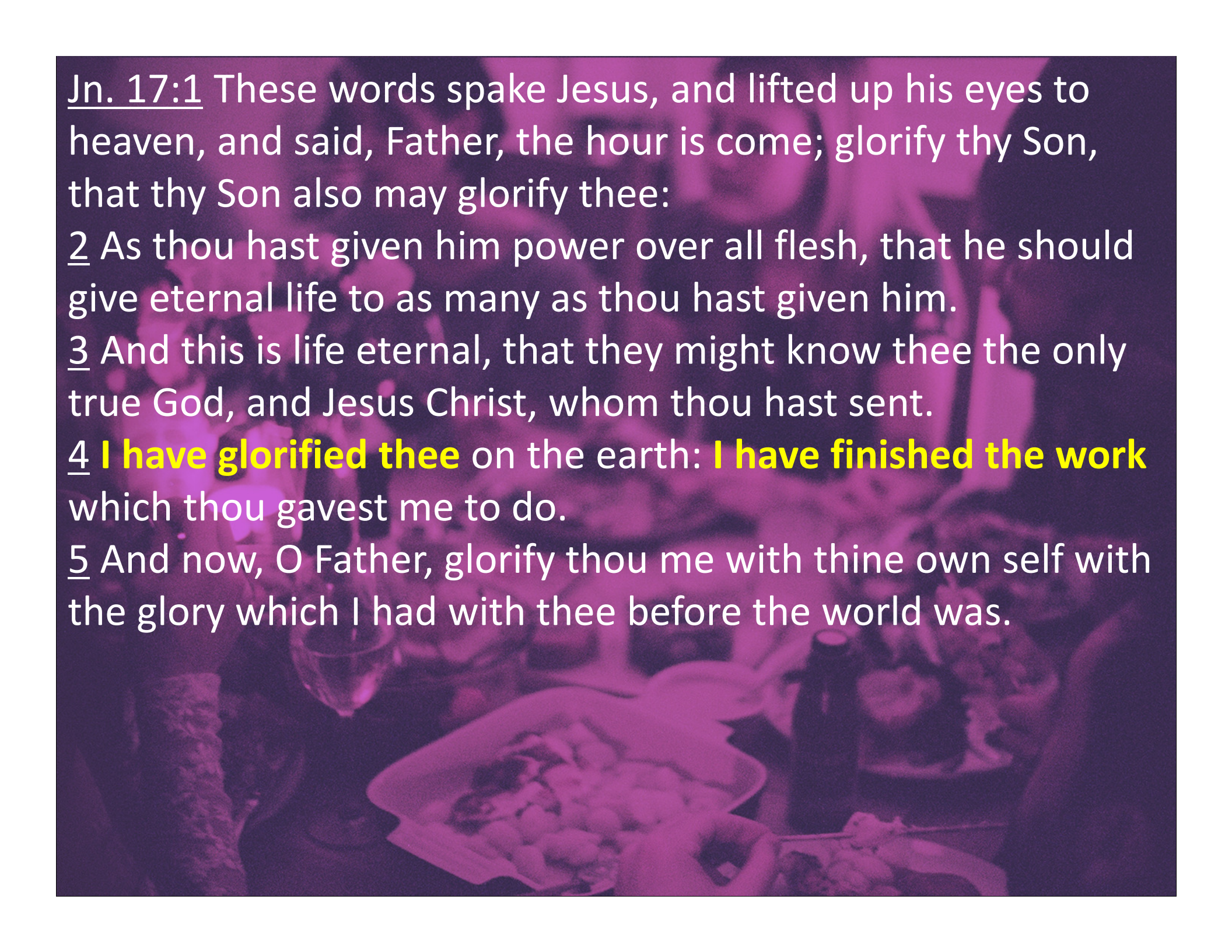


A group of people are seated around a dining table in a restaurant. The table is set with various dishes, including a large bowl of dumplings, a glass of wine, and a bottle of beer. The atmosphere is warm and intimate, with soft lighting. The text is overlaid on a semi-transparent dark rectangle in the center of the image.

Glorify the Creator

Jn. 17:1-5

*“The Ultimate Reason for our Wondrous
Relationship with the Creator”*

A group of people is gathered around a table, likely for a meal or a social gathering. The scene is dimly lit, and a purple overlay is applied to the entire image. The people are partially visible, and there are plates of food and glasses on the table.

Jn. 17:1 These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee:

2 As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him.

3 And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.

4 **I have glorified thee** on the earth: **I have finished the work** which thou gavest me to do.

5 And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.

- The ultimate reason for our wondrous relationship with the Creator is to represent Him properly on this earth, for His glory!

I. THE EXAMPLE OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

A. He Represented the Father

- As a youth, 12 years old, Jesus was focused upon His Father's business.

Luke 2:49 And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that **I must be about my Father's business?**

- What is the Father's business, personally, for you?
- Jesus was focused upon pleasing the Father, not Himself.

Jn. 8:29 And he that sent me is with me: the Father hath not left me alone; for **I do always those things that please him.**

Rom. 15:3 For even **Christ pleased not himself**; but, as it is written, The reproaches of them that reproached thee fell on me.

- Included in the perilous times of the last days Paul told Timothy what to expect:

2 Tim. 3:4 Traitors, heady, highminded, **lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;**

- Jesus was constantly concerned about His works representing His Father.

Mt. 5:16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and **glorify your Father** which is in heaven.

