

**“INTRODUCTION TO CHRIST’S HIGH PRIESTLY PRAYER”**  
**JOHN 17**

**I. THE LORD WAS CONSUMED WITH PRAYER THROUGHOUT THE DAYS OF HIS FLESH**

A. The Gospels Record Many Instances Which Afford Us Glimpses Into His Prayer Life

B. But This Is The Only Occasion In Any Of The Gospels Where The Lord’s Prayer Was Heard, In Its Entirety, By The Apostles

**II. THE TONE OR ATMOSPHERE OF THIS PARTICULAR PRAYER LEADS US INSTINCTIVELY INTO A MIND SET OF WORSHIP**

A. The Opening Reference To The Lord’s Initial Gesture Puts Us Immediately In That Arena (17:1)

B. The Lord So Naturally Transitioned From Addressing Men To Addressing The Father

1. There Are Two Terms Used In The N.T. To Convey The Idea Of Making Request

2. The Lord’s “*I Pray*” Bespeaks One Dignity Addressing Another

C. The Atmosphere Of This Prayer Was Surely Different From That Which Would Prevail At Gethsemane

**III. THE DIVISIONS WITHIN THIS PRAYER ARE OBVIOUS**

A. The Lord Prays For Himself (17:1-5)

B. The Lord Prays For The Apostles (17:6-19)

C. The Lord Prays For All Who Will Come To Faith In Him (17:20-26)