

## INTRODUCTION

In the great Ten Commandments, the first four commandments are about how we creatures are to honor God, our Creator. Our Lord Jesus summed up those first commandments in one, when He quoted the Old Testament scriptures to say that we are to love God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength.

Yet in many ways, on countless occasions, each of us has disobeyed those commandments, failing to love God as we ought to love Him. Adam and Eve did so in the Garden of Eden, and were cast out of it. The whole world did so in the time of Noah, and were drowned in the great flood. Israel disobeyed God's commandments, and so were scattered among the nations, and were killed, and were taken into captivity, exiled in Babylon.

Then, when the time was just right, God sent His own son, who became a man like us. But unlike us, He did not sin against God or against men. He loved God perfectly, and obeyed all His commandments. He lived the righteous life that none of the rest of us has. Then, according to God's plan, He allowed Himself to be condemned as guilty, taking the guilt of sinners upon Himself. He was crucified, nailed to a cross by the Romans. Willingly He died there in our place, for our sake, taking the punishment that we deserved upon Himself. He was buried, but on the first day of the week He rose again to live forever.

He told His apostles to preach the gospel, the good news, that there is forgiveness of sins for sinners. Those who have hated God instead of loving Him can be forgiven, washed clean from the guilt of their sins in the blood of Jesus Christ. Any sinner, no matter his previous rebellion against God, who believes in Jesus Christ, trusting in Him, is counted as righteous in God's sight, and forgiven all his sins.

That is the good news, or gospel, that God proclaims in the Bible, and that we believe and preach.

But that gospel will not be believed, sinners will not be saved by it, unless God grants it, unless He causes it to be preached, unless He works in the hard hearts of sinners by His Holy Spirit, causing them to be born again, giving them new hearts to believe and repent.

And even we who believe already will not walk by the Spirit, will not obey God's commands in love, unless the Holy Spirit in us works powerfully to accomplish those good things in us.

So, our Lord Jesus has taught us to pray, and when we pray, to ask God first, before anything else, "Hallowed be Thy name." In the Lord, that is what we call "the first petition."

## TEXT

Matthew 6:9b Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

## BODY

I. Hallowed Be

A. Greek

1. G40 *hagios* ---> G37 *hagiazo*
2. set apart

B. English words from Latin

1. *sacrare* - sacred ---> consecrate
2. *sancire* - saint ---> sanctify

C. English words from Old English

1. holy ---> hallow

D. When we pray, “hallowed be,” we are praying for a setting apart of one thing from everything else; making of one thing to be holy, sacred; we are praying for a consecration

E. But what is it that we are praying to have consecrated or hallowed?

## II. Thy Name

### A. What does it mean for God to hallow His name?

1. it means that we are not praying that God, in fact, will be set apart from everything else
  - a) that is the reality at all times; it has never been anything else besides that, and never will be
  - b) there is no need to pray for that
  - c) it is okay to say that God should be hallowed; but our Lord Jesus helps us in teaching us to pray that God's name be hallowed
2. it doesn't mean that we need to use the Hebrew name "Jehovah" or "Yahweh" when we refer to God
  - a) compare Is 8:13 with 1 Pe 3:15
  - b) the Greek New Testament, when quoting the OT, translates Jehovah or Yahweh into "the Lord"
3. our Lord Jesus means that God is to be hallowed in our hearts - 1 Peter 3:14-15, and so we are praying for that
  - a) see that 1 Pe 3:14 is a quote of Is 8:12b
  - b) then 1 Pe 3:15a is an explanation of Is 8:13
  - c) note that "Jehovah" or "Yahweh" in Is 8:13 is given by the apostle Peter in 1 Pe 3:15 as "the Lord God; this proves that "Thy name" does not mean the Hebrew YHWH
4. when God is hallowed in our hearts, then He also will be hallowed in what we say and what we do

### B. We are praying that the use of the several terms by which we refer to God will not be confused with reference to things other than God

1. there are many things called "gods;" but we pray that whenever anyone thinks of "God," the one true and living God will be set apart from everything else that is called a "god"
2. there are many men called a "lord;" but we pray that whenever anyone thinks of "the Lord," the Lord of Lords will be set apart from everything else that is called a "lord"
3. we have men who are our "fathers" in this life; but we pray that whenever anyone thinks of "the Father," our Father in heaven will be set apart from everything else that is called "father"

### C. We are praying that when we are tempted to treat anything with the treatment that only God deserves, we will resist that temptation and give to God the things that are God's; that we will attach the name of God to the things that belong to Him, so that we will not give them to anyone or anything that is not rightly called God

1. when we are tempted to fear someone or something other than God, we will remember to fear God only
2. to trust
3. to love
4. to obey
5. to worship

