

THE LORD'S SUPPER
Jno. 17:19.

We speak of the Lord's prayer as beginning, "Our Father who art in heaven" but if you want to read the Lord's real prayer turn to this 17th chapter of John. Here Jesus is really praying.

Of whom is He speaking? You do not have to wander about that. Right there in the prayer you find out that He was speaking up to the 19th verse about His apostles, His preachers. And He says, "For their sakes I sanctify myself." I am glad He said that about preachers.

A layman said some time ago, "Preacher did know that lots of laymen are jealous of the preachers today?" What do you mean? "Why they do not like for preachers to be bragged on more than they?" That is a revelation to me. If there is a man praised any where it is a layman that will do something. I think they ought to be. Jesus had a very high regard for the preacher. But do not misunderstand me now just go on with me. In the very next verse He extends His self giving to all believers. "For their sakes" means all.

Why if any man is envious of me because I hold this pulpit let him remember that the field is open. Any man who is willing to pay the price of seven years in college and seminary and riding six point circuits for years, and preaching twenty years may be the pastor of this church or one like it.

My and their are both possessive pronouns. But their meaning is far apart. It is easy for us to practice setting ourselves aside for our selves. It does not take much persuasion to do that. But when it comes to setting ourselves aside for the other fellow it brings on more talk.

Jesus meant, "For their lives I have and I am going to be pure. That no blotch may flow into their lives from mine I am going to keep the source clean."

A man said to me one day, "Preacher my little boy was walking behind me the other day and said 'Daddy I am stepping in your tracks'. Oh how the source has to be guarded.

Jesus meant that He was going to be faithful to us. To all of us. He was going right out and face the mob since it would take such to set His system of redemption.

He was going to be faithful unto death even the death of the Cross.

"For their sakes I will be pure"

"For their sakes I will be faithful"

"For their sakes I will give" Give up all the world promised by the devil and give up my life.

As we take this Supper today remember that He did much for your sake and that as we remember this we are to pass on a pure life, a faithful life, and a given up life for others. What ever of sacrifice we need to make that others may be the best trained, and then be saved we will gladly do it.

"For their sakes I sanctify myself that they may be sanctified in truth."

