

Theology Simply Explained — WSC101 “Reverencing the God Who Reveals Himself”

Pastor walks his children through Westminster Shorter Catechism question 101—especially explaining how the holy God created us to know and praise His holiness like He does.

Q101. What do we pray for in the first petition? *In the first petition, which is, Hallowed be Thy Name, we pray that God would enable us and others to glorify Him in all that whereby He maketh Himself known; and that He would dispose all things to His own glory.*

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Sort of catechism this week is number 101. The question is, what do we pray for in the first petition? The answer is in the first petition, which is how it'd be thy name. We pray that god would enable us and others. To glorify him and all that whereby, he maketh himself.

No. And that he would dispose all things to his own glory. So the first part of thinking about how it would be thy name, as the fact that god has Revealed and communicated himself to us. Not just in general revelation, but in special revelation, he has declared His name to us.

And there are many ways in which, he Has done so. Uh, you know, one famous one of course, is it the Bush, when Moses asks, Whom he shall say to the Israelites has sent him. And the Lord tells him, i am that i am. And he gives him the basis of the The divine name, yahweh.

We have the Memorial named what the lord, jesus. The lord used to, what the lord falls his memorial name unto all generations. And so there are many ways in which god, Reveals himself in terms of special revelation. One important thing. However, Thinking about this. As Psalm 138 Where the lord says he has exalted his word above all his name.

He has. Revealed himself in many ways, but the way that He reveals himself, most of all. Is by his word. Now what we know? Of course, from the new testament is that the word is not just A form of expression, the word is a person. And that words, language speaking, communication those things.

Actually exists as a reflection of What the sun is to the father. So that Words are Analogous to something, like, The sun. Um, rather than we we don't reach on one and say, oh well, the sun is like A word. Or the word? No he is, the word, he is the word.

Uh, par excellence and god has given us. Communication. Um, because the sun is the great revelation of him, he is And say the lord jesus tells us to fill up for instance. And he who has seen me, has seen the father Which is why. John chapter one. The evangelist says, no one has seen god at any time, but the only begotten Who's in the bosom of the father, he As executed, or expigated, he is fully.

Revealed him. So, All of the names that the lord, Reveals to us, one of which, of course we have. At the beginning of the lord's prayer, which we are currently hearing about in the catechism, our father Which art in heaven. And then, this petition hallowed be thy name. Grand unto us to treat us.

Holy That's where the word hallowed comes from. It comes from The word or the idea. Holy And, God, of course his holiness isn't At its core and otherness. Because he's holy from all eternity and there isn't anything to be other than An eternity. And so god's holiness as the intensity of his Commitment to himself within himself of when he creates other things.

Then the idea of holiness takes on the idea of otherness. Because his perfect and infinitely intense. Commitment to himself, adoration enjoyment within himself requires. That he perfectly. Recognize and respond to the difference between him. As the sulfic existing independent, glorious creator. And everything else, which are Not self-existent which are dependent upon him.

Uh, which are just creatures. And so it's upon creation that his holiness takes on the creator creature, distinction. And so it's necessary for us in following god. In his proper and entire Adoration. Within himself and joy within himself, commitment to himself. That we recognize him as completely other. That we recognize the distinction between the creator.

And the creatures. And that distinction is summarized very well. At the end of Romans 11. Where he says? All things are from him. He's the creator. And through him, the all depend upon me, the sustained some and To him. Everything exists for his glory. And says, all things are from him and through him and to them to him, be the glory.

Forever and ever, amen. And so, when we draw near to god, Uh, we draw near to the one who To whom we can only draw near. Because he has revealed himself to us because he has declared his name to us. He has made himself known to us and so we must draw near Glorifying him.

Hallowing him treating him as holy recognizing. Than it is. The almighty, the only living god. The, the only creator who is Who is categorically different from all the creatures in a category of his own? And when we say how it would be the name, then we're asking for two things, we're asking that god would display.

That's reality about himself, but we're also asking that he would give us hearts that recognize and respond. To this reality. About himself, his name is hallowed in and of it. So, but when we say hallowed me, thy name, we mean display the glory of your name and give me To worship and honor to hallow.

That named hallow the glory of your name. But we're not just saying, give me may i Hello, your name. Although we do depend upon him but grace to do that in ourselves. But we desire that all Creatures. But especially as we are praying with, and for our brothers, in the church, we're praying, especially for all believers.

To hallow the name of god. And yet, there is a worldwide. Desire that belongs to the first three physical editions. So we're also

So, we're also Praying that god would bring people to faith. So that they, he would not just make himself known to them. But make himself savingly known. That they would come to a saving knowledge of god in the lord jesus christ. And start then. To hallo his name. Most of all.

By recognizing god in his son. Because god has exalted his word. Above all his name. And so it's really quite a full and great petition. Uh, with which the the prayer begins. So, the question What do we pray for in the first petition is answered by In the first petition, which is hallowed be thy name.

We pray that god would enable us and others. To glorify him. In all that whereby, he maketh himself known. And, That he would dispose all things. To his own. Glory.