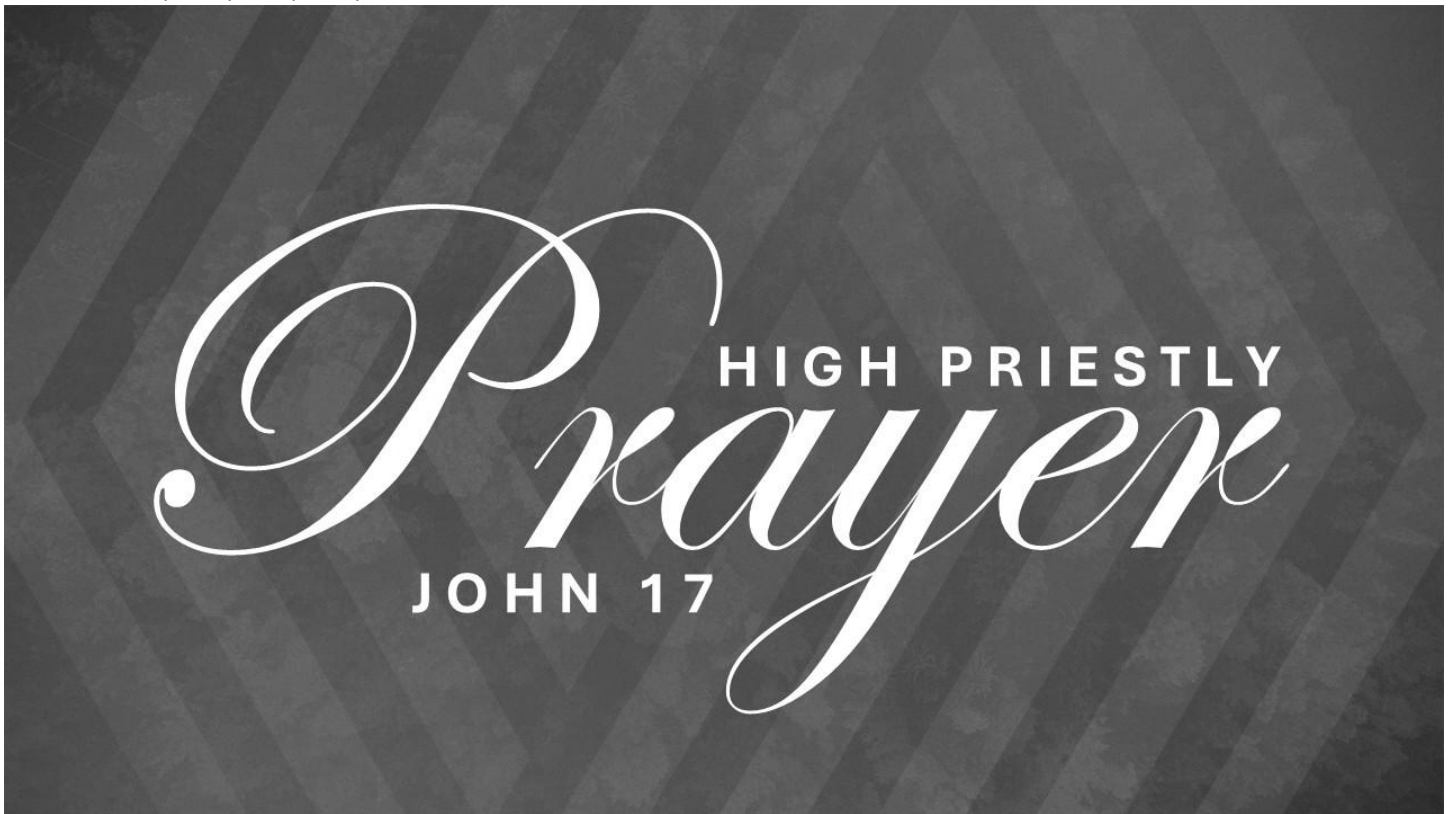




THE HIGH PRIESTLY PRAYER

WEEK NINE (JOHN 17:15)

Outline of the High Priestly Prayer

- Jesus Prayed for His _____ (John 17:1-5).
- Jesus Prayed for His _____ (John 17:6-19).
- Jesus Prayed for Future _____ (John 17:20-26).

Jesus prayed that the Father would _____ disciples in the world but
_____ them from the evil one (John 17:15).

“I suppose that ultimately the sin of which we are all most frequently guilty is the sin of asking certain questions which we would never ask if we were truly mature Christians. Because of our frailty and unbelief we say that there are certain things we do not and cannot understand. Here, surely, is one such

question and it is one of the most common of all. Why is it that when we become Christians God does not immediately take us out of the world, especially in view of the state of the world in which we live? ...

Another question that is asked is: why is it that when we become Christians we are not immediately made perfect and sinless? We argue that God has the power to do this. We know that God the Holy Spirit can do this, for we know that ultimately we shall be presented faultless and blameless in the presence of God. Therefore, we argue, if God has this power, and if God can completely and entirely sanctify us from all sin, why does he not do it immediately? ... Why are we not taken out of the world? Why are we left in this struggle and in this life?" (Martyn Lloyd-Jones, *The Assurance of Our Salvation*)

Why does God leave his people in the world?

- Disciples are not at _____ in the world, and we must not _____ the world (1 Corinthians 5:10, Philippians 3:20, 1 Peter 2:11 ... James 4:3, 1 John 2:15).
- The very existence of the church in the world is making God's _____ known to his _____ in the spiritual realm (Ephesians 3:7-10, 6:10-13).
- The mission of the church involves proclaiming the _____ gospel to those still in the world (Romans 10:14-17, 2 Corinthians 5:16-21).

Why do we need to be kept from the evil one?

- Satan and the forces of evil have been _____, cast out, and _____ (John 12:31, 16:11, Colossians 2:14-15, Revelation 12:9-12, 20:1-3).
- Satan and the forces of evil still prowl around like a roaring lion _____ and _____ (Ephesians 6:10-13, 1 Peter 5:6-11).

How should we respond to Jesus' prayer about the world and the evil one?

- We should expect _____ as long as we are in the world (John 14:27).
- We should remember that we have another _____ (John 14:15-17).
- We should fix our eyes on Jesus and our true _____ (John 14:1-7).
- We should _____ that God would deliver us from the evil one (Matthew 6:13).
- We should trust in our _____ (Luke 22:31, Romans 8:34, John 22:15-19).
- We should take the message of the _____ to the world (John 16:5-11).