



Hallowed

“I AM”

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INTRO – Why Hallowed?

Matthew 6:5-13 *And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. ⁶ But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you. ⁷ “And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words. ⁸ Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. ⁹ Pray then like this: “Our Father in heaven, **hallowed be your name.** ¹⁰ Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. ¹¹ Give us this day our daily bread, ¹² and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. ¹³ And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.*

First things first...the first Petition or “Request” is to Hallow the Name of God. Jesus does NOT say... Hallowed “is” your Name (although it is)...he says Hallowed “Be your”...in other words “Father, make your name sacred in my heart and in the world”

Nobody really likes the word "hallow." It's an old word and there's no contemporary equivalent. Essentially it means sacred, holy, separate. The line in the Lord's Prayer that reads "hallowed be thy name" means that God's name (and therefore, God himself is to be the most uniquely valued one in all the world. There's a subtle subversion taking place within us as we pray this line. The human reality is that we all hallow something. It might be a person, a job, your image, money, your reputation, or your sexual appeal. There aren't two kinds of people in the world: hallowers and non-hallowers. There is only one kind: the hollower, the worshiper. The plain fact is that most prayers spoken or thought by most humans tend to fall in the category of asking God to hallow what we hallow. Most of our supplications are focused on things we want that we don't have or things we have that we don't want. **D.J. Marotta**, “The Subversive Power of ‘Hallowed be thy Name’”

The Holy God Reveals Himself

Exodus 3:10-15 *Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt.” ¹¹ But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?” ¹² He said, “But I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you, that I have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain.” ¹³ Then Moses said to God, “If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to*

them?" ¹⁴ God said to Moses, "**I am who I am.**" And he said, "Say this to the people of Israel: 'I am has sent me to you.'" ¹⁵ God also said to Moses, "Say this to the people of Israel: 'The **LORD**, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.' This is my name forever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations.

- Gods Nature/Essence/Being – "I Am who I Am"
- Gods Covenant Name – "LORD" Yahweh
- God's Title – "Lord" Adonai, Master, Sovereign One

Encounters with God Change People

Nobody encounters the Living God in Scripture and remains unchanged

- Moses Desires the Ultimate Spiritual Experience - Miracles/Red Sea/Manna

Exodus 33:18 And he said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." ¹⁵ And he said to him, "If your presence will not go with me, do not bring us up from here. ¹⁶ For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people? Is it not in your going with us, so that we are distinct, I and your people, from every other people on the face of the earth?" ¹⁷ And the Lord said to Moses, "This very thing that you have spoken I will do, for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name." ¹⁸ Moses said, "Please show me your glory."



- Peter & John - **Boldness** was produced by proximity

Acts 4:11-13 This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. ¹² And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved." ¹³ Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated, common men, they were astonished. And they recognized that they had been with Jesus.



- The Conversion of Saul becomes chosen instrument (he **changes his direction**)

Acts 9:1-5, 15-16 Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven shone around him. ⁴ And falling to the ground, he heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" ⁵ And he said, "Who are you, Lord?" And he said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting...." ¹⁵ But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel. ¹⁶ For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name."



- Stephen - dies differently because who was in his **gaze**



Acts 7:55-59 *But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶ And he said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God." ⁵⁷ But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. ⁵⁸ Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹ And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." ⁶⁰ And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." And when he had said this, he fell asleep.*

The reason encounters with God change people is because seeing God correctly reshapes how we understand ourselves. The vision of God always reshapes the purpose of man.

Purpose is Found in Knowing the Potter

What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us. **A.W. Tozer**, "Knowledge of the Holy", p. 3

Jeremiah 18:1-6 *The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: ² "Arise, and go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words." ³ So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. ⁴ And the vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as it seemed good to the potter to do. ⁵ Then the word of the Lord came to me: ⁶ "O house of Israel, can I not do with you as this potter has done? declares the Lord. Behold, like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel.*

You become shaped by whatever you hallow.

Are you angry at God ever? No. Not at all. No. I wouldn't want a sovereign God to defer to all of my prayers with a yes. Because I'm not omniscient. I don't know what the weaving together of the tapestry of full redemption should look like, but I know going through the period of suffering that I'm going through is a benefit because it is a winnowing. I'm filled with dross and this suffering is not salvific....But it's sanctifying and I'm grateful for it. Things are not right in my soul. My soul thinks Ben should be God, and I want that to die. Cancer sucks, but I'm pretty grateful that cancer is a stake against my delusional self-idolatry. Do you think you're ready to die? Do you feel ready? I don't feel ready, but to whom would I go? And we're told that we get to approach the almighty. We get to approach the divine and call him daddy. Aba father. That's pretty glorious. And I know that that's what I need. **"How Ben Sasse is Living Now that he is Dying" – Interesting Times with Ross Douthat**

Does God's Holiness affect you this way, are you willing to put a Stake in your Delusional Self-Idolatry?