

Jesus' High Priestly Prayer – Part 2

Sermon 79 in the Matthew Series (Excursion into John's Gospel – 2)

John 17:6-9

Intro. How is it that knowing God is eternal life?

1. It is not simply an awareness that God exists.
2. It is not simply information about God.
3. It is not simply knowledge gained by experience.
4. It is not simply knowledge, but knowledge and faith.

I. I have Manifested your Name v. 6

A. Manifested *phanerow*

- Often it simply means “to appear” – context dictates.
- But it can also mean “to make known, to make plain, to bring to light, or to disclose”.

1 John 1:1-4 – That which was from the beginning, which **we** have heard, which **we** have seen with **our** eyes, which **we** have looked upon, and **our** hands have handled, concerning the Word of life—² the life **was manifested**, and **we** have seen, and bear witness, and declare to you that eternal life which was with the Father and **was manifested to us**—³ that which **we** have seen and heard **we** declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with **us**; and truly **our** fellowship *is* with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ. ⁴ And these things **we** write to you that your joy may be full.

B. Name (THE NAME of God is synonymous with God Himself)

The 3rd commandment is “Thou shalt not take **the Name** of the Lord thy God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless, that taketh **His Name** in vain.”

C. What did Christ mean by “I have manifested Your Name”?

The name of God stands for His very nature and being.

Psalm 20:1 -- May the LORD answer you in the day of trouble; May **the name** of the God of Jacob defend you;

Psalm 135:3 -- Praise the LORD, for the LORD *is* good; Sing praises to **His name**, for *it is* pleasant.

Micah 4:5 -- For all people walk each in the name of his god, But we will walk **in the name of the LORD our God** - Forever and ever.

“The Name” of God can be used for the entire system of divine truth.

When Christ says, He has manifested God's Name, what He is saying is that He has shown to them (and us) the Revelation of the Father.

II. The Father's Gifts to the Son v. 6

- A. They were yours and you gave them to me (Election)

- B. The Father has given all things into his hands (Matt. 11:27) (Dominion)

- C. They have kept thy Word v. 6c (Perseverance)

III. The Source of Christ's Ministry v. 7-8

J.I. Packer "Here are two mysteries for the price of one — the plurality of persons within the unity of God, and the union of Godhead and manhood in the person of Jesus."

Heb. 1:1-3 -- God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, ² has in these last days spoken to us by *His* Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds; ³ who being the brightness of *His* glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

A. The very Words Christ Speaks – He Speaks from God v. 7-8a

His words are in perfect union with the Father and come from the Father.

John 8:28 -- Then Jesus said to them, "When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am *He*, and *that* I do nothing of Myself; but as My Father taught Me, I speak these things.

B. The Reception of the Truth by the Disciples v. 8b

IV. It is for "them" He makes Intercession -- v. 9