### III. APPLICATION

- A. Who was there when our race came into being, to know how it happened?
  - 1. only God was
  - 2. set apart the name of God, then, from everyone else who claims to know how we came to be humans
  - 3. God's explanation is true; other explanations are not true
- B. Who is the righteous judge?
- C. Whose law is the standard by which we all will be judged?
- D. Who can save us from the wrath of God to come?
- E. Each of us will not ascribe these things to God alone unless He works in us to hallow His name in our hearts
- F. Not one sinner in all the nations will hallow the name of the Lord, setting the gospel of Jesus Christ apart from all other religions, unless God, in grace, causes him to hear the good news, and works in him by the Holy Spirit, granting him the new birth; He does this in answer to prayer, so let us pray to God for all men, "Our Father in heaven, in those poor sinners still in their sins, hallowed be Thy name;" then
  - 1. sinners will believe the gospel of Jesus Christ and be given eternal life
  - 2. sinners will repent of their sins and be forgiven
  - 3. those new converts will be baptized, becoming members of the congregation
- G. No congregation, not this one or any other, will maintain the purity of the primitive, apostolic, biblical pattern, unless God upholds it in answer to prayer; so let us pray for this congregation and others, "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Thy name in the congregations;" then the congregation
  - 1. will resist man-made worship
  - 2. will maintain the pattern of sound words laid down by our Lord and His apostles
  - 3. will select only qualified pastors and deacons
  - 4. will share our possessions with each other and give to those in need
  - 5. will bear with one another, and forgive each other
  - 6. will love one another, with a love that covers everything
- H. No household will be orderly and peaceful as God has created it to be, in the midst of a culture intent on perverting, undermining, and destroying it, unless God grants it in answer to prayer; so let us pray for our own households and for each other's, "Our Father in heaven, in our households, hallowed be Thy name;" then in our households
- I. No disciple of Jesus Christ will grow from a babe in Christ into the maturity of the stature of Christ unless God sanctifies and edifies him in answer to prayer; so let us pray, each disciple for himself and all of us for each other, "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Thy name in me, and in us, the disciples of Jesus Christ"

### CONCLUSION

Considering these things, we acknowledge that we, by sin in our flesh, are tempted not to set apart God as God, Jesus Christ as Lord. And so we are taught by our Master to humble ourselves and pray that God will help us to worship the name of God only, glorify Him only, in all our thoughts, and so to follow through on that in all that we say and do.

Thad - Call to Worship and Opening Prayer - Leviticus 22:31-33

Conner - Scripture Reading - Isaiah 8:11-13

~~Dillon~~ Jeff - Congregational Prayer

~~Allison~~ Rita - Prelude

~~Allison~~ Rita - Trinity 206 "Up from the Grave He Arose" - Andrew lead

Rita - Trinity 227 "O Wherefore Do the Nations Rage?"

Haven - Trinity 690 "Jesus Paid It All" - Alex lead

9:30 a.m. Bible Study 2022-12-18

## **H6942 kawdash**

### **The case of Nadab and Abihu**

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### **The case of Moses striking the rock twice**

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Numbers 27:14 For in the Wilderness of Zin, during the strife of the congregation, you rebelled against My command **to hallow Me** at the waters before their eyes." (These are the waters of Meribah, at Kadesh in the Wilderness of Zin.)

THY NAME: God Himself, as represented by the names He calls Himself

HALLOWED: G37 *hagiazō* “to make holy” from G40 *hagios* “holy”

Hebrew: K-D-SH Greek: Haggios

Latin:

1. *sacrare*
2. *sanctus*

German: *heilig*

English:

1. *sacred, consecrate*
2. *saint, sanctify, sanctification*
3. *holy, holiness, hallow [hallow added 2015-01-11]*

WHERE?

Do we ask that God be considered holy in His own eyes? in heaven?

## Peter's instruction, based on Isaiah 8:12-14

1 Peter 3:14-16 But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you are blessed. "AND DO NOT BE AFRAID OF THEIR THREATS, NOR BE TROUBLED." (15) But **sanctify** the Lord God **in your hearts**, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and **fear**; (16) having a good conscience, that when they defame you as evildoers, those who revile your good conduct in Christ may be ashamed.

Isaiah 8:12-14 "Do not say, 'A conspiracy,' Concerning all that this people call a conspiracy, Nor be afraid of their threats, nor be troubled. (13) The LORD of hosts, Him you shall **hallow**; Let Him be your **fear**, And let Him be your  **dread**. (14) He will be as a sanctuary, But a stone of stumbling and a rock of offense To both the houses of Israel, As a trap and a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

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Isaiah 29:18-24 In that day the deaf shall hear the words of the book, And the eyes of the blind shall see out of obscurity and out of darkness. (19) The humble also shall increase their joy in the LORD, And the poor among men shall rejoice In the Holy One of Israel. (20) For the terrible one is brought to nothing, The scornful one is consumed, And all who watch for iniquity are cut off-- (21) Who make a man an offender by a word, And lay a snare for him who reproveth in the gate, And turn aside the just by empty words. (22) Therefore thus says the LORD, who redeemed Abraham, concerning the house of Jacob: "Jacob shall not now be ashamed, Nor shall his face now grow pale; (23) But when he sees his children, The work of My hands, in his midst, **They will hallow My name, And hallow the Holy One of Jacob, And fear [NIV, ESV: "stand in awe"] the God of Israel.** (24) These also who erred in spirit will come to understanding, And those who complained will learn doctrine."