

Sermon Notes

When We Pray, Pray This Way

#2 – “The Hallowing of God’s Name” – Matthew 6:9c

I. Introduction

A. Noting Jesus’ main remarks on how we should pray.

1. “The Lord’s Prayer” as a model for the Disciple’s Prayer.

B. Today’s Text – Matthew 6:9c

1. Entire prayer: Matthew 6:9-13

II. Exposition

A. Hallowed be Thy name.

1. The first petition

a. What is usually our first petition?

2. To honor God’s name is to honor God Himself.

a. Note contrast with today’s societal expectations that all people are on the same level.

1. Familiarity?

2. In the case of God, He instructs separation between Himself and man.

3. There is a correspondence to the Third Commandment.

a. Exodus 20:7

1. HGTV

2. Precise punishment unspecified

3. An example of “m ē i / ō / s ĩ s” – an under emphasis in order to achieve a greater effect.

4. Key word – vain

a. “Vanity” or “falsehood”

5. God is weighty

a. Romans 12:1

b. Negative

c. Affirmative

4. Why is God’s name so important?

a. Gary North; John Calvin

B. “Hallowed” meaning:

1. Older English term

a. Hagiazō – Holy – I Peter 1:16

b. John MacArthur

c. John Calvin

2. How do we hallow His name?

a. It begins in the heart – I Peter 3:15

b. Inconsistency in what we say and how we live is a serious sin.

1. Dan Doriani

c. Spasmodic thinking about God is not hallowing His name.

1. Note David – Psalm 16:8

2. Sober warning at the end of the Sermon on the Mount

a. Matthew 7:21

d. What we should be doing.

1. I Corinthians 10:31; Matthew 5:16

III. Points for Reflection.

A. Add the names of God to your prayers.

1. Elohim – The Creator of the Heavens and Earth – Genesis 1:1

2. El Elyon – The Most High God – Genesis 14:18-19

3. Yahweh – I Am Who I Am – Exodus 3:14

4. Jehovah Jireh – The God Who Provides – Genesis 22:14

5. El-Shaddai – God Almighty – Genesis 17:1

6. Adonai – God as Master and Lord – Exodus 4:10

B. Hallowing of God’s name places Him high above and not equal to us in any way.

C. Hallowing God’s name means we live a life of praise.

D. The hallowing of God’s name is part of the call upon ourselves and the call upon those around us.