

Jesus' Prayer: Father, Glorify Your Name

John 12:27-43 (Page 83 in the BPB)

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Introduction: The Flow of thought in John 12

The arrival of the Greeks (v. 20)

Jesus' knows his appointed 'hour' has arrived (v. 23).

That hour includes His sacrificial death on the cross,

His soul deeply troubled (v. 27), but He focuses on His all-consuming purpose: that the Father should glorify his own name, even in this hour (v. 28).

Jesus' Response to His "Hour"

²⁷"Now My soul has become troubled;

"Hour" – John 2:4; 4:21, 23; 5:25, 28; 7:30; 8:20; 12:23, 27; 13:1

Gethsemane – Matthew 26:26-46; Mark 14:32-42; Luke 22:40-46

Jesus Focuses on His Purpose

and what shall I say, 'Father, save Me from this hour'? But for this purpose I came to this hour.

Hebrews 12:1-2

¹Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ²fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Jesus' Prays

²⁸"Father, glorify Your name."

The Father's Response

Then a voice came out of heaven: "I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again."

There are two other recorded occurrences where the Father spoke in an audible voice during Jesus' public ministry.

Jesus Baptism: "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well-pleased." (Matthew 3:17)

Jesus' Transfiguration: "This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well-pleased; listen to Him!" (Matthew 17:5)

The Glory of God - John 11:4; 40; 17:1-5, 22-24

The Crowd's Response

²⁹So the crowd *of people* who stood by and heard it were saying that it had thundered; others were saying, "An angel has spoken to Him."

³⁰Jesus answered and said, "This voice has not come for My sake, but for your sakes.

In vv. 31-32 Jesus unpacks the significance of Jesus' "hour".

1) "Now judgment is upon this world;" (v. 31a)

John 3:19; 9:39; 16:11

2) "now the ruler of this world will be cast out." (v. 31b)

John 14:30; Eph. 2:1-2; 6:10-12; Col. 2:13-15; Heb. 2:14-15; 1John 3:8b

3) "And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to Myself." (v. 32)

"Lifted up" John 3:14; 8:28

"Draw all men to Myself" - John 6:37, 44, 65

"All men" John 10:16; 12:20; Rev. 5:9-10; John 12:37-43

³³But He was saying this to indicate the kind of death by which He was to die.

The Crowd's Question concerning the Christ/Messiah

³⁴The crowd then answered Him, “We have heard out of the Law that the Christ is to remain forever; and how can You say, ‘The Son of Man must be lifted up’? Who is this Son of Man?”

Law - John 10:34 (Psalm 82:6)

Psalm 89:3-4; 35-37 (2 Samuel 7:12-16)

³“I have made a covenant with My chosen;

I have sworn to David My servant,

⁴I will establish your seed forever

And build up your throne to all generations.”

³⁵“Once I have sworn by My holiness;

I will not lie to David.

³⁶“His descendants shall endure forever

And his throne as the sun before Me.

³⁷“It shall be established forever like the moon,

And the witness in the sky is faithful.”

Jesus’ Response

³⁵So Jesus said to them, “For a little while longer the Light is among you. Walk while you have the Light, so that darkness will not overtake you; he who walks in the darkness does not know where he goes.

³⁶“While you have the Light, believe in the Light, so that you may become sons of Light.”

“A little while longer” – John 7:33

Light – John 1:4-5, 9; 8:12; 1 John 1:5-7; 2:9-11

These things Jesus spoke, and He went away and hid Himself from them.

John’s Summary Comments Concerning Unbelief

(Isaiah 53:1; Isaiah 6:10)

God’s Hardening of Hearts (see also Matthew 13:10-17)

1) God’s sovereignty in these matters is never pitted against human responsibility.

2) When God hardens a person’s heart He is not going against that person’s desires nor is He hardening those who are who are truly seeking Him.

Romans 9-11

Others did not confess their belief because they loved the approval of men more than the approval of God.

Romans 10:9-10

Luke 9:23-26

Application:

³⁶“While you have the Light, believe in the Light, so that you may become sons of Light.”

Today if you hear God calling you do not harden your heart.