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## Part 2: The Power of Farewell Prayer Ps. G. Mohan Doss

*After this, Jesus went around in Galilee. He did not want<sup>[a]</sup> to go about in Judea because the Jewish leaders there were looking for a way to kill him. <sup>2</sup> But when the Jewish Festival of Tabernacles was near, <sup>3</sup> Jesus' brothers said to him, "Leave Galilee and go to Judea, so that your disciples there may see the works you do. <sup>4</sup> No one who wants to become a public figure acts in secret. Since you are doing these things, show yourself to the world." <sup>5</sup> For even his own brothers did not believe in him. <sup>6</sup> Therefore Jesus told them, "My time is not yet here; for you any time will do. <sup>7</sup> The world cannot hate you, but it hates me because I testify that its works are evil. <sup>8</sup> You go to the festival. I am not<sup>[b]</sup> going up to this festival, because my time has not yet fully come." <sup>9</sup> After he had said this, he stayed in Galilee. <sup>10</sup> However, after his brothers had left for the festival, he went also, not publicly, but in secret. **John 17:1-10***

John Chapter 17 is our text for today's sermon.

We are going to closely look at the prayer of Jesus and learn few challenges that would transform our lives.

It's known as the **FAREWELL PRAYER** or the **HIGH PRIESTLY PRAYER**.

Scottish minister John Brown says, *"The 17th chapter of the Gospel of John is without doubt, the most remarkable portion of the most remarkable book in the world."*

It is known as one of the richest chapters in the Bible. It's been called,

- THE TRUE LORD'S PRAYER,
- THE HOLY OF HOLIES OF SACRED SCRIPTURE &
- The inner sanctum of Christ's holy heart.

In this prayer Jesus gives an account of His earthly ministry to the Father...

If we divide the 26 verses in this chapter, we can divide into 3 Parts:

1. Vs 1-5; Jesus prayed for Himself that He would be glorified
2. Vs 6-19; He prays for His disciples that they would be sanctified
3. Vs 20-26; He prays for the church that they would be unified

### 1. HE WAS CONSCIOUS ABOUT HIS FATHER

RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE FATHER AND THE SON (Father's conscious)

Throughout the chapter you can see ...how many times Jesus addresses to the Father, you, yours (That can be your study later)

All the time He was so conscious about His Father...

**Luke 2:49 (TPT)**

“Jesus said to them, “Why would you need to search for me? Didn’t you know that it was necessary for me to be here in my Father’s house, consumed with him?””

**John 8:16 (NIV)**

“But if I do judge, my decisions are true, **because I am not alone. I stand with the Father, who sent me.**”

**John 8:29 (AMP)**

“And He who sent Me is [always] with Me; He has not left Me alone, because I always do what pleases Him.”

I have been sent by You, I have come from you....

**John 17:10 (AMP)**

“And all things that are Mine are yours, and [all things that are] yours are Mine; and I am glorified in them.”

**John 15:9 (TPT)**

He showed the love of His Father...

**“I love each of you with the same love that the Father loves me.**

**Practising the presence of God:**

- Always staying in His consciousness.
- Always thinking about Him.
- Always pleasing Him.
- Living with Him.
- You are designed for God, your life is for God, your future is for God...

## **2. HE WAS CONSCIOUS ABOUT GOD’S TIMING**

Jn 17:1 (Eng) & Jn 17:2 (Kan)

Father, the hour has come / the time has come...

Jesus was conscious about God’s timing. His relationship with His Father helped Him to understand timing.

**At Cana...**

“Woman, why do you involve me?” Jesus replied. “My hour has not yet come.””

John 2:4 (NIV)

He was conscious about God's timing to act. It is not the need, but God's time...in other words, God's will

**Jesus replied, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified."**

"Now my soul is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour."

John 12:23, 27 (NIV)

Only one life for us. **Can we take it as a challenge to live for God and His will to be fulfilled in our lives.**

More than anything else, Jesus cared about doing what the Father wanted him to do

"If you keep quiet at a time like this, deliverance and relief for the Jews will arise from some other place, but you and your relatives will die. Who knows if perhaps you were made queen for just such a time as this?"

**Esther 4:14 (NLT)**

"For the vision is yet for an appointed time; But at the end it will speak, and it will not lie. Though it tarries, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry."

**Habakkuk 2:3 (NKJV)**

### **3. HE WAS CONSCIOUS ABOUT ETERNITY**

He was talking about the eternal life....

"For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent."

John 17:2-3 NIV

Eternal life is gift, not something that we can earn...

For us to receive the eternal life, Jesus had to come down to the earth to die for our sins.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

John 3:16 (NIV)

All the earthly things will perish.

Live with eternal values, have an eternity consciousness that we should not lose the gift of eternal life.

Every man will die one day, what is going to be our eternity.

Jesus is the Way, Truth, and the Life.

Living with eternity in mind is not always popular.

“You can enter God’s Kingdom only through the narrow gate. The highway to hell is broad, and its gate is wide for the many who choose that way.

But the gateway to life is very narrow and the road is difficult, and only a few ever find it.”

Matthew 7:13-14 (NLT)

“I tell you the truth, those who listen to my message and believe in God who sent me have eternal life. They will never be condemned for their sins, but they have already passed from death into life.”

**John 5:24 NLT**

#### **4. HE WAS CONSCIOUS ABOUT COMPLETING THE WORK**

“I have brought you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do.”

John 17:4 (NIV)

“I have glorified you on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do.”

John 17:4 (NKJV)

“I have glorified you on the earth by faithfully doing everything you’ve told me to do.”

John 17:4 (TPT)

Jesus was so conscious to finish the work that He received from the Father.

“Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me and to completely finish His work.” John 4:34 (AMP)

“We must quickly carry out the tasks assigned us by the one who sent us. The night is coming, and then no one can work.” John 9:4 (NLT)

“We must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work.” John 9:4 (AMP)

On the cross he declared that it is finished...

What you have started is not more important than what and how you are going to finish. Complete.

““But whether I live or die is not important, for I don’t esteem my life as indispensable. It’s more important for me to fulfil my destiny and to finish the ministry my Lord Jesus has assigned to me, which is to faithfully preach the wonderful news of God’s grace.”

Acts 20:24 (TPT)

## 5. HE WAS CONSCIOUS ABOUT US

He prayed for the disciples, in other words He prayed for us...

“I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours.” John 17:9 (NKJV)

WE ARE GOD’S OWN.

v.17. Sanctify them by Your truth, Your Word is truth....

### **John 17:21-23**

“that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me.

And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one:

I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.”