

Sermon

From Hollow to Hallow

The Lord's Prayer: A Disciple's Compass

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Matthew 6:9-13 (KJV) / Ezekiel 36:22-28 / Psalm 34:1-3

Series Big Idea:

The Lord's Prayer is a daily compass, pointing not to a place we are going, but to a person we are becoming.

Sermon Big Idea:

We move from hollowing (the name of God) to hallowing (the name of God) by following (the Son of God).

1. ADMISSION / CONTRITION

"Hallowed be Thy name" begins with the admission that we often hollow rather than hallow the name of God.

Read

Ezekiel 36:22-28 / Romans 2:23-24

Reflect

- What does it mean to "profane" God's name?
- What are some ways you have "profaned" or "hollowed" God's name?

Respond

- Repent of any ways you may have tarnished God's reputation, this past week.

Pray

- *"Our Father in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Forgive me for all the ways I have not hallowed Thy name or even desired that your name be hallowed. Amen."*

2. PETITION

"Hallowed be Thy name" moves from contrition to petition — a petition that God's name would be hallowed, as it should be.

Read

2 Thessalonians 1:11-12

"[\"Hallowed be Thy Name\"] is a request that his name be set apart as the utmost reality and value of human existence, that it be given the unique respect and dignity it deserves. When this is truly our heart's desire, everything else in the prayer follows naturally." (Dallas Willard)

Reflect

- How different would our world be if all God's children gave Him the respect and honor He is due? Take a moment to image that world.
- How different would your life be if you gave God all the respect and honor He deserves? How would your life look if that was your heart's deepest desire?

Respond

- Make the prayer below your first prayer each morning this week.

Pray

- *"Our Father in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Make it my heart's deepest desire that all of your children would know how immeasurably great you are. Amen."*

3. SUBMISSION

"Hallowed be Thy name" moves from admission to petition to submission — as we are commissioned to make hallowing God's name our top priority, each and every day.

Read

Ezekiel 36:22-28 / Romans 1:5 / Psalm 34:1-3

"Hallowed be thy name is a request that the whole of our lives will be worship, that every activity will be an act of praise, that God himself will be the focus of our thoughts and actions." (J. I. Packer)

"What is meant is, that the glory of God may be given to him, that he may be glorified in all places, and in all men, and that nothing may be done by us to obscure his glory." (John Calvin)

Reflect

- How does God suggest He will "sanctify" His name, in our Ezekiel passage?
- What does Paul suggest will impact God's reputation, in Romans 1:5?
- What are some ways your obedience (or lack of obedience) might impact God's reputation?
- What would it mean to prioritize God's glory, this week?
- What would prioritizing hallowing God's name look like in your: Calendar / Budget / Attitude / Thought Life / Words / Actions / Relationships

Respond

- Choose one way to intentionally pursue hallowing the name of God by following the Son of God, this week. Then tell someone. Then ask them to pray for you. Then tell them how it went.

Pray

- *"Our Father who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name in my life and through my life, today and this week. Amen."*