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OUR LORD'S PRAYER – JOHN 17

LESSON 12, VS. 9-10

Jesus continues to pray to Father regarding (v 6) ***“the men which Thou gavest me out of the world.”*** He says vs. 9-10, ***“I pray for them. I pray not for the world, but for them which Thou hast give me, for they are thine. And all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them.”***

We saw already in Lesson 10 (on verse 6) that the disciples (and all Jesus followers) belonged to the Father who gave them to His Son. Jesus is now beginning the part of the prayer where He focuses intensely upon these disciples. What might be His concern for them?

One thing is for their security; He desires that Satan not be able to “sift” them from His sheep fold. Next, He desires them to be sanctified unto Himself. Then He desires Holy Spirit to teach them the things which He ran out of time to teach. He also desires that His joy would be fulfilled in them. Next, He desires that they would be “one” with Himself and the Father. He also desires they would be motivated to take His word to the nations of the world.

These desires of which Jesus prayed for His disciples (and all future believers) we shall examine verse by verse in the coming lessons. This is rich, so stay tuned.