

Sermon Notes

A few things I need to remember from hearing today's Bible Teaching.

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom,
the power and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

Bible Reading John 16:33-17:21

³³ "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."
¹⁷ After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed:
"Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you."
² For you granted him authority

over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. ³ Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. ⁴ I have brought you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do. ⁵ And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began. ⁶ "I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word. ⁷ Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. ⁸ For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me. ⁹ I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. ¹⁰ All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them. ¹¹ I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one. ¹² While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe by that name you gave me. None has been lost except the one doomed to destruction so that Scripture would be fulfilled. ¹³ "I am

coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them. ¹⁴ I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. ¹⁵ My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶ They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. ¹⁷ Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸ As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹ For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified. ²⁰ "My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, ²¹ that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

A prayer before the reading and studying of the Bible.

Almighty God and loving heavenly Father, guide me and teach me of yourself from your Word. Help me and others to see the wisdom and value to life of living it according to what we read and learn from it; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives with you in unity with the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

A few Bible Study Questions

1. In the chapters before Jesus has told them what will happen for them when he returns to the Father. **Read verse 33. Why does he tell them these things?** (You may like to look back and read Chapters 14 to 16)

2. Jesus goes on to pray not for all people but for the Church (vs 9). He prays many things. But one thing he prays for is verse 15. **What is it?**

What reason does Jesus give for him to pray this? What's his intent and hope for the Church? (See verses 14 to 21)

3. This week we've thought on the words of the prayer - "but deliver us from evil". It follows on from "Lead us not into temptation". The word "deliver" is a helpful word to use in translating from the Greek. Another way of understanding the word is "carry us through and away from evil and the consequences of it to where we are meant to be" (Psalm 23:4) Why should we pray it? (See 1 Peter 5:8,9 and 2 Thessalonians 3:2,3)

4. The Cross has ultimately and completely delivered us from the consequences of evil and the Evil One (See Colossians 1:21-23; 2:15; 1 Corinthians 10:13; Jude 24,25). When Christ returns and we are gathered into the New Creation the image we are given is evil will be no more in the presence and influence of god's people (See Revelation 20:11-15; 21:1-8)

Conclude your time with God in his Word with a prayer. As you do, be mindful of what you have learnt.