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OUR LORD'S PRAYER – JOHN 17

LESSON 22 – vs. 21-23, PART 2

Jesus prays to the Father in John 17:21-23, ***“That they all may be one. As thou, Father art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us...that they may be one (with us and in us) even as we are one. I in them, and Thou in me, that they may be made (in) perfect (union) in one (with us)...”***.

Most believers do not fully grasp an understanding of this relationship we have in God. In my intimate prayer and worship time, I verbally affirm this relationship with Him. Speaking it out strengthens me, and I believe He loves hearing it. It goes something like this:

“Jesus, I thank you that you have given me life, even your life within me. And as You are in me, so also, I am in You. And You are in the Father as the Father is in You. As I am in You, so also am I in the Father through You, and through You the Father also is in me. I in You, You in Father, and Father in me as He is in You. Jesus, You and me in the Father as one.”

When you understand this, you can understand why Proverbs 18:21 says, ***“Death and life are in the power of the tongue...”*** and in Matthew 16:19, ***“And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven. And whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”***

Consider also, II Corinthians 5:20 where it says, ***“Now then we are ambassadors for Christ...”***. An ambassador is the legal and official voice for the ruler (Christ) of the country or kingdom. When we speak, with God the Father and Son, and Spirit being in us, our words carry the full authority and power of God Himself.

When we truly grasp the reality of this relationship, it is life altering. Yes, our flesh sometimes gets in the way. It will be helpful to walk in the full realization of it if we would speak out this relationship every time we enter into our “prayer closet,” that “secret place” (Psalm 91:1) of intimacy with Him.

You have authority and power in the name of Jesus