

# *Hallowed Be Thy Name*

## *Key Scripture:*

*"Give unto the LORD, O you mighty ones,  
Give unto the LORD glory and strength.  
Give unto the LORD the glory due His Name;  
Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness."  
Ps. 29:1-2*

## *Portion for the Journey:*

The LORD's Prayer is a pattern Jesus gave us by which to pray. The specific order of the items is very significant. We must first know God as Our Father, and be certain in our relationship with Him as well as our place in His Heavenly Kingdom. The next step is to learn to "Hallow His Name," before we come to Him with our prayers of requests, petitions and intercessions.

To Hallow His Name is dependent on the knowledge of who God is in all His Glory. The comprehension of God's holiness and the attributes of His person that must lie at the heart of all true prayer. We first seek Him and worship Him for who He is. "Hallowed be Thy Name" is a prayer of adoration and worship based on the revelation of His true essence. Each of His names are a revelation of aspects of His true character. When we hallow His name, we set our focus on knowing who He is and meditate on His true nature. We pray that He would be magnified in the greatness and the glorious beauty of all of His perfections. It is impossible to meditate on His Name and not be drawn into worship of Our LORD. We thus begin our prayers with thanksgiving, praise and worship, focusing upon Him and Him alone. It is fitting that we first recognize Him in all of His glory and adore His presence before we turn to Him with our burdens and needs. This is a pattern consistently demonstrated in the Word.

*"Enter into His gates with thanksgiving,  
And into His courts with praise.  
Be thankful to Him, and bless His name."  
Psalms 100:4 (NKJV)*

*"TO YOU belongs silence (the submissive wonder of reverence which bursts forth into praise)  
and praise is due and fitting to You, O God, in Zion; ..." Psalms 65:1 (AMP)*

*"I will offer to You the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.  
I will pay my vows to the Lord, yes, in the presence of all His people,  
In the courts of the Lord's house—in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord! (Hallelujah!)"  
Psalms 116:17-19 (AMP)*

## *Digging Deeper in the Word:*

1. **"Hallowed" means "to consecrate mentally."** To purify one's thought toward something of great importance, respect greatly and venerate and to praise, to honor as holy, sanctified, set apart, dedicate,

separate. It is the opposite of common, profane or unclean. It means to be set apart for sacred use, to reverence, adore. "Hallow" means to give God supreme place, to set Him apart, above all else in our thoughts, desires, and supplications. When something is hallowed or consecrated, it is treated differently than that which is common or ordinary. To treat Him as absolutely unique and above all others.

In the Greek, the word for "hallowed" is hagizo." This word comes from two root words, one is a negative, indicating, "not of" and the other is "the earth." In other words, that which is not of the earth, separated from the secular world and from earthly employments. Sanctified or set apart for holy office. Set apart from everything earthly, common or for profane use. Profane means 'to treat with irreverence or contempt.' God is "hallowed" by us when we separate our desire from all else and exalt Him who is above all else. His name is to be exalted more than any other name in the heavens or on the earth!

"To hallow God's name" means to set apart as holy. It is not only to recognize the preciousness of His name but to respond to His name with submission and worship that is due no other. (Matt 23:9) Many religions recognize Jesus as a great man or prophet, but they do not bow their knee to Him as the Way, the Truth and the Life. Reverence is a word that contains a combination of the fear of the LORD, a sense of awe for who He is mingled with the love and affection a child feels toward a parent. It encompasses the heart of submission toward authority, with the sense of worship or awe in the presence of God's holiness and splendor. (See Ps. 65:1 Amp above) It means to give the LORD the reverence His holiness deserves but which comes naturally when we truly see Him in His greatness and majesty. True reverence and hallowing of God's name means that one does not give mere lip service, but manifests through a desire for personal godliness, loving obedience, and aggressive Christlikeness so we may draw close to His Throne of grace and behold His glory.

Matthew Henry stated that "a man might believe that God is holy, just and loving, but he still might not have reverence for Him. He states, "For reverence, there is necessary a constant awareness of God. To reverence God means to live in a God-filled world, to live a life in which we never forget God. This awareness is not confined to the church, or to so-called Holy places, it must be an awareness which exists everywhere and at all times."

