

The Gospel of John

12:27-34

Welcome back to this week's study in the book of John.

As with this study and all bible studies, remember to pray before you start.

Last week we read of the how the Greeks wanted to see Jesus, and Jesus telling His disciples about His death that is to come, and how they must also die to themselves if they want to be His disciples, and by dieing they would also produce fruit just as Jesus will from His death.

As Jesus speaks these words He is attacked by satan with the thought that He will have to die a horrible death. We know this as we read Jesus' words starting out in this week's study.

✠ **John 12:27-29** *"Now My soul is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save Me from this hour'? But for this purpose I came to this hour. Father, glorify Your name." Then a voice came from heaven, saying, "I have both glorified it and will glorify it again." Therefore the people who stood by and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, "An angel has spoken to Him."*

You have to wonder what sort of thoughts satan was putting into Jesus' head or whispering in His ear at this point. Only a week to go before Jesus was to die for the sins of the world. The torture and pain Jesus was about to go through would be something no man could take, but Jesus would have to endure it. Could thoughts of all who would reject Him be running through Jesus' mind?

I think possibly that satan would put thoughts of how many would reject Jesus' love and death on the cross, so why go through with it, possible giving Jesus thoughts of alternative ways to save the world.

Satan could have been telling Jesus how he would torture Him with the beatings, and scourging and the words people would say to Jesus, even as He was hanging on the cross. And who would watch over Jesus family and friends, would they all reject Jesus because He was gone?

Satan is good at telling us lies and putting these lies into our heads. Lies that cause us to doubt our salvation, and the love of God, The Holy Spirit and Jesus towards us.

Thoughts to cheat and steal or even make the wrong decisions in life.

I'm sure you could come up with many false thoughts that satan has put into your head. But Jesus would not give into these thoughts.

Look at verse 27 again.

✠ **Now My soul is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save Me from this hour'? But for this purpose I came to this hour.**

The word "**troubled**" means:

- 1) to agitate, trouble (a thing, by the movement of its parts to and fro)*
- 1a) to cause one inward commotion, take away his calmness of mind, disturb his equanimity*
- 1b) to disquiet, make restless*
- 1c) to stir up*
- 1d) to trouble*
- 1d1) to strike one's spirit with fear and dread*
- 1e) to render anxious or distressed*
- 1f) to perplex the mind of one by suggesting scruples or doubts*

Have you ever been in so much anguish over something that your stomach turns and it feels like all your inward parts are rubbing against each other to the point that you feel sick to your stomach?

That was what Jesus was going through at this point, as these thoughts run through His mind. But as we just read Jesus does NOT accept these thoughts and knows that no matter how bad it may seem, that the Father will be glorified. ***"Father, glorify Your name."***

Jesus knew even before He came to this earth what He would have to endure, and even now Jesus knew that by His dying that that was the only way the world would be saved.

✎ But for this purpose I came to this hour.

As Jesus remembers this and speaks words of encouragement to others, God answers His reply with.

✎ "I have both glorified it and will glorify it again."

God was glorified through His creation, through Abraham, Moses, King David, the Prophets, the birth of His Son Jesus, and now God would be glorified by the death and resurrection of His Son Jesus Christ.

Even today God is gloried through all the wondrous things that He does.

God is glorified because many will accept His Son Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

God was glorified the day you and I were saved.

And God will continue to be glorified for all eternity.

When God spoke the people heard Him and their reaction was.

✎ Therefore the people who stood by and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, "An angel has spoken to Him."

People think that if only they could hear the voice of God speaking to them that they would believe. But here, the people did hear God's voice, yet they still didn't believe and even passed it off as thunder or even an angel.

The world wants to explain everything away and cannot accept God as doing great things. They come up with excuses for how the world started, and all these excuses fall flat on their faces. They want to make up excuses when the Lord heals someone or does a miracle. The world makes up all sorts of excuses to try and explain God away. But if something that is not of God comes, then they will accept it.

† **2 Thess 2:9-12** *The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.*

I've said it before and I have to say it again. The world is so ready for the anti-christ as they are seeking after signs and wonders and are chasing after everything except the Lord God.

But Jesus will explain their ignorance and tell them the truth of what they heard.

✠ **John 12:30-33** *Jesus answered and said, "This voice did not come because of Me, but for your sake. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out. And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all peoples to Myself." This He said, signifying by what death He would die.*

Hey guys, this wasn't thunder or an angel but God Himself speaking to you. Even though Jesus' soul was troubled, He didn't need these words of comfort from the Father, because Jesus was in constant communion with the Father and He always felt the Father's comfort.

There were two other times when the Father spoke during Jesus' time here on the earth. The first was when Jesus was baptized.

† **Luke 3:21-22** *When all the people were baptized, it came to pass that Jesus also was baptized; and while He prayed, the heaven was opened. And the Holy Spirit descended in bodily form like a dove upon Him, and a voice came from heaven which said, "You are My beloved Son; in You I am well pleased."*

The second time was when Jesus was transfigured and spoke with Moses and Elijah.

✠ **Luke 9:33-36** *Then it happened, as they were parting from Him, that Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; and let us make three tabernacles: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"--not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were fearful as they entered the cloud. And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is My beloved Son. Hear Him!" When the voice had*

ceased, Jesus was found alone. But they kept quiet, and told no one in those days any of the things they had seen.

God was pleased with Jesus before He even started His ministry.

"You are My beloved Son; in You I am well pleased."

During Jesus' ministry God was so pleased that he wanted His disciples to listen to Him.

"This is My beloved Son. Hear Him!"

