

Christ's Prayers

by Thomas Manton

Christ's prayers are only for those who have separated from the world and have an interest in Him.

Scripture: James 1:27

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Description

Thomas Manton preaches about the significance of being included in Christ's prayers, emphasizing the distinction between those who belong to God and those who are of the world. He highlights the need for believers to separate themselves from worldly influences and desires in order to fully experience the benefits of Christ's intercession. Manton stresses the importance of striving to be among those for whom Christ prays, as being excluded from His prayers can lead to spiritual decline and separation from God.

Transcript

"I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine" (John 17:9).

On it is a sad thing not to have a name in Christ's prayer. There is a great number left out; and if you will know who they are, they are called 'the world! It presseth us to come out of that state where we are in this danger. Men that are now worldly may be in the roll of God's election, but it is no comfort to them. 'I pray not for the world;' so it is expressed; and as long as thou art worldly thou canst take no comfort in Christ's intercession. Certainly this should be an effectual consideration with the people of God, to cause them 'to keep themselves unspotted from the world,' James 1:27. These have the benefit of Christ's prayers.

A christian should never be quiet till he be clearly out of that number which is excepted. Christ hath a constant enmity and antipathy against mammon; there must be a separation from the world, and a contempt of earthly things, before we can have an interest in him. The world maketh a sport of these things; but what can be more terrible than to be shut out of Christ's prayers? He curseth those for whom he doth not pray; and that is the reason why men that are besotted with the world do always wax worse and worse.

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