Heavenly Name

Introduction Lord's Prayer

> Matthew 6:8–16 (ESV) 8 Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. 9 Pray then like this: “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. 10 Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. 11 Give us this day our daily bread, 12 and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. 13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. 14
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> > What about the part that is not there? “For thine is the Kingdom, the power and the glory forever. Amen”
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> > > This text is not in the best and oldest manuscripts of Scripture. It is not in the oldest commentaries on Scripture either. It appears to be a liturgical addition after the first few centuries. Liturgical meaning to affirm or praise what is said. It is based on
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> > > > 1 Chronicles 29:11 (ESV) 11 Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours. Yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head above all.

How you should pray...A Model

> The Whole Prayer is Social. No Singular Pronouns. Man enters the presence of the Father and prays as one of the great family. Our Father...Our Daily Bread...Our Debts...Our debtors...us not into temptation...deliver us from evil…Two Halves . First Part Vertical to God- God’s Glory. Second Part Horizontal to Man – Man’s Need.
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> > 6 Total Requests....3 in each direction God's Glory 1. May Your Name be Honored and Holy 2. May Your Kingdom Come 3. May Your Will Be Done Man's Needs 1. Give us our Daily Bread 2. Forgive our Debts as we forgive our debtors 3. Lead us not into temptation and deliver us from the evil one
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> > > Note Other Patterns Here Not so much a command to pray...but an invitation to pray like Jesus
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> > > > Priorities of Prayer- God's Needs First....Our Needs Second...My needs only after that Range of the Prayer....From God's Kingdom and Glory down to something as simple as the food we eat
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> > > > Key Themes God's Name…God's Kingdom...God's Will Our Sustenance...Our Sins...Our Spiritual Battle Not Mentioned No Specific Place...No Specific Time No Specific Posture...No Specific Attire...No Specific Tools Any posture, any attire, any time, any place, any circumstances

In fewer than seventy words we find a masterpiece of the infinite mind of God, who alone could compress every conceivable element of true prayer into such a brief and simple form-a form that even a young child can understand but the most mature believer cannot fully comprehend.

Ways to think about this prayer Outline of our Attitudes Our= unselfishness...Father= Family Devotion...Holy is your name= Reverence Your Kingdom come= Loyalty...Your Will be Done= Submission... Our Daily Bread=Dependence...Our Debts=Pentinence...Evil One=Humility

Outline of Our Relationship With God Our Father= Father/Child Relationship...Holy is your name= Diety/Worshiper Your Kingdom come= Sovereign One/Subject...Thy Will be Done= Master/Servant Our Daily Bread= Provider/Benefactor...Forgive our Debts= Savior/Sinner Do not Lead us into Tempation= Guide/Follower

3 Purposes of Prayer Honor God's Name Bring His Kingdom Do His Will

A Balance God's Glory balanced against our needs

3 Aspects of Time Present- Give us this day Past- Forgive us our Debts Future- Lead us not into temptation

Prayer is not trying to get God to agree with us or to provide for our selfish desires. Prayer is affirming God’s sovereignty, righteousness, and majesty and seeking to conform our desires and our purposes to His will and glory.

Our Father

Important to Understand God as Father God is the Spiritual Father of Those who come to His family through His Son. Yet God is also mentioned as the Father of All Creation

Malachi 2:10 (ESV)10 Have we not all one Father? Has not one God created us?

Acts 17:26-28 26 And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, 27 that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, 28 for in Him we live and move and have our being; As even some of your own poets have said, "For we are also His offspring"

So Is God the Father of Everyone...or Just those who trust in Jesus?

Scriptures make it unmistakably clear that God's Fatherhood of unbelievers is only in the sense of being their Creator. Spiritually unbelievers have another Father. Born in the flesh, under sin... but part of a new spiritual family in Christ.

Jesus' strongest condemnation of the Jewish Leaders...

John 8:42-44 42 Jesus said to them, “If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God and I am here. I came not of my own accord, but he sent me. 43 Why do you not understand what I say? It is because you cannot bear to hear my word. 44 You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father’s desires.

Scripture is clear...Those Who Surrender to Jesus are born again Spiritually...Into a new Spiritual Family...With God as Their Father

Galatians 3:26 (ESV() 26 for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith.

Romans 8:14-17 14 For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. 15 For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” 16 The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if children, then heirs—

John 1:12-13 (ESV) 12 But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, 13 who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

So the Lord's Prayer is a special prayer for those who have been born again into the Father's Family through Christ Not only is God Our Father....

