

## The Lord's Prayer – Part 2

### Hallowed be thy Name

Sermon 16 in the Matthew Series

#### Matthew 6:9

After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, **Hallowed be thy name.** Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

There are 7 petitions altogether in this prayer.

The first 3 pertain to God Himself.

The last 4 pertain to our own needs and concerns.

#### I. The Three Petitions that Pertain to God as God

Hallowed be thy Name.

Thy Kingdom Come

Thy will be done – on earth as it is in Heaven.

#### II. The Meaning of the Phrase

The English word Hallowed = Consecrated to a sacred use.

To Treat as sacred or revered.

The Westminster Larger Catechism says:

*In the first petition (which is, Hallowed be thy name), acknowledging the utter inability and indisposition that is in ourselves and all men to honor God aright we pray, that God would, by His grace, enable and incline us and others to know, to acknowledge, and highly to esteem Him, His titles, attributes, ordinances, Word, works, and: Whatsoever He is pleased to make Himself known by; and to glorify Him in thought, word, and deed: that He would prevent and remove atheism, ignorance, idolatry, profaneness, and: Whatsoever is dishonorable to Him; and, by His overruling providence, direct and dispose of all things to His own glory.*

#### III. The Significance of “thy Name”

This is not something we are all that familiar with in our culture.

1. The Name of God Stands for God Himself.

Psalm 5:11; Proverbs 18:10; Psalm 20:1

2. God Reveals Himself to us by His Names

Exodus 34:5-8

God has many of what we would think of as proper names

**Adonai-Jehovah** -- The Lord our Sovereign      **El-Elyon** -- The Lord Most High

**El-Olam** -- The Everlasting God

**El-Shaddai** -- The God Who is Sufficient for the Needs of His People

**Jehovah-Elohim** -- The Eternal Creator      **Jehovah-Jireh** -- The Lord our Provider

**Jehovah-Nissi** -- The Lord our Banner      **Jehovah-Ropheka** -- The Lord our Healer

**Jehovah-Shalom** -- The Lord our Peace      **Jehovah-Tsidkenu** -- The Lord our Righteousness

**Jehovah-Mekaddishkem** -- The Lord our Sanctifier      **Jehovah-Sabaoth** -- The Lord of Hosts

**Jehovah-Shammah** -- The Lord is Present      **Jehovah-Rohi** -- The Lord our Shepherd

**Jehovah-Hoseenu** -- The Lord our Maker      **Jehovah-Eloheenu** -- The Lord our God

The branch; The chief cornerstone; A consuming fire; A crown of glory; A father to Israel

A great High Priest; A holy God; A jealous God; A merciful God

A rewarder of those who diligently seek him; Father of our Lord Jesus Christ

Father of spirits; God most high; God my maker

3. How important is the Name of God?

The third commandment is *“Thou shalt not take THE NAME of the Lord thy God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh His Name in vain.”*

To dishonor His name is to dishonor His very person.

To use his name disrespectfully – is to disrespect God Himself.

**IV. What are we actually Praying for when we say “Hallowed be thy Name”?**

1. God’s Name is to be honored by His creatures.

Psalm 96:8; 34:1,3; 148:1-14; 150:1-6

2. God’s Name is to be revered above every name

3. We ask God to let His Name be known to the entire world.

4. This prayer reminds us of how we are to live. 1 Peter 1:15-16

5. This petition reminds us of the need we have of repentance.