① JESUS FAREWELL DISCOURSE PRAYER

v.1 Jesus spoke these words, then lifted up His eyes to heaven...
- 2 lifting up ones eyes to heaven was a typical way Jesus prayed

"They took away the stone from where the dead man was lying and Jesus lifted up His eyes and said, 'Father, I thank You that You have heard Me.'" John 11:41

"Then, looking up to heaven, He sighed and said to him: Ephphatha, that is, 'Be opened.'" Mark 7:34 (Deaf and mute man)

"And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying: 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner.'" Luke 18:13

"Unto You I lift up my eyes, O You who dwell in the heavens." Ps. 123:1

- This "prayer" at the end of Jesus' Farewell discourse was typical in Jewish literature
- Jacob - Gen. 49... Last words
- Moses - Deut. 32-33... Last words
- Jesus being greater than Israel/Jacob (Jacobs well - John 4)
- And greater than Moses (sermon on the mount Matt 5-7)
- Jesus' purpose and prayer also being Greater than theirs
- But similar in that He leaves work to do, a mission, for His followers (like Jacob; Moses)
- Although Jesus prays often (Matt 14:23, 19:13, 26:36, 27:46, Mk 1:35 6:46, 14:32, 15:34, Luke 3:21, 5:16, 6:12 9:18, 11:1, 22:41, 23:46...)
- Scripture rarely records the content of the prayer
- ★ Even The "Lords prayer" Matt 6:9-13 is really Jesus teaching the Disciples how to pray...
  - not actually the "Lord's" prayer
  - more accurately: the Disciples Prayer
- John 17 is a very rare occasion to hear His prayer to the Father
- This could be considered Jesus' "High Priestly Prayer"
  - Jesus is praying regarding "the hour" that has come
  - The climax of His priestly work
  - His sacrifice (Himself) is ready
  - He will be the One true Mediator; High Priest forever (Priest's role was to be a mediator and offer acceptable sacrifices/atonement.)

- Moses prayed over Aaron; his sons before they began the priesthood, saying:

"The Lord bless you and keep you
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace
So they shall put My name on the children of Israel, and I will bless them" Numb. 6:22-27

- Almost exact same blessings are found in Jesus' "Farewell Discourse and (High Priestly) Prayer":
  - Jesus has said if you keep/abide in His word, He will - John 15 abide in us (bless you; keep you)
  - Jesus will make His home in us and we shall know the Father, and He loves you (make His face shine upon us) John 14

"The light of the Gospel of the glory of Christ who is the image of God, should shine upon you..." 2 Cor. 4:4

"In Him was life and the life was the light of men; the light shines in the darkness" John 1:5

"In the New Jerusalem, there is no Temple, nor sun or moon to shine in it; for the glory of God shines in it. The Lamb is the Light."

- Aaron and the priests had God's name on their foreheads Ex. 28 Rev. 22:3,4

"The 144,000 had their Father's name written on their foreheads" Rev. 14:1

"The servants of the Lamb shall see God's face and His name shall be upon their foreheads" Rev. 22:4

Have peace, Jesus has overcome the world.. John 16
Peace I leave w/ you
(The Lord will give you peace)
- Scripture is clear that Jesus is the New & Eternal High Priest

"He had to be made like His brethren that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people." Heb. 2:17

"Holy Brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our confession: Jesus Christ" Heb. 3:1

"Seeing we have a great High Priest who has passed through the Heavens, Jesus, the Son of God" Heb 4:14
- 4:15, 5:1, 5:5, 5:10, 6:20, 7:26, 8:1 New priesthood 8:3, 9:11, 10:21, "High Priest" only mentioned in Hebrews

Scripture also teaches that those in Christ are collectively a New Spiritual Nation; New Priesthood w/ spiritual sacrifices:

"Coming to Jesus as a living stone... You also, as living stones are being built up as a spiritual house/temple, a holy priesthood to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ"... 1 Pt. 2:4-5

"You are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness and into His marvelous light" 1 Pt. 2:9

- This "prayer" then, can be seen as the inauguration of the New High Priest & the New Priesthood of the Believer

