

Spend at least 20 minutes on each sermon presented?

You are required to:

- 1. Look up every scripture referenced in each sermon.**
- 2. And then spend some time meditating on each sermon.**

You will be asked to verify this on the Lesson test.

LESSON SEVENTEEN

Topic: A BIBLE STUDY ON STANDING.

I. STANDING OF MAN BEFORE GOD APART FROM CHRIST.

1. Past:

Gen. 1:26, 27. Created in image of God.
Rom. 5:12. Sin entered, and death by sin.

2. Present:

Rom. 3:9. All under sin.
Rom. 3:10-12. None righteous.
Rom. 3:19. Judgment resting on all.
Gal. 3:10. All under curse.

3. Future:

Rev. 21:8. And the unbelieving shall have their part in lake that burneth forever.
John 3:36. Wrath abideth.

II. STANDING OF MAN BEFORE GOD UNITED WITH CHRIST.

1. Past:

Eph. 1:11. Predestined according to His purpose.

2. Present:

Heb. 10:14. Perfected forever.
2 Cor. 5:21. Righteous.
Rom. 8:1. No condemnation.
Gal. 3:13. Redeemed from curse.

3. Future:

John 14:3. Forever with Him.
Rom. 8:17. Heirs of God.

—R. S. Beal.

Topic: SEVEN INDISPENSABLE THINGS.

- I. Without shedding of blood is no remission. Heb. 9:22.
- II. Without faith it is impossible to please God. Heb. 11:6.
- III. Without works faith is dead. Jas. 2:26.
- IV. Without holiness no man shall see the Lord. Heb. 12:14.
- V. Without love I am nothing. 1 Cor. 13:1-3.
- VI. Without chastisement ye are not sons. Heb. 12:8.
- VII. Without me (Jesus Christ) ye can do nothing. John 15:5.

—A. C. P. Coote.

GREAT CHAPTERS AS TEXTS.

JOHN.XVII.

In the first place, note, that this chapter contains one great theme, viz: "The High-Priestly Prayer of our Lord." Note again, that its setting places it in the last week, indeed, within the last day or so of Our Lord's earthly life. Further, a careful reading of the chapter reveals the three-fold analysis. There are no parallel accounts. Here then is a suggested sermon outline based on this chapter as a text:

Text:

John 17:1-26.

Theme: THE HIGH-PRIESTLY PRAYER OF OUR LORD.**Introduction.**

The important place that prayer, particularly intercessory prayer, occupied in the life of our Lord.

Brother Evans believed the Church started at Pentecost. Of course that belief is in error. The Church started while Jesus was here on the earth. Therefore, this point needs to be renamed.

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I. OUR LORD'S PRAYER FOR HIMSELF, 17:1-5.

For His glorification by

1. Enduring the Cross (v. 1, "the hour").
2. Blessing humanity (v. 2, "give eternal life").
3. Perfect obedience (vv. 3-5, "finished the work").

II. OUR LORD'S PRAYER FOR HIS DISCIPLES, 17:6-19.

1. Their relation to the Father and the Son described (vv. 6-8).
2. Prayer for their unity (v. 11).
3. Prayer for their preservation from the evil one (vv. 11-16).
4. Prayer for their separation unto service (vv. 17-19).

III. OUR LORD'S PRAYER FOR THE ~~FUTURE~~ CHURCH, 17:20-26.

1. For its unity (vv. 21-23).
2. For its power and testimony before the world (vv. 21-23).
3. That the whole church may be gathered ultimately with Him in the glory (vv. 24-26).

Conclusion.

The strength and inspiration which comes from the consciousness that our High Priest is thus praying for us.

ISAIAH I.

The first chapter of Isaiah, because it presents us with a completed theme, may well be chosen as a text for a sermon. A careful reading of the chapter reveals to us the theme, namely, "God's Controversy with His People." The scene is that of a trial court. God is the

judge and plaintiff; the prophet is the witness; the people of Israel, the defendants; the charge is clearly stated, and the verdict announced. The following may be suggested as an outline:

Text:

Isaiah 1.

**Theme: GOD'S CONTROVERSY WITH HIS
 PEOPLE ISRAEL.**

Introduction.

The moral and spiritual condition of the nation at this time.

I. GOD'S COMPLAINT AGAINST HIS PEOPLE, 1:1-3.

This complaint or charge is three-fold:

1. Ingratitude (v. 3, "My people doth not consider").
2. Disobedience (vv. 2, 3).
3. Rebellion (vv. 2, 3, "Rebelled against me").

**II. THE PROPHET AS A WITNESS RE-ENFORCING
 GOD'S INDICTMENT, 1:4-9.**

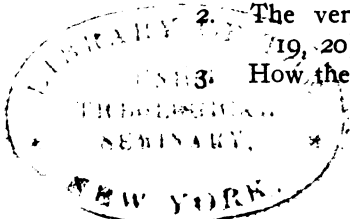
1. Showing the course of sin (v. 4).
2. Showing the punishment for sin (vv. 5-9).

III. THE PEOPLE'S PLEA OF DEFENSE, 1:11-14.

1. Laborious sacrifices (vv. 11, 12).
2. Much ceremonialism (vv. 13, 14).

**IV. THE CONCLUSION, OR SUMMING UP OF THE
 TRIAL, 1:16-31.**

1. The call to repentance and reason (vv. 16-18).
2. The verdict and sentence announced (vv. 19, 20).
3. How the sentence will work out (vv. 21-31).



Did you complete your homework for this lesson? You are required to do so before taking the lesson test.