

On The Road To Emmaus

In our daily life it is easy to forget that Jesus has prayed for us. Our forgetfulness is not malicious but rather it is mindless. That is to say we are not mindful. To remind us what Jesus prayed for us, all we need to do is turn to John 17:15-16, there we find these words: *"I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world."*

In this High Priestly prayer of Jesus we see what is being asked of the Father by Jesus on our behalf. He is asking that we would not get drawn into the customs, habits and patterns of this world that are corrupt and spiral downwards. He is asking the Father to keep us from evil one. He prays on our behalf that we would be kept from all that is directly opposed to the spirit of Christ and that which stands in opposition to God's will and law.

So how has God answered this prayer of Jesus? He has given us His Spirit who strengthens, teaches, and warns us. God also protects us by His providence. This means that there are times that He prevents temptations from coming our way. There are times that He changes our inclinations so that we do not have the desire to fall for the temptation that is confronting us. He has answered the prayer of Jesus through the Holy Spirit and his divine providence.

As you reflect upon this prayer of Jesus, there is much to be thankful for. We need to thank the Father for answering this prayer of Jesus. We can thank Him that He has kept us in the past, that He is currently keeping us and for the fact He will keep us in the future through His gracious divine providence.

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