In Heaven

Think about what that means.... My Dad can beat up your Dad...I don't care who he is! Our Spiritual Father is in Heaven...Heaven..Above Everything.. There is nothing...that He is not the ruler of...Nothing that doesn't report to Him There is no topic that He doesn't oversee

Name Something... He is Lord over that... Cancer? Universe? Every Cell in Your Body? Every Galaxy? Every Atom? Every Person? Your Job? Your Finances? Your Future? Our FATHER is in HEAVEN!!!

All the Resources of Heaven are at His disposal... He is not only in Heaven...All of Heaven is His... And He pours out all of those blessings on His Children...

Ephesians 1:3 3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places,

James 1:16–17 (ESV)
16 Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. 17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.

If a loving earthly Father will do anything for his kids....

Matthew 7:11 (ESV) 11 If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!

Can you imagine what a Heavenly Dad can do? No, you and I really can't...

1 Corinthians 2:9 9 But as it is written, What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love Him

So when we pray "Our Father in Heaven" We are packing a great deal into 4 Words... He is our Daddy...He loves us intimately... But He is also In Heaven...at work...

Story about my Dad's Work

He was high over Dallas in a huge building downtown. Surrounded by important men and women in suits. He was the boss...He seemed to be able to get anything done From my perspective as a child...He lived in a different...higher world. Yet I could call...and He would stop everything for me.

If I took a bath, put on a suit and casually stopped by the office...everything and everyone stopped for me. His secretary would give me sugar cubes! Not because of me...but because of my relationship with him

In the same way...When we pray..Our Father in Heaven... We have lifted our hearts and our concerns from earth...to a higher place. A place where important things happen..and God can get anything done. Yet we can call and everything stops...All attention turns to us... Not because of me or what I have done...but because of my relationship...as God's Son.

Control

The key to connecting to God is to embrace and understand our relationship with Him. I started this series...talking about my difficulty connecting to God in prayer. I was going to God looking for his opinion on stuff... so that I could decide if He agreed with me or not. I wasn't connecting because I was treating His instructions as optional because deep down I really wanted to be in control and He should agree with me.

The Lord's Prayer is a control buster... You really can't get past the first 4 words...and still be in control. Our Father in Heaven... Our Father...Who is actually in Heaven... I want you to meditate on those 4 words for the next week.

Start every prayer with Our Father in Heaven.... As you begin to embrace what those words truly mean.... You will begin to release your death grip on control... You will realize the power in those words... You will understand your relationship with Him.

You will recognize that it is a gift you don't deserve and you will know...that what every you are trying to control... Can be confidently given to Him. And you can finally release the control that you never had.... The control that you were never meant to have... To the One who has always...and always will be ...in control.

Your Name

Matthew 6:9 (ESV) 9 Pray then like this: “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Gods Word... Says a lot about His name. In order to understand what Jesus is teaching us... We need to understand 1st Century concept of Name. We think of a name as cool..something the parents like. I wanted to name my kids...Razor...Side and Sun Tammy vetoed those and my second choice..First Degree..Second Degree..etc

Our choice of Alex, Nick and Kylie had nothing to do with them. But if we were Jewish First Century parents... A name brought much deeper meaning... A person's name exactly answered their nature and qualities. A person's name was a description that embraces all that someone is A person's name was an introduction to who they were. A person's name...said a lot about them.

We understand that bit... "He is ruining my good name" Lots of Matthews and Marks....but no one names their son Judas or daughter Jezebel

Tell Dr Mudd story……People are not saying...Your name is Mudd...they are saying your character is Mudd Who you are is associated with your name

Abigail speaking to David About Nabal- whose name means fool

1 Samuel 25:25 (ESV) 25 Let not my lord regard this worthless fellow, Nabal, for as his name is, so is he. Nabal is his name, and folly is with him.

Repetitively God named people in the Bible Each time their name meant something about them Isaac= "He Laughs"; Jacob "Holder of the Heel"

Genesis 17:5 (ESV) 5 No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations.

Israel= "God Contended"; Isaiah "Yahweh is Salvation"; David "Beloved"; Job "Persecuted" Joshua "Yahweh is Salvation"; Matthew "Gift of Yahweh"; John "Yahweh has given"

So God often declared a name...

John The Baptist

Luke 1:59–66 (ESV) 59 And on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child. And they would have called him Zechariah after his father, 60 but his mother answered, “No; he shall be called John.” 61 And they said to her, “None of your relatives is called by this name.” 62 And they made signs to his father, inquiring what he wanted him to be called. 63 And he asked for a writing tablet and wrote, “His name is John.” And they all wondered…and all who heard them laid them up in their hearts, saying, “What then will this child be?” For the hand of the Lord was with him.

