

John 16:25-33 & 17:1-3

25-27. These things I have spoken to you in figurative language; but the time is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figurative language, but I will tell you plainly about the Father. In that day **YOU WILL ASK in My NAME**, and **I do not say to you that I shall PRAY the Father for you**; for the Father Himself loves you, because you have loved Me, and have believed that I came forth from God.

- **John 16:23-24** "And in that day you will _____ Me nothing. Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever you _____ the _____ in My _____ He will give you. Until now you have asked _____ in My _____. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full."

Definition: "I do NOT say to you that I shall PRAY the Father FOR YOU" - As Believers in Jesus Christ, **we can go DIRECTLY to God the Father in prayer.** We do not have to have a priest or intermediary to bring our prayers before the Father. Yes, Jesus is our Mediator, in that He is the One we must go through to get to God in the beginning, in salvation, when we are born again. But, we do not need Jesus to take our prayers to God every time we want to talk to Him. Jesus said **the Father loves us** and will hear our prayers, **if we love and believe in Jesus.** Praying in Jesus' name is the same as having the "keys to the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 16:19). Here is an illustration: if you went looking to rent an apartment, you would have to first go to the landlord to have him let you in to see the apartment. Once you have signed the lease agreement, however, **you are given your own key**, and you don't have to keep going to the landlord every time you want to get into your apartment. The same is true with Jesus as our Mediator: we go to Him for salvation, and enter into a covenant (agreement) with God through His blood. Once that covenant is entered (the agreement is "signed"), Jesus gives us **our own KEYS to the kingdom of God**, and we can OPEN the WAY to God any time we choose.

- **Matthew 16:19** "And I will _____ you the _____ of the _____ of _____, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."
- **Hebrews 4:16** "Let us therefore come _____ to the _____ of grace, that we may obtain _____ and find grace to help in time of need."
- **I Timothy 2:5** "For there is one _____ and one _____ between God and _____, the Man _____."

Definition: "MEDIATOR" - The dictionary defines mediator as "one who interposes between parties to reconcile them." Jesus had to come between sinful mankind and a holy God, and **He interposed His precious blood**, which He shed on the cross to pay the price for us to be reconciled to God. Once you receive Jesus as your Savior, you pray "in His name," but Jesus does not need to go before the Father with every prayer of yours. The Bible also says that **Jesus is our high priest**, and this is also only in the matter of salvation, not in the case of bringing our individual prayers to God. Hebrews 9:11-12 says **Christ presented His blood ONCE for ALL in the Most Holy Place in heaven**, and that **opened up the way** for all Believers in Him to come directly to God the Father.

- **Hebrews 10:19-22** "Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the _____ of _____, by a new and living _____ which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His _____, and having a _____ over the _____ of _____, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith...."

- **Hebrews 9:11-12** "But Christ came as _____ of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect _____ not made with hands, that is, not of this _____. Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own _____ He entered the Most Holy Place _____ for _____, having obtained eternal redemption."

Definition: "HIGH PRIEST" - Jesus Himself is our High Priest. Don't let anyone fool you or confuse you by saying you must have a priesthood of men, as in the Old Testament, or a mediatrix, such as Mary the mother of Jesus, in order to come to God. This is false teaching! **Jesus has already opened the way to heaven for you**, and He loves you, and the Father loves you. If you have received Jesus as your Savior, you don't need "Mary" to go and ask Jesus if He's in a good mood, and can you come and bring your prayers before Him! This is blasphemy, but it is basically what the Roman Catholic teaching is about Mary. You don't need a living priest here on earth, or a dead "saint" in heaven to help your prayers get to God.

28-32. I came forth from the Father and have come into the world. Again, I leave the world and go to the Father. His disciples said to Him, "See, **now You are speaking plainly, and using no figure of speech!** Now we are sure that You know all things, and have no need that anyone should question You. By this we believe that You came forth from God." Jesus answered them, "Do you now believe? Indeed, the hour is coming, yes, has now come, that **you will be scattered, each to his own, and will leave Me alone.** And yet I am not alone, because the Father is with Me.

- **Matthew 26:31** "Then _____ said to them, 'All of you will be made to _____ because of _____ this night, for it is written, "I will strike the _____, and the _____ of the flock will be _____.'"
- **Matthew 26:56** "But all this was done that the _____ of the prophets might be fulfilled. Then all the disciples _____ Him and _____."

33. These things I have spoken to you, that **in Me you may have PEACE.** In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, **I have OVERCOME the world.**

- **Isaiah 26:3** "You will keep him in perfect _____, whose mind is stayed (focused) on _____."
- **John 14:27** "_____ I leave with you. My _____ I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not _____ your heart be troubled, neither _____ it be _____."
- **Philippians 4:6-7** "Be _____ for nothing, but in _____ by _____ and supplication, with _____, let your requests be made known to God; and the _____ of _____, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ _____."

Definition: "I have OVERCOME the WORLD" - When He says that He has "overcome the world," part of the meaning in the original Greek is "I have deprived it of power to harm you." The storm may be raging all around you, but you are SAFE in Jesus. He has deprived that situation of whatever harm it might have done you. You may think it is harming you while you're going through it, but because God is causing ALL things to work together for your good, and to make you more like Christ (Romans 8:28-29), it is actually working for your eternal benefit, not harm.

