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OUR LORD'S PRAYER JOHN 17

LESSON 9 – V. 5

And Jesus spoke these words (John 17:5, KJV) ***“and now, Oh Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.”***

Jesus was full of glory (honor) in heaven before He was born on earth. To become the sacrifice for mankind, Jesus had to lay down his glory (honor) and do His works through His human side rather than His divine side. Once His death and resurrection were accomplished, and His glorified body was manifested, He then resumed His work from His divinity.

John 17:1, ***“Father, the hour has come (arrived). Glorify thy son...”***. In verse 5 He asks the Father to glorify Him with the Father's own glory. All the glory had been retained by the Father. The Father, from His own glory, would restore the glory back to Jesus, just as He had been before coming to earth, even the very glory He had before He created the world.

When Jesus rose from the grave, He was glorified as He had been before. John 1:14, ***“and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father.”*** Although He had given up His glory (splendor) to walk as a man, how is it John could say in this verse that ***“we beheld (viewed, witnessed, saw) His glory...”***? It is because after the resurrection, Jesus walked the earth forty days in His glorified body before ascending to the throne in heaven. He appeared twice to his disciples in their locked room, to the two believers on the road to Emmaus, to the three Marys outside the tomb, to about four hundred witnesses at His ascension, and probably to many others in instances too frequent for all of them to be written. They certainly all “beheld” Him in His Glory. Ascension to the throne with Father would show His glory in heaven in a greatly magnified manner when we shall one day “behold” Him on His throne.

That shall surely be “one glad day.” Hallelujah!! What a day that will be! (yes, sing it.)