

John 17:1-8

John 17:1-3 *“(1) These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee: (2) As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him. (3) And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.”*

A. Jesus lifted up His eyes to Heaven (**Psalms 123:1** and **John 11:41**) where God the Father is (**Matthew 6:9**, **Matthew 23:9**, and **Mark 16:19**).

1. Jesus was a man of prayer (**Matthew 26:36**, **Luke 3:21**, **Luke 6:11-12**, and **Luke 9:28**).

2. Jesus would dedicate time to focus on His prayers (**Mark 1:35**), which often were more than just a quick prayer of thanksgiving (**Hebrews 5:5-7**).

a. It is certainly right for quick prayers (**Matthew 26:26**) and prayers of thanksgiving (**Colossians 1:12** and **I Thessalonians 5:18**).

b. However, we must also take our time to speak to our Heavenly Father about weightier matters (**Philippians 4:6** and **I Peter 5:6-7**).

c. With that being said, such long prayers and “much speaking” is not fit for public display (**Matthew 6:5-8** and **Matthew 23:14**).

B. When Jesus comes to pray at this time, His work leading up to His death is near completion (**Mark 14:41**).

1. We’ve talked about how His time had not come previously (**John 7:30** and **John 8:20**), but we’ve seen the end coming now for several chapters of our study (**John 12:23**, **John 13:1**, and **John 16:32**).

2. With the will of God nearing fulfillment (**Acts 2:22-24** and **I Peter 1:18-20**), both God the Father and God the Son will be glorified (**John 13:31-32** and **Philippians 2:9-11**).

C. Jesus has been given authority over all flesh (**Daniel 7:13-14**, **Matthew 11:27**, and **John 3:35**).

1. This authority is being used to reach out to all people (**Matthew 28:18-20**).

a. Jesus came to give us eternal life (**I John 2:25**).

b. It is the Father’s will that none who comes to Christ be lost (**John 6:39-40**).

i. This does not mean we cannot be lost (**Luke 8:13**, **I Corinthians 10:12**, and **Galatians 5:4**).

ii. It does mean God doesn’t want us to be lost (**I Timothy 2:4**).

2. Eternal life comes through knowledge of the Father and the Son (**John 8:31-32**, **II Thessalonians 1:7-9**, and **I John 2:3-6**).

John 17:4-6 *“(4) I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do. (5) And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was. (6) I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou*

gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word."

A. Jesus had done everything He was expected to do (**John 15:10**) and was ready to be back with the Father from whence He was before the world existed (**Matthew 25:34**).

1. Like Jesus, we need to do all to the glory of the Father (**Matthew 5:14-16**, **John 15:8**, **I Corinthians 10:31**, and **I Peter 4:11**).

2. Like Jesus, we need to finish the works we're expected to do (**II Timothy 4:6-8** and **Hebrews 12:1-3**).

B. Jesus has revealed the Father unto the disciples and such can be seen through their obedience (**John 14:21-25**).

1. Knowing Jesus means knowing the Father (**John 8:19** and **John 14:9**).

2. Jesus spoke that which was revealed unto Him (**John 8:28**).

John 17:7-8 *"(7) Now they have known that all things whatsoever thou hast given me are of thee. (8) For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me."*

A. What Jesus taught was from the Father (**John 7:16-17** and **John 12:49-50**).

1. Those who have learned of the Father would/will come to Jesus (**John 5:39-40** and **John 6:45**).

2. Jesus came and gave an understanding of the truth (**I John 5:20**).

B. The disciples did believe that Jesus came forth from God the Father (**John 16:30** and **I John 4:14**).

1. The disciples knew that Jesus had the words of eternal life (**John 6:67-68**).

2. By receiving the testimony of Christ, they have seen that God is true (**John 3:31-33**).