Jesus

Luke 1:30–33 (ESV) 30 And the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. 31 And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. 32 He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, 33 and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.”

Luke 2:21 (ESV) 21 And at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

God's Own Name

One name can define a man....but not God. Names of God in the OT Elohim- Creator God; El Shaddai "Lord God Almighty" El Elyon "The Most High God" Adonai "Lord Master" YAHWEH "Lord" Yahweh Jireh "The Lord will provide" Yahweh Rapha "The Lord who heals" Shalom "The Lord is Peace"

When we study these names in the Bible. We get a much better understanding of who God is Because names reflect character, personality, traits and will The full Name of God is properly that description of him which embraces all that he really is. It represents His character, plan and will

When the psalmist said, “Some boast in chariots, and some in horses; but we will boast in the name of the Lord, our God” (20:7), he had much more in mind than the title by which God is called. He spoke of the fullness of God’s person.

Jesus said it this way

John 17:6 (ESV) 6 “I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word.

God’s name signifies infinitely more than His titles It represents all that He is God's Name

Genesis 16:13 (ESV) 13 So she called the name of the LORD who spoke to her, “You are a God of seeing,” for she said, “Truly here I have seen him who looks after me.”

Genesis 26:25 (ESV) 25 So he built an altar there and called upon the name of the LORD and pitched his tent there. And there Isaac’s servants dug a well.

Exodus 9:16 (ESV) 16 But for this purpose I have raised you up, to show you my power, so that my name may be proclaimed in all the earth.

So what does God think of His Name?

Deuteronomy 16:2 (ESV) 2 And you shall offer the Passover sacrifice to the LORD your God, from the flock or the herd, at the place that the LORD will choose, to make his name dwell there.

2 Samuel 7:13 (ESV) 13 He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.

1 Kings 3:2 (ESV) 2 The people were sacrificing at the high places, however, because no house had yet been built for the name of the LORD.

Ezekiel prophecy?

Ezekiel 36:25-3223 And I will vindicate the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, and which you have profaned among them. And the nations will know that I am the LORD, declares the Lord GOD, when through you I vindicate my holiness before their eyes. 24 I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into

your own land. 25 I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you.

26 And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. 27 And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules. 28 You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God. 29 And I will deliver you from all your uncleannesses. And I will summon the grain and make it abundant and lay no famine upon you.

30 I will make the fruit of the tree and the increase of the field abundant, that you may never again suffer the disgrace of famine among the nations. 31 Then you will remember your evil ways, and your deeds that were not good, and you will loathe yourselves for your iniquities and your abominations. 32 It is not for your sake that I will act, declares the Lord GOD; let that be known to you. Be ashamed and confounded for your ways, O house of Israel.

It is not for your sake that I will act....make sure you know that . You should be ashamed for your ways... Why are you receiving these blessings?

I will vindicate the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations. Through you...I will vindicate my holiness before their eyes. God cares a great deal about His Name

Solomon had a huge assignment... What human structure could possibly hold God's name?

2 Chronicles 2:3–6 (ESV) 4 Behold, I am about to build a house for the name of the LORD my God and dedicate it to him for the burning of incense of sweet spices before him, and for the regular arrangement of the showbread, and for burnt offerings morning and evening, on the Sabbaths and the new moons and the appointed feasts of the LORD our God, as ordained forever for Israel.

5 The house that I am to build will be great, for our God is greater than all gods. 6 But who is able to build him a house, since heaven, even highest heaven, cannot contain him? Who am I to build a house for him, except as a place to make offerings before him?

2 Kings 21:4 (ESV) 4 And he built altars in the house of the LORD, of which the LORD had said, “In Jerusalem will I put my name.”

Then the Name of God enters the Temple of God

1 Kings 9:3 (ESV) 3 And the LORD said to him, “I have heard your prayer and your plea, which you have made before me. I have consecrated this house that you have built, by putting my name there forever. My eyes and my heart will be there for all time.

2 Chronicles 5:13–14 (ESV) 13 and it was the duty of the trumpeters and singers to make themselves heard in unison in praise and thanksgiving to the LORD), and when the song was raised, with trumpets and cymbals and other musical instruments, in praise to the LORD,

> “For he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever,” the house, the house of the LORD, was filled with a cloud, 14 so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud, for the glory of the LORD filled the house of God.

1 Kings 8:20–21 (ESV) 20 Now the LORD has fulfilled his promise that he made. For I have risen in the place of David my father, and sit on the throne of Israel, as the LORD promised, and I have built the house for the name of the LORD, the God of Israel. 21 And there I have provided a place for the ark, in which is the covenant of the LORD that he made with our fathers, when he brought them out of the land of Egypt.”

