

* Prayers Anchored in the
Gospel of John
John 2:23-25

Tuesday, February 18, 2014

* Living God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

* The Collect

Collecting your thoughts so you can focus
on God.

John 2:23-25 (NIV)

- *²³ Now while he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Festival, many people saw the signs he was performing and believed in his name.
- *²⁴ But Jesus would not entrust himself to them, for he knew all people.
- *²⁵ He did not need any testimony about mankind, for he knew what was in each person.

*Scripture

- * This is a time when you will want to meditate on the section of the passage (2:23-25) throughout the day.
- * You might choose to memorize a verse, or imagine that you are one of the characters.
- * Let the passage sink deep into your soul.



* **Meditation**

“Jesus' reason for not entrusting himself to these people goes deeper still. The events in Cana made it clear that **Jesus only takes his cues from his Father**. In this sense Jesus does not entrust himself to anyone. He is present to all with God's love, but he is also detached from all in his attachment to God. Jesus' inner disposition is not shared by these believers.

What he sees in them stands in contrast to what he found in Nathanael, for in him he saw nothing false (1:47). Nathanael heard something that seemed questionable, *but he came and began to see more deeply*. These people see something attractive and remain on that level, thereby missing the whole point. That which is in them is not trustworthy because it is not open to God, as is made clear in the story of Nicodemus that follows.”

IVP Commentary

<http://www.biblegateway.com/resources/ivp-nt/Glory-Is-Revealed-Jerusalem-Signs>

 **Meditation**

TAKE MY LIFE (Frances Havergal, 1874)

Take my life and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to Thee.
Take my moments and my days,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of Thy love.
Take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice and let me sing
always, only for my King.
Take my lips and let them be
filled with messages from Thee.
Take my silver and my gold
not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect and use
every power as You choose.
Take my will and make it Thine
it shall be no longer mine.

Take my heart it is Thine own
it shall be Thy royal throne.
Take my love, my Lord I pour
at Your feet its treasure store
Take myself and I will be
ever, only, all for Thee.
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ever, only, all for Thee

 **Response**



William Holman Hunt
The Light of the World

- * What is the Lord Jesus speaking to you today?
- * Is there any resistance? How is God prompting you to surrender to his living Word?
- * What actions will you take today to live in this truth?

* Prayer



* Let us pray for our friends who have ‘seen the signs’ but still need to open their hearts and be born from above.

* Prayer

“Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us,²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.”

Ephesians 3:20

 **Blessing**