

*Your message burns in my heart and bones, and I cannot keep silent.* (Jeremiah 20:9)

*The testimony of JESUS is the spirit of the prophecy.* (Revelation 19:10c)

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### ***The Moment Has Come! (Prayer)***

“Father,” he said, “***the moment has come***. Glorify your son, so that your son may glorify you. Do this in the same way as you did when you gave him authority over all flesh, so that he could give the life of God’s coming age to everyone you gave him. And by ‘life of God’s coming age’ I mean this: ***that they should know you, the only true God, and Jesus the Messiah, the one you sent.***” (John 17:1b-3 Kingdom NT [bold italic added])

Over the last few weeks, I have meditated on our Lord’s prayer to His Father, as recorded in John 17, the depths of which I imagine none of us can truly fathom. Many have expounded Jesus’ prayer to His Father as the moment had arrived for Him to face the shame of the cross. However, intellectual, theological expositions can only go so far.

There was a confident, expectant, holy rightness to His prayer, as He transcended to a realm and state of mind and heart with His Father that was not a plea for action, but rather, **a reality of what was, what is, and what will be**. He prayed reality (truth) expressing and manifesting the perfect, absolute, and unequivocal oneness of the Father and the Son.

Jesus fully owned that moment as the ladder (gateway, door) between heaven and earth that stretches throughout all the ages. He was the perfect Son who fulfilled all the heart’s desire of His Father. Driven by love, He had been obedient in all things the Father gave Him to do and He was about to be obedient even unto death. The cross became the ultimate symbol of His obedience. Throughout His entire earthly ministry, Jesus revealed **God is love** and **God is love was about to be on full display through a cross and an empty tomb**.

As I meditated on John 17, I was caught by the Lord’s use of the third person in the above verses. Many have speculated on the reason for Jesus speaking to His Father in the third person. To me, verses 1-3 stand out from all that follows. I have two thoughts. First, Jesus approached His Father as Son, a relationship He held dear to His heart throughout His entire earthly life in human flesh. He was Son! And, as Son, He was about to complete His work on earth. He prayed from this perspective. Second, the whole of His ministry was about knowing the only true God and Jesus the Messiah, the one God sent to the earth. Verse 3 sums up the entirety of the mission—to bring people into the life of God’s age by knowing God, and this only comes by knowing the one God sent.

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As I've said, many have written about this glorious prayer, so I will leave it to them to offer in-depth analysis. What I want to offer with this insight is a prayer that came to me as I meditated on the Lord's prayer. It all started with the expression *the moment has come*. Most translations use the word *hour* instead of *moment*, but in reading N.T. Wright's translation, *the moment has come* spoke to my heart in a special way—it seemed more personal and relational, a softer way of saying *hour*. This prayer also prompted me to write [\*Proclaim the Name\*](#).

As I have meditated on what first came to my heart in that moment, other facets of this prayer were added. You will notice I've incorporated some thoughts addressed in other writings (with some links). **You will also notice that this is not a plea; it is an expectation.** Jesus was expectant as that age was coming to a close, and so must we be as our age is coming to a close. **The moment has come for us to pray to our God with declarative, expectant hearts, not ones filled with pleas for help in trying times.**

*Father...*

“The moment has come! GLORIFY your sons, so that your sons may GLORIFY you, that the world may know you—the only true God, and Jesus the Anointed One, the Christ, the one you sent to rescue the world from its destructive nature.”

“The moment has come to transform your people who are in the Anointed One, to conform us to the body of His glory.”

“The moment has come to reveal to the whole world the name of God. Father, we have been kept in your name—your name that you gave to your Son.”

“The moment has come to reveal to the world that there is only one name of God that is far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and every name that is named—the NAME is JESUS—the LORD and GOD who SAVES. There is no other name by which humanity is saved.”

“The moment has come for the [\*ANOINTING\*](#) you have given us—the spirit of TRUTH, the spirit of the LORD—to awaken and rise up from within us as fountains of living water flowing freely and abundantly throughout the earth, filling it with the knowledge of your glory.”

“The moment has come for the [\*INGENERATE WORD\*](#) you have written on our hearts and in our minds to openly manifest as LIFE, the LIVING WORD that saves, the life of your Son.”

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“The moment has come for the RIVER of LIFE to flow, giving the life of God's AGE to the thirsty and downtrodden.”

“The moment has come for your people to rise up as one people, united by one spirit, built up as your holy temple in one Lord, God's dwelling in spirit.”

“The moment has come for the world to see and experience the ONENESS of the BODY of CHRIST. To this end, the moment has come for the walls of religion to crumble.”

“The moment has come to proclaim to the world with one united voice as your people and body that the one you sent and gave your name *Jesus* has conquered sin, death, the world and the devil.”

“The moment has come for your dwelling to openly manifest as the embodiment and expression of LOVE and to openly manifest as the embodiment and expression of the KINGDOM of the SON of your LOVE.”

“The moment has come to proclaim only one name—the name of *Jesus*—and proclaim He is King of kings and Lord of lords, the inheritor of the nations and the possessor of the earth. King *Jesus* has been installed as the King of the Holy Kingdom of God.”

“The moment has come for EVERY KNEE to BOW and EVERY TONGUE CONFESS that **Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God, the Father.**”

“The moment has come for LOVE to reign upon the earth.”

“Father, the moment has come for your kingdom to come and your will to be done on earth as it is in heaven.”

Dear people of God, the moment has come. See what expectant declaration you can add to this prayer, and let us stand united in this day as we expectantly and longingly await the arrival of our King and the open manifestation of His Kingdom among all the nations.

May we unite as one voice in our Lord *Jesus* and proclaim *the moment has come* with full expectation of the arrival of God's REALITY!