John Lesson 43

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INTRODUCTION

- In our study today, we want to look at the words that Jesus expressed from his own heart. And what is really the Lord's prayer. It's in John chapter 17.
- The Gospel of John gives us the most extensive account of the conversation that Jesus had with his disciples just before his death.

1 Father, the Hour Is Come

John 17:1; John 2:4; John 12:23–27

- These words spake Jesus and lifted up his eyes to heaven and said, Father, the hour is come. Glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee.
- The actions that are described in verse 1 are actually reciprocal. The Son would glorify the Father, the Father would glorify the Son.
- Jesus knew that he had come to die for mankind. And when he spoke about his hour, he was speaking about his death.
- Though wicked men wanted to put him to death, they could not put him to death until the time was fulfilled, until it was in God's time that he should die.

2 Eternal Life to As Many As Thou Hast Given Him

John 17:2; John 6:37–45; Mark 16:15–16

- Salvation is by grace. And if anyone is to be saved, it is by the gift of God. But this does not exclude man's choice in the matter.
- No man can come to me except the Father which hath sent me draw him.
- It's not that God has elected you and you can't help yourself, but the process is that you be taught. You choose.
- What God has elected or chosen is the plan of salvation through Christ Jesus. We sometimes say it this way. God has chosen the plan, not the man.
- He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved. He that believeth not shall be damned.

3 This Is Life Eternal

John 17:3; Mark 10:29–30; Hebrews 3:12–14

- In verse three, he describes that those who have it have a relationship with the Father.
- But Jesus nowhere describes life eternal as a present possession.
- If we're going to have life eternal, we must continue in the faith. Continue in this relationship with the Father.
- We live today in hope of eternal life.

- Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from believing God.

4 I Have Finished the Work

John 17:4

- I have glorified thee on the earth. I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do.
- Did Christ really fulfill his mission? There's a popular doctrine taught today that in reality denies the statement that Jesus is here making.
- It's based on the premise that Jesus Christ did not fully accomplish in his first coming all that he intended to accomplish.

5 Premillennialism Denies Many Important Truths

Daniel 2; John 18:36; Acts 2:23–24

- Number one, the theory of premillennialism makes Old Testament prophecies invalid.
- Secondly, premillennialism limits God's power.
- Thirdly, the theory of premillennialism dethrones Jesus Christ.
- A fourth problem in an era of premillennialism is that it seeks an earthly throne.
- The theory of premillennialism today actually makes the church a substitute.
- The greatest flaw of all is that those who teach this idea or this theory have the wrong purpose for the death of Jesus Christ.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Are you a citizen of it? Have you obeyed the Christ? Jesus fulfilled the work God gave him to do. Now it's up to you and to me to choose to obey him and to become a citizen of his kingdom.**

MY NOTES