

John 17 The High Priestly Prayer

Introduction - John 17 ESV - The High Priestly Prayer

Purpose in this lesson: to teach about how Jesus prayed, encourage you to follow Jesus' example, and to encourage believers to pray and live with hope.

Look for the following repeated themes. List verses where topics are mentioned.

- A. Glory to the Son or to the Father:
- B. Jesus having been sent from the Father:
- C. Unity among believers AS unity Son has with the Father:

John 17:1-5 Jesus Prays for Himself

(1) Jesus is praying to whom?

(1) "The hour has come," means?

(1,5) What did Jesus ask the Father to do?

(2,3) What do you learn about eternal life?

What other verses encourage you about eternal life? Prepare to share with the class.

(4) What had Jesus done?

What does this teach you about how Jesus prayed?

John 17:6-19 Jesus Prays for His Disciples

(6,9) Jesus is praying for whom?

(6,8) What had Jesus done?

(8) What was the disciple's response?

(11) What does Jesus call the Father?

(11,15, 17) What does Jesus specifically pray for the disciples?

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(17) What does “sanctify” mean in verse 17 and 19?

Who sanctifies us?

- A. Leviticus 22:32; Ezekiel 20:12; Acts 26:18.
- B. Romans 15:16
- C. 1 Corinthians 1:2; 6:11; Hebrews 10:10

(19) What does “consecrate” mean in this verse? (See footnote in ESV bible.)

How do these verses encourage you to follow Jesus’ example?

John 17:20-26 Jesus Prays for All Believers

(25) What does Jesus call the Father?

Which verses show that the unity of believers is meant to be a witness to the world?

Does knowing that Jesus has prayed for you give you comfort? Enjoy this quote from Morgan:
“He prayed for them. He prays for us. He knew His intercession for them would prevail. He knows His intercession for us will prevail. Then let us rest in Him, with the rest of loving obedience and of surest confidence. (Morgan)”¹

How do these verses encourage you to pray and live with hope?

Conclusion

Themes of things that are simultaneously NOW **AND** YET TO BE:

Eternity v.2,3,5, 24

Sanctification v.17, 19

Unity v.11, 21, 22, 23, 26

Jesus declaring God’s name v.3, 6, 11, 12, 26

Where is Jesus: v. 4-5, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 18, 24

Compare this prayer with the Lord’s prayer in Matthew 6:9-13.

Comparisons/ Similarities:

Contrast / Differences:

What does this chapter show you about the high priestly prayer?

¹ David Guzik: Study Guide for John 17, quoting Morgan, G. Campbell.