



COMFORT FOR TROUBLED HEARTS "Comfort Through Prayer" John 17:1-19

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Recognizing that the moment had arrived for which He had entered the world (v. 1), the Lord Jesus turned His face heavenwards and spoke to the Father. What He had to say about His concerns for Himself, the Father's glory, and the disciples' welfare at such a critical moment is most enlightening for us.

I. Jesus Prays About His Situation.

A. The resort to prayer.

1. A matter of communication. v. 1 ("lego" = "said")
2. A matter of custom. Luke 5:16
3. A matter of concern. Luke 22:31
4. A matter of crisis. Luke 22:41

Note: Those who are accustomed to praying, pray best in crisis.

B. The review of prayer.

1. The grant of authority. v. 2
2. The gift of eternal life. v. 3
3. The goal of the Mission. v. 4

Note: Prayer prayed in the proper context is effective prayer.

C. The request of prayer.

1. Glorify Your Son.
 - a. The restoration of former glory. v. 5
 - b. The reward of faithful service. v. 4
2. That Your Son may glorify You. v. 1

Note: The Son's request for glory was wrapped up in His desire for the Father's glory.

II. Jesus Prays About His Disciples.

A. Disciples and the world. v. 18

1. Their relationship to the world.
 - a. They are not of the world. vv. 14, 16
 - b. They are left in the world. v. 11
 - c. They are sent into the world. v. 18
2. Their vulnerability in the world.
 - a. They are hated by the world. v. 14
 - b. They are attacked by the evil one. v. 15
 - c. They are protected by the Name. v. 11
 - d. They belong to the Lord. v. 6

Note: Disciples who know their calling and their vulnerability pray.

B. Disciples and the Word. v. 17

1. They have received the Word. v. 8
2. They must be sanctified by the Word. v. 17
 - a. Jesus sanctified Himself for us...
 - b. ...so we would be sanctified for Him.

Points to ponder: Am I affecting the world or is the world infecting me?