

## **Bible Reading Outline – Kamloops Conference 2017**

### **John 17 – The Sanctuary Prayer of the Son to the Father**

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The prayer in the garden of Gethsemane made the same night, recorded in the synoptic gospels, is both chronologically & contextually before the events of Golgotha.

In this prayer recorded only in John's gospel, contextually the Lord is in Spirit beyond Golgotha, in anticipation of His soon return to a place of exaltation alongside His Father (see vs5,11,13,24).

#### **The Theme of Glorification:**

7-fold glory of God's Son, aspects of both His intrinsic & acquired glories:

1. v1 "***Father, the hour is come; glorify Thy Son***"; THE GLORY OF HIS EXALTATION.
2. v2 "***that He should give eternal life***"; THE GLORY OF HIS GRACE in dispensing such a precious gift.
3. v4 "***I have glorified Thee on the earth***"; THE GLORY OF HIS LIFE OF SERVICE for the Father.
4. v5 "***O Father, glorify Thou Me with Thine own self with the glory which I had with Thee before the world was***"; THE GLORY OF HIS ETERNAL POSITION alongside the Father.
5. v10 "***I am glorified in them***"; THE GLORY OF HIS SAINTS.
6. v22 "***And the glory which Thou gavest Me I have given them***"; THE GLORY OF HIS APPEARING AND COMING KINGDOM, a glory Christ will share with His own.
7. v24 "***Father, I will that they also, whom Thou hast given Me, be with Me where I am; that they may behold My glory, which Thou hast given Me***"; THE GLORY OF HIS ETERNAL RELATIONSHIP, as the eternally beloved Son, beloved of the Father from "***before the foundation of the world***".

#### **The Theme of Possession:**

7 particular things that are given to the Son, for His possession, by the Father:

1. Authority (v2), "***As Thou hast given Him power (authority) over all flesh***".
2. The work (v4), "***I have finished the work which Thou gavest Me to do***".
3. All things (v7), "***all things whatsoever Thou hast given Me are of Thee***".
4. The words (v8), "***For I have given unto them the words (sayings) which Thou gavest Me***".
5. A shared glory (v22), "***And the glory which Thou gavest Me I have given them***".
6. A personal glory (v24), "***My glory, which Thou hast given Me***".
7. The saints of God (vs2,6a,6b,9,11,12,24), "***men which Thou gavest Me out of the world***".

4 things that the Son gives to His own, for their own possession:

1. Eternal life (v2), "***that He should give eternal life to as many as Thou hast given Him***".
2. The words / sayings (v8), "***For I have given unto them the words which Thou gavest Me***".
3. The Father's word (v14), "***I have given them Thy word***".
4. The glory (v22), "***And the glory which Thou gavest Me I have given them***".

### **The Theme of Unification:**

3 requests for unity, ***“that they may be one”***; a unity which has a divine standard:

1. He prays for an apostolic unity; v11, ***“that they may be one, as We”***, fulfilled in Acts 1-2.
2. He prays for unity among Pentecostal believers; v21 ***“That they all may be one ... that they also may be one in Us”***, fulfilled in Acts 3-4, but transient.
3. He prays for unity among all believers of the Church; a permanent unity which will be seen in future manifested glory, v22 ***“that they may be one, even as we are one”***.  
***‘What was established at Pentecost in grace, will yet be perfected in future glory’*** (Albert Leckie).

### **The Theme of Preservation:**

4 requests for the saints to be preserved, in the context of hostility of the world & the evil one:

1. v11: ***“Holy Father, keep through Thine own Name those whom Thou hast given Me”***.
2. v12: ***“While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Thy Name”***.
3. v12: ***“those that Thou gavest Me I have kept”***, with unstinting watchfulness.
4. v15: ***“that Thou shouldest keep them from the evil (i.e. evil one)”***.

### **The Theme of Sanctification:**

2 references to being sanctified, set apart to God, and separate from the world:

1. v17: ***“Sanctify them through Thy truth, Thy word is truth”***, i.e. practical & progressive sanctification by means of the Word of God.
2. v19: ***“And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified through the truth (sanctified in truth)”***, i.e. sanctification by means of the Son of God.

### **The Theme of Manifestation:**

2 times the Lord tells His Father that He had manifested the Father’s Name, and would continue to do so:

1. v6: ***“I have manifested Thy Name unto the men which Thou gavest Me out of the world”***.
2. v26: ***“I have declared (made known) unto them Thy Name, and will declare it (make it known)”***.

### **The Theme of Love:**

3 references to the circle of divine love, including the Father’s eternal love for His Son, and the love of divine Persons for the saints:

1. v23: ***“that the world may know that Thou hast ... loved them, as Thou hast loved Me”***.
2. v24: ***“for Thou lovedst Me before the foundation of the world”***.
3. v26: ***“that the love wherewith Thou hast loved Me may be in them, and I in them”***.

The thoughts of the Saviour expand out in ever widening circles, in terms of those He is praying for:

**v1 – 5: His prayer concerning Himself, addressed to the Father (vs1,5).**

**v6 – 19: His prayer concerning His own disciples, addressed to the Holy Father (v11).**

**v20 – 26: His prayer concerning the whole Church, addressed to the righteous Father (v25).**