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Prophet and Priest
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Hello! This is Dorothy -

God is a self-sufficient God. In order to be self-sufficient, there has to be that ability to commune. In the triune nature of God the Father, the Son, the Holy Spirit, there is this wonderful relationship of fellowship that is all because they can commune as one. The Lord Jesus is equal with His Father who is in Heaven.

When here on earth, the Lord Jesus spoke the Word of God to man as a Prophet. As you have read His Word, you might realize that He made certain very definite declarations, some of which, actually, are being fulfilled while we are alive today. Now, after His death and resurrection, Jesus, as our Great High Priest, has entered into the Holy of Holies to live and to make intercession before His Father for His own. He had the work of a Prophet and we are also speaking of His work as a Priest.

In **John 14**, we read -

8 Philip saith unto him, Lord, show us the Father [cause us to see the Father – that is all we ask]; then we shall be satisfied.

9 Jesus replied, Have I been with all of you for so long a time, and do you not recognize and know Me yet, Philip? Anyone who

has seen Me has seen the Father. How can you say then, Show us the Father?

10 Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in Me? What I am telling you I do not say on my own authority and of my own accord; but the Father who lives continually in Me does the (His) works (His own miracles, deeds of power). That amazing statement was for one of His disciples who did not understand. But notice that in **John 17: 7 and 8**, Jesus, speaking to His Father, said -

7 Now [at last] they know and understand that all You have given Me belongs to You [is really and truly Yours].

8 For the [uttered] words that You gave Me I have given them: and they have received and accepted [them] and have come to know positively and in reality [to believe with absolute assurance] that I came forth from Your presence, and they have believed and are convinced that You did send Me. Notice that the time before - just a few chapters before - Philip was saying, 'Oh, tell us all this.' But now Jesus is saying, 'They have caught on; they understand!'

You see, **John 17** is a prayer that was between God the Son and God the Father. Jesus, God the Son, had already told his disciples that He was going to Heaven. He was going to die, be buried and rise again. He promised to **prepare a place** for them, just as He has promised that place for you and me, as believers. Such an amazing destination is only possible because Jesus, our Lord and Saviour, hung on the Cross

of Calvary in my place and your place to pay the price for my sin and your sin. He offers forgiveness that we might share in His eternal righteousness forever.

Through this **chapter 17 of John**, we are going to feel the heartbeat of God: God the Son as He is communicating with God the Father. Soon the travail of His soul will be completed and the last person will receive Him and His Church will be complete. Do you realize as you are hearing this, dear listener, you could be that last person? You could be the one who says, *I receive Jesus at this very moment*, and at that very moment, the Church could be complete! And we would be taken up to be with Him forever! How needful it is that you personally receive Jesus. That you bow before Him, proclaim Him as your Lord and Saviour, and share His life with others as we still have today. That is what it is all about: that we are sharing the Life that is within us with others - ones He has put into our lives.

Be encouraged to know that in your very worst situation, Jesus has promised to gladden your sorrow. He promises in **John 14:27** - **Peace I give unto you leave with you. . . -yes, peace in this stormy mess that we are in - . . . Let not your heart be troubled . . .**

“How is that possible?” you ask. As a child of God, we are promised in **John 15** that He has grafted His divine nature into the believer in order that His Life flows from the vine - He is the Vine - to us, the

branches, to produce eternal fruit. Oh, may you understand the whole plan of God for you! God is calling you today to be that vessel for what He wants to do through you.

First of all, you need to personally receive the Lord Jesus. Please write for that little book, *Your Quest for God*. It is going to be a book that will make it very clear how you can come as one who says, *I know Jesus as my Lord and Saviour. I am unafraid. I have His peace.*

In His precious Name. Amen.