVATION: Read John 17

1. Read through this week's verses using both your Observation Worksheet (the last page of this homework) and another Bible translation or paraphrase. After reading through these verses, what would you say to someone if they asked you what they are about?
2. Key words help us to better understand the verses. We have listed below key words. Mark each one in a distinctive way (either with a symbol, highlighting, or some form of boxing, circling, or underlining). Mark each of the key words each time they are used in the text. John 17 contains many key words. It will take a considerable amount of time to mark them. But, it will be worth the effort! Remember to mark any personal pronouns that refer to *Jesus*, the *Father*, and the *disciples/believers*.

Key Words: *Father, Jesus, them* (as it refers to disciples and those who will believe after them), *given/gave, know/known, glorify/glorified, world, believe/d, keep/kept, one* (as it refers to oneness), *word/Scripture, love/d, and name*.
3. The contrasting word *but* is used six times in John 17. Mark each time the word is used. Choose one of those times and record what is being contrasted.
4. What can you determine, from marking the key words, are important topics to Jesus?

CONSIDER THESE THINGS:

1. In what ways do you reflect your parents?
2. What do you dislike about living in this world?
3. How would you describe a unified family?

JESUS PRAYS FOR HIMSELF: Read John 17:1-5

1. Jesus began His prayer to the Father stating "*Father, the hour has come*". What does John 13:1 teach us about this *hour*?
2. Jesus had one request in this prayer for Himself. What was it?
 - a. Define the word *glory*.
 - b. According to verse 1, why did Jesus desire this *glory*?
 - c. Jesus stated that He had *glorified the Father on earth*. What did He say He had done?
 - 1.) How do you think *finishing the work* assigned, *glorified* the Father?
 - d. What is the *glory* that Jesus desired? verse 10
 - e. What does Philippians 2:9-11 tells us about the *glory* Jesus will receive?
 - 1.) What do you think that day will be like?
 - 2.) As a believer, how do you imagine seeing Jesus for the first time?

3. Read John 17:10. Jesus not only desires to be *glorified* in heaven, He desires to be *glorified* through the believer on earth. In what ways can you be a part of answering Jesus' desire that He be *glorified* through you?

4. The word *keep/kept* is used three times in John 17:11,12. The words translated as *keep/kept* mean to guard, to protect, to keep an eye on. What does it mean to you that God *keeps* you in this way?
 - a. Share an example of how God has *kept* you?

 - b. Read 1 Peter 1:5 and explain what it means as you would to a new believer.

5. Jesus stated in John 17:9 that He had *prayed for them* (and us). According to John 17:11,13,15,17, what did Jesus pray?
 - a. Jesus desires that we have *His joy*. Describe how you view *His joy*.

 - b. Jesus prayed in verse 15 that we would be *kept from the evil one*. Record the words of 2 Thessalonians 3:3.
 - 1). What do you think it means to be *kept from the evil one*?

 - 2). What do you think your life would be like if God did not *keep you from the evil one*?

 - c. Jesus prayed in verse 17 that we would be *sanctified by His truth*. *Sanctified* means to be set apart. In what ways does the *truth* of God's *word* help you to be separate from the *world* and separated unto God for His purposes?

6. In John 17:18,19 Jesus spoke of the example He set for us as He lived in this *world*. What do you learn from His example?

JESUS PRAYS FOR ALL BELIEVERS: Read John 17:20-26

1. What glorious statement did Jesus make in John 17:20 that assures all believers that this prayer includes them?
2. Read through John 17:21-26 and record Jesus' desire for all believers.
3. What do you learn about Jesus' desire for *oneness*?
 - a. What is the result of this *oneness* according to verse 21?

Challenge: list some verses that speak of the importance of *oneness*.

4. Using these verses (John 17:21-26), describe the Father's *love* for you.
5. Bask in Jesus' *desire* in John 17:24. What does this say to you?
6. According to John 17:26, why did Jesus *declare to us* the Father's *name*?
 - a. Express some words of praise for this awesome *love*.

REVIEW: Read John 17

1. Reread John 17:3. In what ways are you experiencing *eternal life* now?

2. As believers, what is our relationship to the *world*?

3. What does this prayer of Jesus reveal about:
eternal life

being kept

the world

believers (those whom the Father has *given* to Jesus)

oneness

love

4. What are some of your favorite thoughts as you meditate upon this prayer?

*To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne,
as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.
- Revelation 3:21*

Observation Worksheet

John 17:1-26

Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: "Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You, ²as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him. ³And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. ⁴I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do. ⁵ And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was. ⁶"I have manifested Your name to the men whom You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours, You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word. ⁷Now they have known that all things which You have given Me are from You. ⁸For I have given to them the words which You have given Me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came forth from You; and they have believed that You sent Me. ⁹I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours. ¹⁰And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them. ¹¹Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We are. ¹²While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name. Those whom You gave Me I have kept; and none of them is lost except the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³But now I come to You, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves. ¹⁴I 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. ¹⁵I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one. ¹⁶They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁷ Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth. ¹⁸As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified by the truth. ²⁰"I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; ²¹that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. ²²And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: ²³I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me. ²⁴Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world. ²⁵O righteous Father! The world has not known You, but I have known You; and these have known that You sent Me. ²⁶And I have declared to them Your name, and will declare it, that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them."