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OUR LORD'S PRAYER – JOHN 17

LESSON 15, vs. 14a

Jesus prays (v 14) to the Father, ***“I have given them Thy word...”***. Jesus taught the disciples only what He heard from the Father. This He declared as seen in multiple passages:

- John 8:26; ***“I speak to the world those things which I have heard of Him (Father)”***.
- John 8:27; ***“and they (disciples) understood not that He spake to them of the Father (from whom He hears)”***
- John 8:28; ***“I do nothing of Myself, but as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things.”***
- John 14:24; ***“the word which ye hear (of me) is not mine, but the Father’s which (who) sent me.”***
- John 15:15; ***“for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you.”***

Jesus taught straight from the heart and soul of our Father, the Lord God almighty. This is because they are one; He could teach nothing else.

Jesus was soon to leave us, but He would not leave us alone. He said in John 14:18, ***“I will not leave you comfortless...”*** He said (John 14:16-17), ***“and I will pray (to the Father), and He shall give you another Comforter, (and He will) abide with you forever, even the (Holy) Spirit of Truth...”***. And just as Jesus had done, so also will Holy Spirit speak only what He hears from God. John 16:13 says, ***“Howbeit when He, the (Holy) Spirit of Truth, is come, He will guide you into all truth; for He shall not speak of Himself (on His own accord), but whatsoever He shall hear, that (only) shall he speak...”***

Jesus taught and spoke only the Word of God. Holy Spirit teaches and speaks only the Word of God. When you follow the leading of the Holy Spirit, you are following the leading of God Himself.

Lord, may we be ***“He that hath an ear, let him hear what the (Holy) Spirit saith...”***. Lord give our spiritual ears a “Holy Ghost tune up.”