

RUSSELL SANDERS
7-18-2020
OUR LORDS PRAYER – JOHN 17
LESSON 10 V. 6

As Jesus continued His prayer to the Father, He said, ***“I have manifested (revealed) Thy Name unto the men which Thou gavest me out of the world. Thine they were, and Thou gavest them (to) me. They have kept Thy word.”***

Jesus “manifested” or “revealed” the true nature of the Father to His disciples and to the crowds that He taught. Even some parables were about a Father’s relationship to his child or children.

An important point to see here is that they all had belonged to the Father. Those who followed Jesus were given to Him from the Father. Every human ever born belongs to the Father who is their creator. That does not mean they all acknowledge Him as their Father because Satan has laid claim on them through sin. Father’s rightful ownership of all souls is seen in the following Old testament verse.

Psalms 24:1 says, ***“The earth is the LORD’S (Yahweh) and the fullness thereof, the world and they that dwell therein (KJV).”*** The NIV states the last part of the verse very clearly; ***“...the world, and all who live in it.”*** It does not say that “some” of the people belong to the Father; they ALL do.

Jesus, however, does not own all the people. It is those who would follow Him, those who would believe on Him, those are the ones father has given to Jesus. Jesus even prays for the security of those given to Him as seen in verse 11, ***“Holy Father, keep (securely) through thine own name those whom Thou hast given me...”*** and in verse 15, ***“...that Thou (father) shouldest keep them from the evil (of the world).”***

Psalms 24:1 is a very powerful statement about God. I have witnessed that verse being used to tell a demon (in deliverance ministry) that it has no right to the person because that person belongs to the Lord. Demons cannot argue against scripture.

The unregenerate sinner belongs to the Father. The regenerated believer belongs to both the Father and the Son. Accepting Jesus as your Lord and Savior gives you “new life” in Christ and the Father secures your future with both of them.

We shall share in their eternal glory. Praise God.