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OUR LORD'S PRAYER – JOHN 17

LESSON 8 – VS. 4b

THE COMPLETED WORK OF CHRIST

***"It is finished"*** said Jesus on the cross (John 19:30). After three days and nights in the tomb and in hell, the father raised Him up. He then walked forty days on the earth, His transition period from His earthly estate in life to His Heavenly estate.

As He sat down upon the throne of heaven, He had entirely completed His work. He has done everything He is going to do. It is now up to us (John 14:12) to do the works on His behalf, in His name. If we don't do it, the works will not get done. That is why He sent Holy Spirit from the Father to us (John 14:16-17) to be our comforter, our help, anointing, teacher, counselor, and revealer of the Word of Truth.

So how do we **DO** the works greater than He did? John 14:13-14 tells us how. We ask (or pray to) the Father. We take our petitions to our Heavenly Father, but we ask it from the father in the name of Jesus. For the sake of His Son, the Father grants it, and Jesus does it by the power that Father has given Him. Matthew 28:18 says, ***"All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth."*** If we do not ask it of the Father, then Jesus cannot do it. He only does it by the power what He hears from the Father. John 5:19 says, ***"Verily (truly), verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He seeth the Father do; for what things soever He (Father) doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise."*** It is now OUR work, not His, to be done through the authority to use His name with our Heavenly Father.

He said we must ask the Father – not Jesus, not Mary, not some dead saint, not a priest or pastor or minister. Ask the Father. When we ask in Jesus' name, Father will grant the request to be done (or not done) and as Jesus "sees" that, He then will use "all power" to have it done. He commands it by His Word, and Holy Spirit "moves" to accomplish it.

If you "ask Jesus," you are going contrary to His instruction. If you ask anyone other than our heavenly Father, you are going contrary to His instruction. Jesus' work is completed; you must go to your Father in Heaven.

Jesus "has already done what He said He would do." Now you must trust and obey (for there's no other way) in faith, believing His word.