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Jesus Christ taught his disciples how to pray. I assume he knew what he was talking about.

The very first petition he taught (“after this manner therefore pray ye”) was “hallowed be thy name.”

In other words, we request and declare God’s NAME (more on this in a moment) be treasured, admired, worshiped, adored, and held in HIGHEST regard by all people, in all places, at all times.

This is in effect the request/declaration for fulfillment of the prophesy of Habakkuk 2:14: “For the earth will be filled with the KNOWLEDGE of the glory of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.”

I know enough Greek to be dangerous. “Hallowed” in the Greek text (hagiazō) is in the aorist, passive, third person singular, IMPERATIVE tense.

If any Greek scholars reading this will please correct me if I am wrong, I would appreciate it – but the meaning I gather is that this prayer is not so much our wishfully hoping God MIGHT cause his Name to be hallowed, as much as it is a DECLARATION that it be so.

In other words, the prayer's request is done with FIRM CONFIDENCE and the meaning runs this way: “Our Father, who art in Heaven!! Thy Name be hallowed!”

This is the most important prayer we can pray.

We ASK in prayer, but we also DECLARE, “God, may your fame be known in this gym, school, house, grocery store, church! May you be exalted here!”

God’s NAME is not only his reputation – it is also his PRESENCE.

Declaring his name hallowed is to declare God HIMSELF to be acknowledged, trusted in, repented towards, loved, yearned-for, sought-after, leaned-into, desired, magnified, glorified, spoken well-of, admired, exalted, praised, thanked, surrendered-to, and passionately WORSHIPPED, with consuming awe.

When I invite people to Jesus Christ, I do so for **FOUR** reasons.

First, he commands me to do so. Second, I want everyone to find their joy and source of life from the kingdom. Third, I want them to avoid hell and go to heaven when they die. But the fourth reason is most important.

The primary reason we seek to bring others to Christ is that **GOD MIGHT BE PRAISED!** – that his name be **HALLOWED** on earth.

The real focus in evangelism is not the sinner but the glory of God.

You realize if God were to visibly appear in our midst, life would be impossible?

The radiant, **HOLY**, transcendent power of his Presence would simply overwhelm us. All would lie prostrate. Some trembling with terror – others trembling with joy.

It has been said that one reason God does not show himself visibly is so we might worship voluntarily.

A day is coming when **EVERY KNEE SHALL BOW AND EVERY TONGUE SHALL CONFESS THAT JESUS CHRIST IS LORD** – either willingly or unwillingly.

"Our Father, who art in heaven, may your **NAME** be hallowed, right here and right now."