② THE HOUR OF GLORIFICATION HAS COME

v.1 Father, the hour has come
- this is the hour of His glorification
  - which, paradoxically is subsequent to His crucifixion
- His ultimate act of humble obedience results in His ultimate glorification
- This is "The hour" of the New AGE, The Messianic AGE
- This hour has not yet come (2:4, 7:6-8, 8:20)
- Has Now Come (12:23, 13:1, 17:1)
- The arrival of The hour results NOT in Fatalism, BUT Prayer!

v.1 Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You
- Jesus' prayer is that He may bring glory to the Father
- ★ So, this 1st section of the prayer, often sub-titled: Jesus prays for Himself, is a little misleading
  - Jesus is praying NOT for self but that His self glorifies the Father
- Also, notice how He glorifies the Father...
  - By the Father "glorifying" the Son
  - This is a clear claim to Deity (As will be v. 5)
  - The prophets were resolute that God will Never share His Glory

"I am the Lord, that is My name, and My glory I will NOT give to another..." Is. 42:8

- Yet, Jesus prays that the Father will glorify His Son...
  - and to return to the glory they shared before the world was. v.5

- Jesus is NO angel ἄγγελος (messenger)
- But the True Word of God λόγος (the message) θεός manifested in flesh σάρξ (John 1:1, 14)
- This was the vision of the prophets

"A child will be born, a Son will be given, the Government/Kingdom/Nation will be upon His shoulder. His name (person/character) will be called: Wonderful counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace" Is. 9:6

"I was watching in the night visions and behold, one as the Son of Man, coming on the clouds of heaven, He came to the Ancient of Days and sat in His presence." Daniel 7:13

- This Man is no ordinary Man

"Awake O sword, against My Shepherd, against the Man who is My companion (stands next to Me - ESV)" Zech. 13:7

- God's Mediator, companion is seen in Torah as well
  - Lord appeared as Man to Abraham Gen. 18
  - Lord wrestled as a Man w/ Jacob Gen. 32
- Jesus will soon say:

"Glorify Me in Your own presence w/ the glory we shared before the world was" v.5

③ Given ALL AUTHORITY, TO GIVE ETERNAL LIFE

v.2 Since/as You have given δίδωμι Him authority ἐξουσία over all Flesh σάρξ that He should give δίδωμι eternal life αἰώνιος ζωή to as many as you have given δίδωμι Him.
- Since or as links v1 w/ v.2
- The thought is this

17:1	17:2
- Glorify Your Son	- You have gifted Him w/ All authority over All people
purpose	purpose
- so Your Son May glorify You	To Give eternal life to all people

- Jesus came as life and light to give life and light to all who receive and believe in Him - Jn 1:12
- The word given is δίδωμι: Given as a Gift
- Jesus is given as a gift to the world
- Jesus is given all authority: life
- Jesus will say in v.8 that He gave them the words "given to Him."
  - Given to Jesus is mentioned 8x (v.2, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, and 12)
- The repitition seems to emphasize that all good things come from God,
  - Everything good is "gifted" δίδωμι to us by God (Yahweh)
- ★ Everything and Everyone "given" to Jesus was done under God's sovereignty and jurisdiction

God's sovereignty and authority (ἐξουσία) does no injustice to Man's free will and responsibility

sovereignty: supreme power and authority to self govern ἐξουσία

Sovereignty and free will are NOT mutually exclusive (They can exist together)
- United States is 100% sovereign over its land and people
  - All people in U.S. have free will, some go against the U.S. Laws and are punished
- It is up to the U.S. how they decide to govern
- It is up to God how do govern His creation must choose...