The International Standard Bible Encyclopedia states, "to hallow contains more of the thoughts of reverence, sacredness and holiness, it includes the inward attitude and outer action of profound reverence and outer action of profound reverence and active praise, but also that personal godliness, loving obedience and aggressive Christlikeness which reveal the presence of God in the life, which is His true earthly glory."

The word to "Hallow" is closely related to the "glory of the Lord." Glory means to make known fully, for God to be revealed in the fullness of His essence, displaying the wondrous splendor of the Father, to make Him known in the beauty of His holiness. Jesus came to glorify the Father. We are also called to glorify the Father in all that we do. This means to have a passion that the knowledge of God's name and true character would spread abroad and be magnified. This is the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. To glorify God is to be the ultimate end of all that we live for and all that we do. (1 Cor. 10:31) We cannot pray with a right heart unless the glory of God is dominant in our hearts and desires. We are to cherish a deep sense of the holiness of God and an ardent longing for the honoring of it. (See 2 Cor. 3:18; Rom. 9:23; Eph. 1:18; 2 Cor. 4:4; 1 Tim. 1:11; Isa. 52:7; Rom. 10:15)

**2. When we truly “hallow God’s name,” we are led into worship of our beloved Savior.** Worship is an integral part of hallowing God’s name and an entrance into prayer. Hallelujah (also spelled ‘alleluia’ in the KJV) comes from the Hebrew word, "halle!" for "High praises or highest level of worship." Jah is a Yahweh, so Hallelujah is literally a command for all of the universe to offer to Yahweh (Jehovah) the high praises and worship that is due His name. Hallel means to celebrate, to rave, to boast, to lavishly and boldly celebrate, clamor foolishly. 2 Sam. 6:2

Hallelujah is a word that foreshadows the magnificence of the heavenly chorus! Hallelujah is the song we will sing in heaven at the wedding supper of the Bridegroom (Jesus) and the Bride (Church). It is the song that all holy beings will sing in unity before His Throne. All of our enemies will be overthrown, death will be defeated and we will walk in the fullness of His resurrection. God will be revealed in His full glory! So great will be the rejoicing of God’s people that only this word will be sufficient to express.

**3. We are to be worshippers of God in Spirit and in Truth!** To Hallow God’s Name calls us to focus on the truth and meaning revealed in His Names. In the Word, name is equated with the true nature, character and essence of the person. (Ex.33:18-34:7) The LORD revealed Himself to His people through a progression of names that revealed aspects of His character. Each one of His names gives us a greater knowledge of Him. The names of God signify who He really is and express His attributes and purposes. They reveal His glory, grace, love, power and goodness. As we know His promises to us through His name, we can depend upon Him more fully in our walk with Him. As we meditate on His Word and come to know His names, we will increase the intimacy of our relationship with Him and our ability to worship Him in truth. We can be certain that God never changes and we can know Him in the same way men and women in past generations knew Him. All of His Names are summed up in Jesus Christ.

In "hallowing His Name" we show our love for Him by seeking to know His name. He desires that we would seek Him with all of our heart. When we enter a relationship with someone, don't we want to know everything there is to know about them? The Bible is full of promises for those who know God’s name and take the time to really seek to know Him. God has given His names to His children as a covenant so that we can know Him and trust completely in Him.

God's name is very important to His children. God has given His children His names as a means of granting them a greater knowledge of Himself. In the Scriptures, a person’s name is often a description of the character of its recipient. The names of God signify who He really is and express His attributes and purposes, His glory, grace, love, power and goodness. We seek to know His names to increase the intimacy of our relationship with Him and our ability to praise Him. We can be certain that God never changes and we can know Him in the same way men and women of past generations have known Him.

