

The Lord's Prayer: Hallowed Be Thy Name

Exodus 20:7 ❖ Matthew 6:9b

"O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!
You have set Your glory above the heavens.
From the lips of children and infants You have ordained praise
Because of Your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger."
(Psalm 8:1-2)

The First Request

The structure of Jesus' model prayer is simple:

- It begins with an _____;
- Followed by three _____ regarding God;
- Then three _____ for us;
- And ending with a _____.

The first request is about God's _____.

Last Summer, all three contestants on an episode of "Jeopardy!" were unable to fill in one _____ word from the Lord's Prayer. They were _____ when the host read the clue: "Matthew 6:9 says 'Our Father who art in heaven' _____ 'be Thy name.'" There was no response, so the host gave the answer: "_____ be Thy name."

Names

My Grandmother and Grandfather Foster used to tell my brother, my cousins and me that every morning they prayed for us by _____. That they prayed for their grandsons every day blessed us in ways the four of us will never know until we get to _____, but that they prayed for us by name showed that they were concerned about our _____ needs. In my mind's eye, I can see them sitting at the kitchen table and saying, "Father, take care of Tim, Scott, Colin, and Todd today ..."

There is a world of difference between saying, "Hey, _____" and calling someone by their _____.

Not only does God know us _____ and by name, but He has also told us to call Him by _____. He is not an _____ deity. He is the LORD!

"God's Name"

"It is hard for us in the modern world to understand or to appreciate the Hebrew's sense of _____ about a name, and particularly about the name of _____, which stood for His power." ("The Lord's Prayers," Elton Trueblood, p. 50)

From the burning bush, God shouted at Moses, "Don't come any _____!" and then He told Moses that His name was "I _____ who I _____" (Exodus 3:14). The English translation for this Hebrew word/phrase is "the _____." It means "I have _____ been," whereas everything and everyone else had a beginning.

All other _____ - then and now - were like men or animals or a combination of the two or like something in nature, and their _____ fit them to a tee.

God's name is so holy to Orthodox Jews that they won't _____ it.

The one true and living God is not like anything in His _____. Nor is He an _____ force. Instead He is a unique, one-of-a-kind, personal God who must be reckoned with and _____!

When Jesus explained to the Jewish leaders, "Before Abraham was born, I _____," (John 8:58), they were ready to stone Him.

"Hallowed Be Thy Name"

The word "hallowed" comes from the word "holy," which means "_____."

Jesus taught His disciples to pray, "Hallowed be Thy name," thus acknowledging that God's name is holy but not often hallowed in our _____ or in our _____ and to ask that it will be.

There are two acceptable uses of God's name:

- 1) To address God by name in our _____ and in our _____
- 2) To _____ about Him by name to others with respect and love

What does it mean to "_____ the name of the LORD your God" (Ex 20:7)?

Takeaway

Reflecting on our thoughts and words last week, did we _____ God's name more than we disrespected it?

