



SERMON NOTES

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Scripture: John 12:27-34 (NAS)

"If I Be Lifted Up"

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- 27 "Now My soul has become troubled; and what shall I say, 'Father, save Me from this hour'? But for this purpose I came to this hour.
28 "Father, glorify Your name." Then a voice came out of heaven: "I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again."
29 So the crowd of people who stood by and heard it were saying that it had thundered; others were saying, "An angel has spoken to Him."
30 Jesus answered and said, "This voice has not come for My sake, but for your sakes.
31 "Now judgment is upon this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out.
32 "And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to Myself."
33 But He was saying this to indicate the kind of death by which He was to die.
34 The crowd then answered Him, "We have heard out of the Law that the Christ is to remain forever; and how can You say, 'The Son of Man must be lifted up'? Who is this Son of Man?"

I. JESUS SOUL WAS TROUBLED

- A. Other Men Have Faced Death Calmly
- B. By The Unfathomable Suffering Of The Eternal Wrath Of God

II. JESUS' RESOLVE TO CONTINUE THE PATH TO THE CROSS

- A. It Was His Purpose In Coming
- B. Jesus' Name Declared His Purpose
- C. Jesus' Desire To Do The Will Of His Father
 - 1. At His birth declared *Luke 2:14*
 - 2. In His life daily proclaimed
 - 3. In His death God was glorified

III. WHAT IS INVOLVED IN GLORIFYING GOD?

- A. No Man Can Add To The Glory Of God
- B. It Involves Displaying The Glory Of God's Attributes
- C. Man's Glory Is But For A Brief Moment, On Earthly Thrones
- D. Jesus Ascended To The Cross And Eternal Glory

IV. THE JUDGEMENT

- A. It Is Seen In The Horrific Penalty For Sin
- B. Satan Conquered
 - 1. Destroyed his power of guilt over man
 - 2. Jesus' victory grants us the Holy Spirit to stand against Satan
Zechariah 12:10; 1 Corinthians 6:19, 20
 - 3. Jesus disposed of Satan's lie that God does not care *Romans 8:32*

RESPONSE:

- 1. We Need To Tell Others Of The Cross *1 Corinthians 1:23-24*
- 2. We Need To Meditate On The Glory Of The Cross
- 3. When Suffering Comes, Like Jesus We Need To Pray *Philippians 4:9*
- 4. We, Too, Need To Seek To Glorify God