"Jesus is the True light which gives light to every man coming into the world" Jn 1:9

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall NOT perish but have everlasting life" John 3:16

"He who believes has everlasting life, he who does not believe the Son shall NOT see life, but the wrath of God abides on him." John 3:36

- This authority (ἐξουσία) is now given/gifted to Jesus

"All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth" Matt 28:18

- ★ Those who receive Jesus as King and submit to faithful obedience will have Life
- ★ Those who rebel to the King are under His wrath and are storing up for themselves wrath for the Day of wrath (Rom 2:4-5)
- Again though, notice the uniqueness of John's message where
  - the present age and the age to come is collapsed...
  - God's presence; life is offered Now to the believer

"If anyone loves Me and keeps My word, My Father will love him and We will come to him and make Our home in him" John 14:23
- Eternal, heavenly life can begin Now... NOT after death

④ ETERNAL LIFE IS TO KNOW THE ONLY TRUE GOD

v.3 And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the Only True God
- Here we have almost a definition of eternal life
- It is to know the only True God γινώσκω - to understand deeply, even intimately
- ★ often used regarding a husband and a wife... "know" each other

"Adam knew his wife and she conceived and bore a son..." Gen 4:1 LXX

- This intimate relationship w/ God was prophesized by Jeremiah:

"For they all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them, For I will forgive their iniquity and their sins I will remember no more" Jer. 31:34 / Heb 8:11

"My people are destroyed because of a lack of knowledge, Because you have rejected knowledge, I also will reject you..." Hosea 4:6

"One day, the earth will be filled w/ the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea." Hab. 2:14
- We are to be One w/ God as a husband and wife are one!

- This is God's desire
  - He even looked at the nation of Israel as His wife as well (until she "played the harlot")
- Notice as well, that "knowing" God is linked to "knowing" Jesus

v.3 And (eternal life is) knowing Jesus Christ whom You have sent.

"If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also, and from now on you can know Him & see Him!" John 14:7
- This knowledge of Jesus and the Father is NOT merely intellectual
- ★ This knowledge (like a husband & wife) implies fellowship, trust, faith, and a personal relationship
- a subtle warning is also given here
  - The only True God
  - This follows the Shema perfectly

"Hear O' Israel: The Lord our God is One"
- There is only One True God and Jesus is the Only way to know Him

"And we know that the Son of God has come and given us understanding, that we may know Him who is true, and we are in Him who is True, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life" 1 John 5:20
- Also Matt. 11:27

Only Jesus Truly Knows the Father

⑤ Finishing THE WORK, Gives GOD THE GLORY!

v.4 I have glorified You on earth. I have finished the work ἔργον which You have given Me to do

ἔργον: Duty, task, deeds, work
- Jesus completed or "finished" the ἔργον He was to do
- By completing His task/duty, He glorifies the Father
  - and returns w/ a completed task (didn't return empty/void)
- This verbiage matches Isaiah 55

"As the rain comes down and the snow from heaven and do NOT return there, But water the earth and make it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater. So shall My Word be that goes forth from My mouth, it shall NOT return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it." Is. 55:10-11

- Thus almost considering this passage prophecy fulfilled
  - by considering the Word is Jesus
- ★ Matches John 17:3-5 almost exactly
- The idea of completing our works (ἔργον) & giving God the glory applies to us as well!
  - Faith is our salvation
  - works is our validation
- Saved by Faith
- Faith examined by works

(Rom 2:15, James 1:25, 2:14-26,

"If you call on the Father who w/o partiality judges according to each one's work, conduct yourselves throughout the time you stay here in fear/reverence" (Faith judged by works) 1 Pt. 1:17

"Man of God we complete and thoroughly equipped for every good work" 2 Tim. 3:17

"God has equipped the saints for the work of the ministry..." Eph. 4:12

"Be steadfast, immovable, always ... abounding in the work of the Lord..." 1 Cor. 15:58

"Each ones work will become clear, for the Day of the Lord will reveal it, revealed by fire (Judgment), the fire will judge/test each ones work..." 1 Cor. 3:13

"I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me (eternal life) to give to everyone according to his work" Rev. 22:12

v.5 And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was (in existence).
- Jesus returns to glory victorious
  - NOT void or empty, but fruitfull
- Jesus' pre-existence and glory confirm His deity
- ★ NOT only was He before Abraham was John 8:58
- ★ He existed before the world was John 17:5
- ★ In fact, Jesus existed before Time was

"But you Bethlehem, though you are little among the thousands of Judah, Yet out of you shall come forth to Me the One to be Ruler (ἐξουσία, sovereign King) in Israel, whose going forth are from old, from everlasting" Micah 5:2