

## Outline of John 13 – 17

### A. John 13

1. John 13 is God's invitation to glorify Jesus by living out the reality of the New Commandment in John 13:34–35.
2. It is also a prophetic parable that unveils God's humble love. Jesus displays the nature of His humble love towards God, His disciples, and His enemies.
3. Jesus is also demonstrating to His disciples the fundamentals of ministry and leadership by the washing of the disciple's feet — humility and love.
4. Brief outline of John 13
  - a. The great betrayal (v1–2,21–22);
  - b. The Father's love for the Son (v3–4);
  - c. Jesus unveils Himself as the Servant God (v5–6);
  - d. The coming understanding of the humility of God (v7);
  - e. Receiving Christ as our Servant (v8–17);
  - f. Prophetic act of loving our enemies — those who betray and deny us (v18–38).

### B. John 14

John 14 is God's invitation to intimate union and partnership with the Triune God.

- a. Jesus revealed who the Father is and revealed how the Father desires to relate with His Redeemed.
- b. Verses 1–3: The key to an untroubled heart. We are to trust in God — in who He is, His nature, His leadership, His promises, and His End-Time narrative.
- c. Verses 4–11: Jesus as the Way, Truth, and Life gives us access into the Father's heart, and into deep union and partnership with Him.
  - i. Traditionally, the application of this verse is often used for sharing the gospel with unbelievers.
  - ii. However, in this passage, Jesus was speaking to His disciples. He was telling His disciples that He is the model and the source for access to the Father.

- d. Verses 12–14: Invitation into intimate partnership with the Triune God.
  - i. There are two facets to this partnership:
    - The first is that we will do the greater works that flow out from our intimate union with Jesus (Dan 11:32).
    - The second is that we will walk in the glory of answered prayers that flow from agreement with His heart.
  - ii. We are also given a 4-fold promise as part of this intimate partnership:
    - Greater works from the place of intimacy-based prayer;
    - Greater love expressed through obedience;
    - Greater manifest presence of God through love-based obedience;
    - Greater peace that is rooted in the power of the Spirit.
- e. Verses 15–27: Promise of the Holy Spirit that results in 4-fold fruit:
  - i. Verses 15–18: Spirit-empowered obedience that is based on love for Jesus. There are two kinds of love — love-based obedience and discipline-based obedience.
  - ii. Verses 19–23: Spirit-inspired union with the Triune God.
  - iii. Verses 21–23: Greater manifest presence of God as a result of Spirit-empowered love for Jesus. This is not about “earning” His Presence and love but about posturing ourselves to receive more.
  - iv. Verses 25–27: Supernatural peace that flows out of union with God.
- f. Verses 28–31: Revelation of Jesus’ love for the Father.

### C. John 15

John 15 gives us instructions to walking in intimate union with the Triune God. It is an exhortation to cultivate union with God by abiding in Christ.

- 1. Verses 1–3: Jesus is the model and source for us to enter into life in the Father.
- 2. Verses 4–10: Key to union with God (3-fold Abiding):
  - a. Abide in Him (v4–5);
  - b. Abide in His Word (v7);
  - c. Abide in His love (v9).
- 3. Verses 11–17: Empowerment to live out the New Commandment in John 14:34–35 (v12–13) and the 4 outflows of abiding:
  - a. Anointed and effective prayer (v7);

- b. Fullness of joy (v11);
  - c. Fruitfulness (v16);
  - d. Friendship with Jesus (v14–15).
4. Verses 18–27: Overcoming and prevailing in love in the midst of great hostility, hatred and persecution. The glory of the End-Time Church is for us to have an unoffended heart and not succumb to the fear that leads to betrayal.

#### **D. John 16**

John 16 reveals the activity and works of the Holy Spirit in and through us.

- 1. Verses 1–4: The coming hostility and persecution that will happen globally at the End of the Age.
- 2. Verses 3–12: The workings of the Holy Spirit.
- 3. Verses 13–15: The commitment of the Holy Spirit to be the Helper and Guide amid hostility.
- 4. Verses 16–24: A prophetic picture of a victorious End-Time Church. This is the gospel version of Revelation 12:11.
- 5. Verses 25–33: Promise of ultimate victory and peace for the End-Time Church. This is available and attainable if we abide in and cultivate history with God.

#### **E. John 17 — High Priestly Prayer**

Jesus interceded for the Church to walk in the fullness of His glory, especially in the context of the End Times. John 17 is a prophetic chapter — one that we are beginning to step into.

- 1. This is a prayer that is guaranteed to be answered since John 5:19 reveals that Jesus will never ask for anything that is outside the Father's will (1 Jn 5:14,15).
- 2. Overview of chapter:
  - a. Verses 1–5: Jesus' prayer for Himself;
  - b. Verses 6–19: Jesus' prayer for the early apostles;
  - c. Verses 20–26: Jesus' prayer for the End-Time Church.
- 3. Overview of John 17:20–26
  - a. From verse 20 onwards, Jesus changed the focus of His prayer from the early Apostles to the Church throughout history.
  - b. This is Jesus' High Priestly Prayer for His Church on earth.

- c. It reveals God's will for His Church.
- d. These are also prophetic promises of God for His Church on earth.
- 4. There are 7 Key Elements in John 17:20–26 that are related to His Church on earth:
  - a. Unprecedented and supernatural unity and oneness among the community of believers (v21);
  - b. Effective witness and evangelism to the world as a result of the unity and oneness of the community of believers (v21,23);
  - c. The receiving of God's glory as the means of becoming one in the Body of Christ (v22);
  - d. The community of believers becoming mature in Christ through the transforming power of Christ in them (v23a);
  - e. God the Father's ravished heart of great desire for the Body of Christ. The Father's love for the Body of Christ is as great as His love for Jesus (v23b);
  - f. God the Son's ravished heart of great desire for the Body of Christ;
    - i. Jesus' desire to be together with the Body of Christ now and forever (v24a);
    - ii. Jesus' desire for the Body of Christ to behold His glory (v24b).
  - g. The continuous work of Jesus among the Body of Christ.
    - i. Jesus will continue to reveal the Father's name (v26a);
    - ii. Jesus will continue to intercede for the impartation of the Father's passion and pleasure for Himself to be in the Body of Christ (v26b);
    - iii. Jesus will continue to express His life through the Body of Christ (v26c).