

# Make Church a Part of Your Life

## WEEKLY SERMONETTE

*"Hallowed Be Your Name"*

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In relation to prayer Jesus said, "This then, is how you should pray: 'Our father in heaven, hallowed be your name.'" (Matthew 6:9)

We live in a time when God has been referred to as, "daddy," "the man upstairs," or "the big guy." Those appointed by Christ (Ephesians 4:7-16) to teach the Body of Christ the meat of God's Word go to Jesus and say, "Lord, teach me to pray!" (Luke 11:1) There is a great concern of many great men of prayer that people are not bowing in their spiritual hearts as they should when approaching God our Father in the Name of the King of kings, Jesus Christ.

A key element of prayer taught by Jesus Christ is that God's name is to be revered. In prayer, we are to approach the "Throne of Grace" (Hebrews 4:16) with an attitude of entering the courts of royalty in heaven. We are to behave ourselves as persons in attendance at a royal court in the presence of a glorious Majesty.

First, "hallowed" (hagiázō) here is not to be used as a petition, but as an expression of adoration. God should always be approached with praise. First thanking God for Jesus Christ, for without our Savior's willing sacrifice on the Cross, the child of God would never have a hearing at the Throne of Grace. All great prayer meetings begin with this heart attitude. "Father, we

enter your presence, not through what we have done but under the blood of Christ who died for us." When Christians have this heart attitude, they find in that moment God is not their Judge, but their heavenly Father who loves them.

The second heart attitude in

keeping God's name "hallowed" is to have Holy Spirit revelation of James 1:17, "Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father..." It is to understand that the Lord is not impressed with your talents, abilities, achievements, and opened doors of opportunities,

for He is the one who has given them to you. His desire is that you express in word and deed a life that recognizes His blessings, provision and care.

A third heart attitude in keeping God's name "hallowed" is to grasp the truth that hagiázō is translated as "sanctified" in others places in the New Testament. The other application here is that in prayer Christians thank the Lord for their talents, abilities and for all doors of opportunity. Their petition expresses a full trust that God, in Jesus's Name will send the Holy Spirit of Christ to give them a heart for disciplined preparation and enable them to complete the task God has set before them. Christians who strive to keep the Lord's name hallowed ask God to work in a way that glorifies Christ in and through their lives.

Christians who truly keep the Triune God's name "hallowed" are given more endowments. They see more doors of opportunity opened to them and enjoy supernatural empowerment to pray through to completion all God has laid upon their hearts to do. They are amazed at the Lord's faithfulness in provision.

Make sure your prayers are for the glory of God, Jesus Christ and are led of the Holy Spirit of Christ as He brings revelation through the written Word of God!

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Our children are the future. Our new cars will rust...our houses fall to decay, yet we still have the possibility of a strong and shining future when we educate our children to believe in themselves and in the wisdom of their Heavenly Father.

Won't you take time to worship as a family this week? Our future is in your hands. "Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." (Proverbs 22:6)

Sunday Hebrews 11.23-40	Monday Hebrews 12.1-29	Tuesday Philippians 1.1-30	Wednesday Philippians 2.1-18	Thursday Philippians 2.19-3.11	Friday Philippians 3.12-4.1	Saturday Philippians 4.2-23
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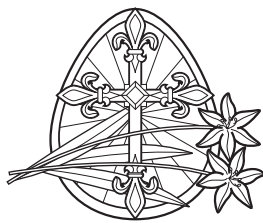
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