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GREAT CHAPTERS OF THE BIBLE. JOHN XVII.

INTRODUCTION. *The Lord introduces us to the Chapter.*

Our approach to this chapter must be that of profound awe. We speak about it almost with bated breath.

To gather its force we must be technical in consideration.

Let us pray that over the technicalities the Holy Spirit may brood, lest we fail in our apprehension.

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Our Lord's ministry of Teaching was over.  
Both to the crowds and to His own.

*The last systematic speech - not to men - but to God.*

The words were probably uttered somewhere on the hillside leading down from the city gates to the brook Kidron.

The stillness of the night round about them, the disciples heard Him talking to His Father.

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The words were those of Communion.

"I pray". 9. 15. 20. "Make request"?

(Ερωτο). To be used on basis of fellowship. To interrogate.

↓ "I desire". 24. Thelo: \* To determine.

*Only John - and only 9 verses.*

In them we discover the Desires and Determinations of Jesus.

Our consideration now confined to two matters;-

A. Its Scope.

B. Its expressed Desires.

\* American. "I desire". Amy James F.S.R. "I will".

A. THE SCOPE.

I. Concerning Himself. 1-5.

II. Concerning His first Disciples. 6-19.

III. Concerning His whole Church. 20-26.

B. ITS EXPRESSED DESIRES.

NOTE. These are discovered by discriminating between petitions and converse.

We confine ourselves to Petitions.

I. In First Movement. (2)

i. "Glorify Thy Son that the Son may glorify Thee..even as"  
The Cross.

ii. "Glorify Thou Me with Thine own Self with the glory".  
The Resumption of the Relinquished.

II. In Second Movement. (3)

i. "Keep them that they may be one."

ii. "Keep them out of the evil".

iii. "Sanctify them in the Truth."

Note. The first is inclusive.  
The second and third are the means for the first.

III. In Third Movement. (2).

i. "That. They may all be one"  
That the world may believe.

They may be perfected into one  
That the world may know."

ii. "That they..be with Me where I am".  
\* In the Cross.

For the Glory.

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*Thelo*

CONCLUSION.

Were these Prayers answered?

I. For Himself. Yes. He went to the Cross.  
He went to the Throne

II. For His Own. Yes. Except, as He said,  
in the case of  
"the son of perdi-  
tion."  
The Answers were  
progressive.

III. For His Church. Yes. In the Divine Economy  
the Church is One.

The measure of Fail-  
ure is failure to  
recognize.

The belief of the  
world has been the  
result.

The knowledge of the  
world will be the  
final issue.

GREAT CHAPTERS.

JOHN XVII.

INTRODUCTION.

The Solemnity of the Occasion.

The Scheme of the Communion,  
Verses 1-5.

" 6-19.

" 20-26.

(Detailed examination in my Vol, and Sermon  
of Sept 18.1932.)

Tonight,

The Standpoint of our Lord's Desire for,  
and Interpretation of, the Unity of His  
Church..

The great fact already revealed in the  
Allegory of the Vine.

Here His thinking of it is unveiled.

In considering this we have three matters  
revealed:-

- A. The Nature of the Unity.
- B. The Method of the Unity.
- C. The Purpose of the Unity.

A. THE NATURE OF THE UNITY.

- I. On the Pattern of the Divine Unity.
  - i. Ver 21. Vital Unity. Consciously.  
"Thou..in Me..and I..in Thee."

A higher type of Life than any-  
thing of which we know in what  
is called Nature.

Each being, a conscious element  
in the Being of a vast Whole.

- ii. Ver 23. Essential Unity.  
"I in them...and Thou in Me."

The Union of the Father and the  
Son is that of Essence.

Upon that is based the Unity of  
Believers.

The Unity of the Church then is on the  
Pattern of the Unity in the Trinity,  
and is indeed of the same Nature.

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II. A threefold progressive Unity.

- i. Of the Disciples. 11.  
That is of a group of Men closely associated with each other in Jesus.

"As We are." Thought.  
Purpose.  
Will.  
Service.

The Local Church.

- ii. Of the Host who should believe through their Word. 21.  
That is of the whole Family of Believers separated by Time and Space.

"One in Us."  
Unity in Communion with the Father and the Son.

The Catholic Church.

- iii. Of the Church in Glory. 23.  
The whole Host of Believers finally gathered together.

"Perfected into one."  
Each perfect.

Perfect in Relationship.

Perfect in Expression.

The glorified Church.

B. THE METHOD OF THE UNITY.

- I. The Intercession of Jesus. 20.  
This Intercession is based upon our Lord's Accomplishment of the Father's Will and Purpose.

Life eternal through the Son. 2-4.

The manifested Name. 6.

The Words given. 8.

"I kept". "I guarded." 12.

It today avails because the Work accomplished in Life was completed in Death.

- II. The Gift of Jesus. 22.23.  
The Gift of the Glory which Jesus received from His Father.

The perfect Vision of the Father, which transfigures all Life by a Revelation of the Unity of all being.

- III. The Declaration of the Name, 26.  
i. Accomplished. "I have made known".

ii. Progressive. "I will make it known."

iii. Final. "The Love wherewith Thou hast loved ME may be in them."

C. THE PURPOSE OF THE UNITY.

I. "That the World may believe". 21.

The Demonstration of the Divinity of  
the Mission of Christ was in the  
vital Union of the whole Church.

II. "That the World may know". 23.

The Perfecting of the Oneness will  
then be used for the Conviction of  
the World concerning the Divinity  
of that Mission.

So that here the perpetual Law ob-  
tains that Blessings are granted  
for the sake of the larger Circle.

CONCLUSION.

The Application must produce Humiliation.

Let us remember

The Golden Bowl.    The Earthly Replica.

Individual Responsibility.