

# When We Pray, Pray This Way

#2: The Hallowing of God's Name

Matthew 6:9c

## Matthew 6:9-13

“<sup>9</sup> Pray, then, in this way: ‘Our Father who is in heaven, Hallowed be Your name.

<sup>10</sup> Your kingdom come. Your will be done, On earth as it is in heaven.

<sup>11</sup> Give us this day our daily bread.

<sup>12</sup> And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

<sup>13</sup> And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

[For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.’]”

What is our first petition?

## Exodus 20:7

“<sup>7</sup> You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not leave him unpunished who takes His name in vain.”

A variant reading would be:

“You shall not lift up the name of your Lord your God for nothingness.”

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The negative is expressed in the  
commandment.

It emphasizes that we must not  
take God's name in vain.

The affirmative is expressed  
in that we should take care  
to reverence and honor his name.

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The purpose of this commandment is: God wills that we hallow the majesty of his name. Therefore, it means in brief that we are not to profane his name by treating it contemptuously and irreverently. To this prohibition duly corresponds the commandment that we should be zealous and careful to honor his name with godly reverence. Therefore we ought to be so disposed in mind and speech that we neither think nor say anything concerning God and his mysteries, without reverence and much soberness; that in estimating his works we conceive nothing but what is honorable to him.

Words from the same root  
are translated  
“Holy”, “Saint”, “Sanctify”, and  
“Sanctification.”

## I Peter 1:16

“<sup>16</sup> ...because it is written, ‘YOU SHALL BE HOLY, FOR I AM HOLY.’”

God’s people are commanded to be holy while God is acknowledged as being holy.

## **I Peter 3:15**

“<sup>15</sup> But sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence.”

Spasmodic thinking about God  
is not hallowing His name.

## **Matthew 7:21**

“<sup>21</sup> Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven will enter.”

## **I Corinthians 10:31**

“<sup>31</sup> Whether, then, you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.”

## **Matthew 5:16**

“<sup>16</sup> Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.”

**Add the names of God to your prayers.**



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

**Hallowing God's name  
means we live  
a life of praise.**

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