And through Jesus' obedience and being pleasing to God, God was glorified.

"I have both glorified it and will glorify it again."

We all want to be pleasing to God, and here God tells us how we are pleasing to Him. Whether you are ministering or not, are you in communion with God and seeking to be obedient? *"You are My beloved Son; in You I am well pleased."*

When you speak, are they words of encouragement and teaching of God's ways so that God wants you to speak to others? *"This is My beloved Son. Hear Him!"*

Does your life reflect the glory of God or does it try to bring glory to you? *"I have both glorified it and will glorify it again."*

To be pleasing to God is to seek God and His ways and not our own.

✚ *Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out.*

The law was given to the Jews through Moses and the Jews would be judged according to the law. But now Jesus had come, not only for the Jews, but also for the whole world. The Jews had rejected God and His law; the world now also rejects Jesus Christ and will be judged for this.

If you are a believer you don't have to worry about this, because those who will stand before God for judgment are those who rejected Jesus Christ.

† **Romans 14:11-12** *For it is written:*
"As I live, says the LORD,
Every knee shall bow to Me,
And every tongue shall confess to God."
So then each of us shall give account of himself to God.

But we will be judged before the throne of Jesus, not for our sins, because Jesus paid the price for our sins. Rather we will be judged for the things we have done here on this earth as far as ministry and serving others.

† **2 Cor 5:10** *For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.*

Jesus also speaks of the ruler of this world being cast out.

✠ *now the ruler of this world will be cast out.*

So who is the ruler of this world? It is none other than satan himself. Remember when Adam and Eve were created, God said to them?

† **Gen 1:28** *Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."*

But when they fell into sin, they gave up that right and handed it over to satan.

† **Gen 3:17-19** *Then to Adam He said, "Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, 'You shall not eat of it':
"Cursed is the ground for your sake;
In toil you shall eat of it
All the days of your life.
Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you,
And you shall eat the herb of the field.
In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread
Till you return to the ground,
For out of it you were taken;
For dust you are,
And to dust you shall return."*

Also remember when Jesus was tempted in the wilderness? Satan said to Jesus.

† **Matt 4:9-10** *And he said to Him, "All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me." Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.'"*

Satan offered the world to Jesus because it was his to offer at this time, and Jesus did not argue this fact.

But Jesus paid the price with His own blood and bought back the earth.

† **Rev 5:1-14** *And I saw in the right hand of Him who sat on the throne a scroll written inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals. Then I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and to loose its seals?" And no one in heaven or on the earth or under the earth was*

able to open the scroll, or to look at it. So I wept much, because no one was found worthy to open and read the scroll, or to look at it. But one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep. Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals." And I looked, and behold, in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as though it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent out into all the earth. Then He came and took the scroll out of the right hand of Him who sat on the throne. Now when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll, and to open its seals; For You were slain, and have redeemed us to God by Your blood Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, And have made us kings and priests to our God; And we shall reign on the earth." Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne, the living creatures, and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice: "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain To receive power and riches and wisdom, And strength and honor and glory and blessing!" And every creature which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, I heard saying: "Blessing and honor and glory and power Be to Him who sits on the throne, And to the Lamb, forever and ever!" Then the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the twenty-four elders fell down and worshiped Him who lives forever and ever.

Just think, if you are a Christian you will be there to witness this happening. I'm excited for that time to come.

Jesus also tells the people how He was going to die.

✠ **John 12:32-33** *"And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all peoples to Myself." This He said, signifying by what death He would die.*

Referring to.

✠ **Deut 21:22-23** *If a man has committed a sin deserving of death, and he is put to death, and you hang him on a tree, his body shall not remain overnight on the tree, but you shall surely bury him that day, so that you do not defile the land which the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance; for he who is hanged is accursed of God.*

Jesus committed no sin, yet through lies and deceit, Jesus was found guilty, even though He wasn't. Paul also writes about this to the Galatians.

† **Gal 3:13** *Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree"),*

The word “hangs” here is not referring to what we think of like when we see western movies with a noose around someone’s neck. But rather it means: *to hang up, suspend or used of one hanging on a cross.*

But the Jews didn’t understand this.

✎ **John 12:34** *The people answered Him, "We have heard from the law that the Christ remains forever; and how can You say, 'The Son of Man must be lifted up'? Who is this Son of Man?"*

The Jews were referring to:

† **Dan 2:44** *And in the days of these kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever.*

† **Dan 7:13-14** *I was watching in the night visions, And behold, One like the Son of Man, Coming with the clouds of heaven! He came to the Ancient of Days, And they brought Him near before Him. Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, That all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion, Which shall not pass away, And His kingdom the one Which shall not be destroyed.*

They didn’t understand that in order for the Messiah to take dominion over the earth that it had to be bought back, and the price was the blood and life of God’s Son, Jesus Christ.

Jesus will come back and rule and reign for a thousand years here on this earth.

† **Rev 19:11-16** *Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself. He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses. Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And*

He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

† ***Rev 20:4 And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.***

But this wont be the end, because satan will be let loose for a season.

† ***Rev 20:7-10 Now when the thousand years have expired, Satan will be released from his prison and will go out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle, whose number is as the sand of the sea. They went up on the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city. And fire came down from God out of heaven and devoured them. The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.***

It's so good to know that after that, then the end of satan will be here, and we will never, ever have to worry about him or his temptations again!

But the Jews didn't get it and wanted to know ***Who is this Son of Man?***
So Jesus tells them, which we will read about next week.

May the Lord richly bless you in His love, grace and mercy and I'll see you in heaven when Jesus takes the scroll that is the title deed to this earth.