Jn. 4:34 Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and **to finish his work**.

Jn. 5:36 But I have greater witness than *that* of John: for **the works which the Father hath given me to finish, the same works that I do, bear witness of me**, that the Father hath sent me.



Jn. 9:3 Jesus answered, Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but **that the works of God should be made manifest in him.**

4 **I must work the works of him that sent me**, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.

- The works of Jesus represented His Father!

Jn. 5:36 But I have greater witness than *that* of John: for **the works which the Father hath given me to finish, the same works that I do**, bear witness of me, that the Father hath sent me.

Jn. 10:25 Jesus answered them, I told you, and ye believed not: **the works that I do in my Father's name, they bear witness of me.** ...

37 If I do not **the works of my Father**, believe me not.

38 But if I do, though ye believe not me, **believe the works:** that ye may know, and believe, that the Father *is* in me, and I in him.

- Jesus was a vessel for the Father in which to do His works.

Jn. 14:10 Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, **he doeth the works.**

11 Believe me that I *am* in the Father, and the Father in me: or else **believe me for the very works' sake.**

- In His high priestly prayer, He acknowledged the fulfillment of His earthly work.

Jn. 17:4 **I have glorified thee** on the earth: **I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do.**

B. He Reached Out to the Fallen

Luke 7:34 The Son of man is come eating and drinking; and ye say, Behold a gluttonous man, and a winebibber, **a friend of publicans and sinners!**

Luke 19:10 For the Son of man is come **to seek and to save that which was lost.**

C. He Returned to the Father

Jn. 17:13 And **now come I to thee**; and these things I speak in the world, that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves.

...

24 **Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am**; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world.

Jn. 14:12 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater *works* than these shall he do; **because I go unto my Father**. ...

28 Ye have heard how I said unto you, I go away, and come *again* unto you. If ye loved me, ye would rejoice, because I said, I go unto the Father: for my Father is greater than I.

Jn. 16:10 Of righteousness, **because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more; ...**

16 A little while, and ye shall not see me: and again, a little while, and ye shall see me, **because I go to the Father.**

28 I came forth from the Father, and am come into the world: again, **I leave the world, and go to the Father.**

II. THE EXPECTATION OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

A. He Expects Believers to Represent Savior

Heb. 6:9 But, **beloved, we are persuaded better things of you**, and things that accompany salvation, though we thus speak.

1 Jn. 4:17 Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because **as he is, so are we in this world.**

1 Jn. 2:6 He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, **even as he walked.**

Phil. 1:6 Being confident of this very thing, that **he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:**

Phil. 2:12 Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, **work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.**

13 For it is **God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.**

2 Cor. 5:7 (For we **walk by faith**, not by sight:)

Heb. 11:6 But **without faith it is impossible to please him**: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and *that* he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

B. He Expects Believers to Reach Sinners

Acts 1:8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: **and ye shall be witnesses unto me** both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

Luke 10:2 Therefore said he unto them, The harvest truly *is* great, but the labourers *are* few: **pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest.**

Jn. 15:8 **Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.**

Prov. 11:30 The fruit of the righteous *is* a tree of life; and **he that winneth souls is wise.**

C. He Expects Believers to be Rewarded Saints

- The Apostle Paul is a perfect example of what Jesus expects:

Acts 20:24 But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, **so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus,** to testify the gospel of the grace of God.

2 Tim. 4:7 I have fought a good fight, **I have finished my course**, I have kept the faith:

8 Henceforth **there is laid up for me a crown** of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and **not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.**

- The epitome of our relationship with the Creator, as it was designed to be, is found in 1 Cor. 3:

1 Cor. 3:9 For we are **labourers together with God**: ye are **God's husbandry**, *ye are* **God's building**. ...

13 Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and **the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is.**

14 If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward.

A group of people are seated at a table in a restaurant, dining. The scene is overlaid with a semi-transparent purple filter. In the foreground, there are several plates of food, including what appears to be a large plate of meat and vegetables, and a glass of wine. In the background, several people are visible, some looking towards the camera. The overall atmosphere is casual and social.

Original Word: γεώργιον

Transliteration: geórgion

Definition: a tilled field, cultivation, husbandry.

<http://biblehub.com/greek/1091.htm>

HUS'BANDRY, *noun* The business of a farmer, comprehending agriculture or tillage of the ground, the raising, managing and fattening of cattle and other domestic animals, the management of the dairy and whatever the land produces.

<http://webstersdictionary1828.com/Dictionary/husbandry>

- We are “God’s husbandry” – He is the husbandman, and we are His work.

Original Word: γεωργός

Transliteration: geórgos

Definition: a worker of the soil, husbandman, farmer, farm-laborer, vine-dresser.

<http://biblehub.com/greek/1092.htm>

Jn. 15:1 I am the true vine, and **my Father is the husbandman.**

5 I am the vine, ye *are* the branches: **He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.**

Conclusion

- The ultimate reason for our wondrous relationship with the Creator is to represent Him properly on this earth, for His glory!
- Do you know what His will and work in your life should be, for His glory?
- What has He created for your vocation?

Eph. 4:1 I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye **walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called,**

- Have you humbly sought Him to reveal His will to you?
- We should serve Him, because we love Him.

1 Jn. 4:17 Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: **because as he is, so are we in this world.**

18 There is no fear in love; but **perfect love casteth out fear:** because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.

19 We love **him**, because he first loved us.