

“HALLOWED BE YOUR NAME”

Matthew 6:9

Learning to praise God every time you pray

LET’S GET STARTED

God is “the great King over all the earth” (Psalm 47:2). When you address a king, you should begin by acknowledging his greatness and authority. It is no different when we address God in prayer; we should begin by praising Him for who He is.

LET’S HEAR THE WORD

Matthew 6:9—“This, then, is how you should pray: ‘Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,’”

- Addressing God as your Father implies that you are a _____ in _____.

John 8:42-44—⁴² Jesus said to them, “If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God and now am here. I have not come on my own; but he sent me. ⁴³ Why is my language not clear to you? Because you are unable to hear what I say. ⁴⁴ You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desire. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.”

- Prayer assumes that God is all powerful and sovereign, and thus able to _____ your _____.

Psalms 121:1-2—¹ I lift up my eyes to the hills-- where does my help come from? ² My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.

- Beginning prayer with praise establishes the proper order of your desires: _____ first, then your needs met.

Quotable

The first line of this model prayer is a statement of praise and a commitment to “hallow,” or honor, God’s holy name. . . . We must enter the King’s throne room respectfully. When we pray for God’s name to be “hallowed,” we pray that this world will honor his name, and we look forward to Christ’s return when that will be a reality.

— *Life Application Bible Commentary*

Effective and powerful prayer begins with an all-consuming desire to see our God honored and respected as the holy God He is.

—*Dewey & Rebecca Bertolini*

If you would like to know more

The Lord’s Prayer, by William Barclay (John Knox Press, 1999)

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THE IMPORTANCE OF PRAISING GOD IN PRAYER

- “Hallowed” means _____, and, in the Lord’s prayer, it is a request for God to be _____.

Matthew 6:9— “. . . ‘Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,’”

We tend to take this line in Jesus’ prayer as a statement of fact, when, in fact, it is a request. Jesus was teaching us to make the request, “Lord, may your name be sanctified.” Why should we pray to God that he would sanctify his own name? Probably as a reminder to ourselves to live a life that advertises a holy God.

—Stuart Weber

- Prayer should begin with praise, because _____ is more important than anything else.

Psalm 33:8—Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all the people of the world revere him.

- Praising God as we begin our prayers should _____ the _____ for everything we ask of Him.

John 14:13-14—¹³ “And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father. ¹⁴ You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.”

LET’S LIVE IT

We can put today’s truths about prayer into practice by developing the habit of beginning all of our prayers with praise, so that we glorify God, and so that the rest of our prayers become aligned with His will.

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