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OUR LORDS PRAYER – JOHN 17

LESSON 7 v. 4a-b

John 17:4a (KJV), Jesus praying to the Father says, *“I have glorified thee on the earth;”* Jesus taught about God the Father in such a way as to show His loving aspect and His grace and mercy. The Jews under the Old Covenant did not have a great concept of His splendor as was evidenced by their ritualistic and legalistic observance of laws and rules. Jesus brought more vision of the heart of the Father and His great love. He did this on earth while He was here. It was to magnify to them the glory of the Father.

In John 17:4b we see Jesus say, *“I have finished the work which Thou gavest me to do.”* At this point, He had fulfilled all the relevant messianic prophecies relating to His first advent except the death and resurrection. It is what the Father had sent him to do, and He was faithful to complete the work all the way through Calvary and the grave.

John 19:30, on the cross with His last dying breath, He said, *“It is finished.”* He had completed the last thing He had to do. The next move belonged to His Father. God (the Father) raised Him back to life from the grave. Notice that Jesus could not raise Himself from the tomb; His last act was on the cross. It was God, the Father who raised Him up. Once He was raised up, all life was given to Him, and He was given power to impart that life to us as we can read in John 1:12, *“To as many as received Him (Jesus), to them He gave power to become the sons of God, (i.e., eternal life in Him)”*

“It is finished,” He said. What was finished? **EVERYTHING** that He came to do was now completed. There was and still IS nothing more that needs to be done. He has now passed His work on to us to carry it on.

John 14:12, Jesus said, *“...the works that I do (now while on earth), shall He (who believes on me) do also; and GREATER (works) than these shall he do, because I (now will) go unto My Father.”* He tells us here that it is now OUR place to do these miracles, signs, and wonders AND to teach the gospel of the kingdom of heaven.

“The Completed work of Christ” is one of the most important concepts for any believer to grasp. We will teach on that tomorrow. DO NOT MISS IT!

Stay tuned; until tomorrow. Be blessed and anointed.