Hallowed Be Your Name

So the name of God...is Everything to God What did Jesus mean when He said..."Hallowed be Your Name"?

Hallowed is an archaic English word used to translate a form of hagiazō, which means to make holy. Words from the same root are translated “holy, saint, sanctify, sanctification,” etc.

We are not to pray that God becomes Holy but rather than we attribute to Him the Holiness that is already His Peter tells us that we are to be holy but God already is

That is the meaning of praying hallowed be Thy name: to attribute to God the holiness that already is, and always has been, supremely and uniquely His. To hallow God’s name is to revere, honor, glorify, and obey Him as singularly perfect

We are to hold His name in reverence. To Honor, glorify and exhalt Him That is in essence the first 3 commandments You shall have no other gods before Me You shall not make for yourself an idol of anything Do not take the Lord's name in vain- don't misuse His name

So...When the Disciples said... Lord teach us how to pray...how to connect... He reminds us of our relationship with the Father...then He moves us to our first request.... The very first thing Jesus tells us to ask God?

Head of the list...above all other requests...Most central. Most supreme...Most all-encompasing...the first thing.... As God....Jesus says....to cause His name to be Hallowed.

The first, and all-pervasive, all-influencing, all-controlling concern in prayer is to plead with God that God would make his name supremely valuable in the minds and hearts of people.

So how do we do that?

Notice something...Jesus said Hollowed Be Your Name…It is a request not a declaration We are not declaring that God is Holy..although He is…We are asking Him to make His holy name known …God make sure your name is kept Holy

As John Calvin observed, that "God’s name should be hallowed was nothing other than to say that God should have His own honor, of which He was so worthy, that men should never think or speak of Him without the greatest veneration". The first and overarching thing that

we are told by Jesus to ask God to do in prayer...is not ours to do. We are asking Him to manifest His name

God would exercise His jealousy for His name That God would overcome blindness to seeing God That God would overcome indifference to God That God would remove obstacle to Knowing, Loving, Trusting, Treasuring and Obeying God

We are not saying, “Lord, your name is hallowed!” We are saying, “Lord, cause your name to be hallowed!” That is, Cause your word to be believed... Cause your displeasure to be feared…Cause your commandments to be obeyed…Cause yourself to be glorified

So practically how do we do that? When is God's name Hallowed?

1. When we believe that He exists

Hebrews 11:6 (ESV) 6 And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.

We hallow His name when we have true knowledge about Him.

False ideas about the Sovereign One are irreverent. We cannot revere a God whose character and will we do not know or care about. But acknowledging God’s existence and having true knowledge about Him are not enough to hallow His name.

2. We must have a constant awareness of His presence

We must have a constant awareness of His presence. Spasmodic thinking of God does not hallow His name. To truly hallow His name is to consciously draw Him into every daily thought, every daily word, and every daily action. David put the focus of his life where it should always be-“I have set the Lord continually before me” (Ps. 16:8).

3. We Hallow His name when we obey Him

The Father’s name is most hallowed when we behave in conformity to His will. For Christians to live in disobedience to God is to take His name in vain, claiming as Lord someone whom we do not follow as Lord.

“Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ ” Jesus warned, “will enter the kingdom of heaven; but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven” (Matt. 7:21).

4. When we become more like Him

To hallow God’s name is to attract others to Him by our commitment, to “let [our] light shine before men in such a way that they may see [our] good works, and glorify [our] Father who is in heaven” (Matt. 5:16).

Psalm 34:3 sums up the teaching in this phrase with a lovely exhortation: “O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together.”

You Hallow the name of God when you trust Him, revere Him, obey Him, and glorify Him

We started this series...saying that to pray more was not a big enough Goal We want to be a people...who when we pray...we connect to God

In addition, we learned that our connection...our communication... Is based on the Relationship If we are going to connect to God... We must understand who He is...we must understand His Name

Yes He is our Dad....Yes He is in Heaven... But His Name? It is everything

Hallowed be your name... In my heart...in my actions...in everything I do and think. In our hearts...in our actions...in everything we do and think... In our neighborhoods....in our city...in our nation...in our world. In every thought...every action...every word spoken around the world

Can you imagine a world...where God's name is truly Hallowed?

Where every word spoken and every action...honors God and His Name? I hope so...because that is the very first thing Jesus told us to pray for Dad...make your name known as the name above all names But let it start first with me. Let's Pray Our Father in Heaven Hallowed be Your Name...