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OUR LORD'S PRAYER – JOHN 17

LESSON 6, V 3 (B)

John 17:3b says, ***“Jesus Christ, whom Thou (father) hast sent.”*** Many different scriptures verify that Father God specifically SENT Jesus to the people of the world to redeem them and give eternal life.

John 3:16 (KJV) says, ***“For God (The Father) so loved the world (mankind) that He gave His only begotten Son, (so) that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish (in hell) but have everlasting life (in Him).”*** John 3:17 also says that God sent Him.

Jesus' agonizing prayer to the Father in the garden of Gethsemane shows that Jesus knew the plan of why the Father sent Him from heaven to earth to live as a man. He knew that He had to be crucified so that His innocent sinless blood could be put on heaven's altar to pay for mankind's sin. His human nature did not desire to go through such torture, but His will determined to complete the Father's plan.

The Father's plan was set into motion in Eden's garden when God said (Genesis 3:15) to Satan, ***“I will put enmity (hostility, hatred) between thee and the woman, between thy (Satan's) seed and her (Adam's) seed. It (her/Adam's seed, offspring) shall bruise thy head, and thou (Satan) shall bruise his (Adam's seed) heel.”*** Satan has pecked at Adam's (mankind's) heel ever since then. He is our tormentor, devourer, provoking us to sin. However, Jesus has bruised Satan's head. To kill a snake, the best way is to crush or sever its' head. Jesus' victory has done that. It is the reason that our Father sent Him.

There were many prophecies throughout the Old Testament that told of Messiah's coming, and some even gave graphic detail relating to His crucifixion in many of the books of the prophets and some in the Psalms. Even Genesis has much typology relating to God's redemptive plan.

Yes, Father sent from His heavenly throne His own Son to redeem Adam's race and overcome the “ruler (prince) of the world,” Satan! The Father sent Jesus on a mission.

Mission accomplished! Hallelujah