- **Romans 8:28-29** "And we know that _____ things _____ together for _____ to those who _____, to those who are the called according to His _____. For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be _____ to the _____ of His Son....."

Definition: "ALL THINGS WORK TOGETHER for GOOD" - Because God is all-knowing, all-powerful, all-loving, and all-wise, we can TRUST HIM to know what He is doing when He ALLOWS certain things to happen in our lives. Does that include the "bad" things that happen in our lives that are the CONSEQUENCES of our own actions - our wrong choices and sins? Yes, the Lord loves us enough to even **work these things for our GOOD**, if we will let Him.

- **Psalm 37:23-24** "The _____ of a good man are _____ by the Lord, and He _____ in his way. Though he _____, he shall _____ be utterly (completely, finally) cast down; for the Lord _____ him with His hand."

Definition: "CONFORMED to the IMAGE of His Son" - CONFORM means to be similar or identical; to be MADE INTO the SAME SHAPE or CHARACTER. God wants to make us as much LIKE JESUS in our character as possible.

- **II Corinthians 3:18** "For we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the _____ of the Lord, are being _____ into the same _____ from glory to glory, just as by the _____ of the Lord."
- **Romans 12:2** "And do _____ be _____ to this world, but be _____ by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove (show) what is that _____ and _____ and _____ will of God."

17:1. Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said, "**Father, the HOUR has COME.** Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You.

- **Matthew 26:18 & 45** ".....My _____ is at hand (is near); I will keep the Passover at your house with My disciples." (Verse 45) "Then He came to His disciples and said to them, 'Are you still sleeping and resting? Behold, the _____ is at hand, and the Son of Man is being _____ into the hands of sinners.'"
- **John 7:6-8** "Then Jesus said to them, "My _____ has _____ yet _____, but your time is always ready. The world cannot hate you, but it hates Me because I testify of it that its works are evil. You go up to the feast. I am not going up to _____ feast, for My _____ has _____ yet fully _____."
- **John 7:30** "Then they sought to take (arrest) Him; but no one _____ a _____ on Him, because His _____ had _____ yet _____."
- **John 2:4** "Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what does your concern have to do with Me? My _____ has _____ yet _____.'"
- **John 8:20** "These words _____ spoke in the treasury, as He taught in the temple; and no one _____ hands on Him, for His _____ had _____ yet _____."

Definition: "Father, the HOUR has COME" - Many times before, Jesus had said, "**My hour has NOT yet come.**" Jesus is referring to His DEATH on the CROSS to pay for our sins, which was the whole purpose for why He came to earth, and it was planned by God the Father down to the last detail, including the day and time. Jesus did not want to call too much attention to Himself, **UNTIL the RIGHT time**, so that events would not take place before His time. That is why on many occasions **He told people not to say anything after He healed them or did a miracle.** That is why many times He just walked through an angry crowd, when they wanted to kill Him right then. Then, **when the TIME was NEAR, He did an extremely visible miracle**, that of raising Lazarus from the dead, to set the final touches to God's plan.

- **Read Luke 4:28-30** (Verse 30) "Then _____ through the _____ of them, He went His way."
- **John 8:59** "Then they took up _____ to _____ at Him; but Jesus hid Himself and went out of the temple, going through the _____ of them, and so _____ by."

2-3. As **You** have **GIVEN Him AUTHORITY** over all flesh, that **He should give ETERNAL LIFE** to as many as You have given Him. And **this is ETERNAL LIFE, that they may know You**, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.

- **Matthew 28:18** "Then _____ came and spoke to them, saying, 'All _____ has been given Me in heaven and on _____.'"
- **Romans 6:23** "For the wages of _____ is _____; but the _____ of God is _____ through Jesus Christ our Lord."
- **John 3:16** "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish, but have _____."
- **John 10:27-30** "My Sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. And I give them _____, and they shall _____ perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. My _____ who has _____ them to _____, is greater than all; and _____ is able to snatch them out of My Father's hand."

Definition: "This is ETERNAL LIFE, that they may KNOW YOU" - Many of the books of the New Testament open with, "Grace to you and peace from **God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ**" or "**God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ**." If a person does not believe in "God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ," then they are believing in a false god. Jesus Himself said there is NO OTHER way to come to God except through Him, and that if you reject Him, you are rejecting God the Father. The world's religions are all **man-made ways** to try to reach God or earn their way to heaven, but the Bible tells us the GOOD NEWS of **God coming down from heaven to REACH US** in the person of Jesus Christ. **TRUE Christianity is not a religion, it is a PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP with the Lord Jesus Christ**, who is God in human flesh. Beware of false religions and cults that CLAIM to believe in Jesus; that use the name of Jesus Christ, but are really religions that teach you that you can WORK your way to heaven. **Be sure that you are trusting in Jesus Himself**, and what He did on the cross, to save you, and **NOT a religious system of works** built around things ABOUT Jesus. You don't want Jesus to have to say to you at the judgment, "**I NEVER KNEW YOU**; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!"

- **I John 5:13** "These things have I written unto you that _____ on the name of the Son of God; that you may _____ that you have _____, and that you may believe on the name of the Son of God."
- **I John 5:20** "And we know that the Son of God has come, and has given us an understanding, that we may _____ who is true, and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the _____ and _____."
- **Matthew 7:22-23** "_____ will say to Me in that day, "Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied (preached) in Your name, cast out demons in _____, and done many wonderful works in Your _____?" And then I will declare to them, 'I _____ you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'"