

## I. Introducing the Subject

I really think very little needs to be said here save that it is an area where we are often weak. We find ourselves easily committed to many things of lesser import and a little frail in terms of devotedness to the Lord. The scene in John 12:23-36 in particular shows the attitude in life of the Lord as regards the Father and this prepares us for His prayers in the Garden and especially as He faced the cross. The concepts of Hebrews 10 and the delighting in the will of God becomes an obvious factor in His life and His devotion is seen in many lines of thinking. I will mention only three and with little comment. You can supply mentally the idea that if this was the value area of His life it might well be the value area of ours.

## II. Discussion:

- A. His willingness to die in accord with the redemptive plan of God. The Lord speaks freely of it in the Gospels and it is never seen as a grudging matter but rather a matter of fact and His commitment is great in this area.
- B. His willingness to praise the Father and the Deity structure, if you will. Consult the prayer at the end of Matthew 11 as an example and read of the Father/Son relationships in John 8.
- C. His willingness to bless...the other sheep of John 10 and all those who would believe the witness of His own in John 17. The Lord is devoted to the entire program and that brings Him to our circumstance today where He continues to be our advocate and is, if you please, devoted to us.

III Conclusion: Devotion calls for a commitment to a determined power that executes a program of benefit. (Fancy language, hope you can understand it) The degree of devotion will, in many cases, determine the degree of success or accomplishment. Those who are devoted will persist in their witness and testimony with little regard for the adversity it may produce. Read Hebrews 11 for a great appreciation of those who have shown proper devotion to the Lord and pray that the devotedness of the Lord Jesus may also be seen in us as we live for Him.

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