"But the people who know their God shall prove themselves strong and shall stand firm, and do mighty exploits [for God.]" Daniel 11:32 (Amplified Version)

"They that know Thy name will put their trust in Thee: for Thou, Lord has not forsaken them that seek Thee." Psalm 9:10

The Psalmist says "The name of the Lord is a strong tower, the righteous runneth into it and is safe." In knowing His name, we know His character and His nature that He is a God in whom we can trust to the uttermost. Psalm 20:7

"Some trust in chariots and some in horses: but we will remember the name of the Lord our God. They are brought down and fallen, but we are risen and stand upright." Psalm 20:7-8

Our defense Psalm 20:1-7

Our help in time of need Psalms 9:10

Our comfort Daniel 11:32

A strong tower Proverbs 9:10

A weapon 1 Samuel 17:45, 2 Chronicles 14:11

and an ointment poured forth Song of Solomon 1:3

Jesus is the Name Above all Names: Phil. 2:9-10; Eph. 1:15-23; Isa. 9:6

It is in His name that we are saved. Rom. 10:13; Acts 4:12; 2:21

We are baptized in His Name for the remission of sins. Acts 2:38

We are given the Holy Spirit in His Name. John 14:26; 15:16; 16:23

It is by His name we are sanctified and justified. 1 Cor. 6:11

It is in His Name that we are to pray. John 14:13, 14

It is in His name that we are healed. Acts 3:6,16; 4:10

In His Name, we have power to heal, deliver & perform miracles & wonders. Mark 16:17

It is in His Name we are protected from evil. John 17:6, 11,12,

His name is Immanuel, God with Us. Matt. 18:20

Read and meditate on these verses related to God's Name: Ps. 5:11-12; Ps. 20:1-2; Prov. 18:10; Ex. 34:5-7; Ps. 8:1; 9:10; John 12:27-28; John 17:1-8; Ezek. 36:23; Ps. 29:1-2; Psalms 8:1; 29:1-2; 48:10; 103:1; 113:3; 138:2; 145:1-3

In summary, how do we "Hallow" God 's Name? Literally, "Hallowed be Thy Name" in itself is a prayer that says, *"Enable us to cherish, worship and glorify You in the unique place and with all of the reverence which Thy character and Thy nature deserve and demand above all else and above all others."* This is not just our prayer, but the manner in which we seek to live!!

**Practically, we can begin to apply this teaching "to Hallow His Name" through**

1. **Meditation on His names** revealed in His Word and seeking to know Him with all of our hearts. It is an excellent devotional practice to take one of God's names and meditate on verses related to the name. As He reveals His truth through the Word, use this name to worship Him.
2. **Worship Him in Spirit and in Truth.** Our response to the name of the Lord is to trust and worship (Psalm 66:2), to give thanks, praise and bless (Psalm 100:4) and to lift up our hands in true worship (Psalm 63:4; John 4:23,24)
3. **Choose to walk in holiness as He is holy.** To walk in a manner that is consistent with His character.
4. **Magnify the truth about God's character** and the reality of His love for each of us to make Him known.

1 Oh, sing to the LORD a new song!

Sing to the LORD, all the earth.  
**2** Sing to the LORD, bless His name;  
Proclaim the good news of His salvation from day to day.  
**3** Declare His glory among the nations,  
His wonders among all peoples.  
**4** For the LORD *is* great and greatly to be praised;  
He *is* to be feared above all gods.  
**5** For all the gods of the peoples *are* idols,  
But the LORD made the heavens.  
**6** Honor and majesty *are* before Him;  
Strength and beauty *are* in His sanctuary.  
**7** Give to the LORD, O families of the peoples,  
Give to the LORD glory and strength.  
**8** Give to the LORD the glory *due* His name;  
Bring an offering, and come into His courts.  
**9** Oh, worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness!  
Tremble before Him, all the earth.  
**10** Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns;  
The world also is firmly established,  
It shall not be moved;  
He shall judge the peoples righteously."  
**11** Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;  
Let the sea roar, and all its fullness;  
**12** Let the field be joyful, and all that *is* in it.  
Then all the trees of the woods will rejoice before the LORD.  
**13** For He is coming, for He is coming to judge the earth.  
He shall judge the world with righteousness,  
And the peoples with His truth.  
Psalms 96:1-13 (NKJV)

*What is the LORD speaking to you through this lesson?*

*What is Your Response to the LORD?*