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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

Lesson for March 23
 Golden Text—Holy Father, keep
 through thine own name those
 whom thou hast given me, that
 they may be one, as we are.
 —John 17:11

The Lesson as a Whole
 After our Lord was baptized by
 John, He was anointed by the Holy
 Spirit for three official positions, as
 Prophet, Priest, and King. He
 exercised His prophetic ministry on
 earth; He is exercising His priestly
 ministry in the heavenly sanctuary;
 He will reign as King when He
 comes again. As our great High
 Priest He ever lives to intercede on
 our behalf (Heb. 7:25). Before He
 went into the Garden of Gethse-
 mane He gave, as it were, a sample
 of His intercessory ministry in the
 wonderful prayer recorded in this
 seventeenth chapter, in which He
 anticipates the work of the Cross.
 He addresses the Father as though
 that work were accomplished al-
 ready and bases His intercession
 upon it. This is, properly speaking,
 the Lord's Prayer. The beautiful
 prayer which is generally so desig-
 nated is really the disciple's prayer.
 Jesus Himself taught them how to
 pray, but He could not use that
 prayer Himself, for He never had
 to ask for the forgiveness of sins.
 But here we are permitted to draw
 near and hear Him speaking direct-
 ly to the Father on behalf of His
 people still in the place of testing
 and trial, in the world that He was
 just about to leave.

It is thus He has been represent-
 ing us upon His Father's throne all
 through the centuries, as we count
 time on earth, since He ascended to
 Heaven. The work of redemption
 was finished on the cross. The min-
 istry of intercession will never be
 finished so long as there is a child
 of God on earth still needing divine
 help to live a holy life in this scene.
Verse by Verse
 John 17:1.—"Father, the hour is
 come." At last the long-looked-for
 hour had arrived when the work of
 redemption, for which the Son be-
 came incarnate, was to be accom-
 plished. That work completed, the
 Father glorified the Son by raising
 Him from the dead and taken Him,
 as man, into Heaven. Jesus anticipates
 this as He communes with His
 Father.

Verse 2.—"He should give eternal
 life to as many as thou hast given
 him." Seven times in this prayer
 He refers to His disciples as those
 whom the Father had given Him.
 He delights to look upon all His
 own as His Father's love gift, and
 to them He, as the glorified Man,
 gives eternal life.

Verse 3.—"This is life eternal,
 that they might know thee.....and
 Jesus Christ." This is not exactly a
 definition of eternal life. But it tells
 us that he who receives it has the
 capacity to know the Father and
 the Son. This is foreign to the
 natural man.

Verse 4.—"I have glorified thee
 I have finished the work." Note
 the order here. God's glory came
 first; work second. This should al-
 ways be so with us. The Lord Jesus
 Christ here speaks of His work as
 finished, for, in His own mind, the
 work of the Cross was now looked
 at as though it were completed.

Verse 5.—"The glory which I had
 with thee before the world was."
 The Lord Jesus did not begin to be
 when He was born of the virgin.
 He came forth from the Father. He
 was the eternally preexistent
 Christ.

Verse 6.—"I have manifested thy
 name." In Him and His ministry
 God had been revealed as Father
 in a new and higher sense than ever
 known in Old Testament times. He
 is the Father of all who believe.

Verse 7.—"All things whatsoever
 thou hast given me of thee." As
 man on earth He never acted or
 spoke independently. He was the
 mouthpiece and the representative

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 inset a warble grub which has
 emerged from the back of a
 cow.

my skin and to my flesh, and I am
 escaped with the skin of my teeth."
Verse 8.—"I have given unto
 them the words which thou gavest
 me." This contradicts the unholy
 supposition that He spoke accord-
 ing to the light of His time and
 therefore may have been mistaken
 as to some things. All His words
 were given Him by the Father and
 were absolutely authoritative.

Verse 9.—"I pray not for the
 world." His high priestly inter-
 cession is not for the unsaved. On
 the cross He made intercession for
 the transgressors (Isa. 53:12). He is
 merciful and faithful High Priest
 on behalf of His own who have
 been given to Him by the Father.

Verse 10.—"All mine are thine,
 and thine are mine." Such is the
 intimate relationship of all who are
 by new birth children of God. They
 are one with the Father and the
 Son.

Verse 11.—"Keep those whom
 thou hast given me, that they may
 be one, as we are." This is unity of
 life. All His own are of one family
 because they are possessors of one
 common divinely imparted life.
Verse 20.—"Pray I for them
 also which shall believe on me
 through their word." Up to this
 point He had been making particu-
 larly for His disciples, from whom
 He was about to be separated by
 His death and return to Heaven.
 Now He speaks for all throughout
 the entire present age who should
 believe on Him through the testi-
 mony that the first disciples were
 to give. They passed on the Word
 to us, and we who have received it
 in faith are included in His inter-
 cession.

Verse 21.—"That they all may be
 one that the world may believe."
 This is unity in testimony. It is as
 His own agree in manifesting unity
 that the world must recognize that
 they have a message from God to
 lost men. Divisions among Christ-
 ians hinder the testimony greatly.

Verse 22.—"The glory which thou
 gavest me I have given them." His
 essential glory, which He possessed
 with the Father from eternity, He
 cannot share with others. But the
 glory that He has acquired as a
 result of His obedience unto death,
 He shares with His own (Rev. 3:
 21). The results of His victories
 over Satan and over death are all
 shared with us.

Verse 23.—"Made perfect is one;
 that the world may know." This is
 the unity that will be revealed
 when He comes again and all His
 own shall be manifested with Him
 in glory. Then it will no longer be
 a question of believing, but the
 world will know that Jesus was the
 sent one of the Father and that God
 loves all believers as He loves His
 Son.

The Heart of the Lesson
 In this prayer we are, as it were,
 permitted to draw nigh, inside the
 "veil," and hear the breathings of
 the heart of Jesus, our glorified
 Lord and our great High Priest, as
 He pleads for us before the Father's
 throne of grace. He includes all
 children of God in His intercession
 and looks upon them all as the gift
 of His Father, in recognition of
 God's satisfaction with His redemp-
 tive work. He prays for our illum-
 ination, our preservation, our unity,
 and our practical sanctification.

BIBLE QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

Q.—Please help me out. My friend
 said that the expression, "I escaped
 by the skin of my teeth," is in the
 Bible. I said it is not. Who is right?
 A.—Your friend is right, although
 his quotation is not exact. We
 quote Job 19:19, 20: "All my in-
 ward friends abhorred me; and
 they whom I loved are turned
 against me. My bone cleaveth to

Q.—Why is Easter sometimes in
 March and sometimes in April? If
 it is in memory of Christ's resur-
 rection why is it not always at the
 same time?
 A.—Because church authorities
 decreed that Easter should be cele-
 brated on the first Sunday after the
 first full moon after the vernal
 equinox. As the vernal equinox
 always falls on March 21, Easter
 cannot come before March 22 or
 after April 21. There is, of course,
 no command in the Holy Scrip-

tures for any of this. The word
 "Easter" is not found in the original
 Greek of the New Testament. The
 word translated "Easter" in Acts 12:
 4 of the Authorized Version, is
 Passover in the original and has
 been so rendered in the Revised
 Version.

Q.—How can I make the leaves of
 a head of lettuce part in perfect
 condition without tearing?
 A.—Cut the core off with a sharp
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