

# What God the Father Does for the Great Shepherd and His Sheep

## John 17

### God the Father Glorifies the Great Shepherd

**v. 1** “Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: “Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You.”

**v. 5** “And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.”

### God the Father edifies the sheep

**By keeping them - v. 11** “Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me...”

**By unifying them - v. 11** “that they may be one as We are.”

**By filling them with joy - v. 13** “But now I come to You, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves.”

**By protecting them - v. 15** “I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one.”

**By sanctifying them - v. 17** “Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.”

**By perfecting them - v. 23** “I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.”

**By someday receiving them - v. 24** “Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world.”

**By filling them with love - v. 26** “And I have declared to them Your name, and will declare it, that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them.”

**In His Love,  
Joel**