

## HALLOWED BE THY NAME

TEXT: (Matthew 6:9, KJV)

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## INTRODUCTION

1. "Some *trust* in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the name of the LORD our God" (Psalm 20:7, KJV).

## I. WHAT IS GOD'S NAME?

## A. God Almighty (El Shaddai)

1. "And God spoke to Moses, and said to him, I am Jehovah. And I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, as the Almighty God; but by my name Jehovah I was not made known to them" (Exodus 6:2-3, DARBY).
2. "Moses returned to the LORD and said, 'Why, LORD, why have you brought trouble on this people? Is this why you sent me? Ever since I went to Pharaoh to speak in your name, he has brought trouble on this people, and you have not rescued your people at all'" (Exodus 5:22-23, NIV).
3. "No one can hold back his hand or say to him: 'What have you done?'" (Daniel 4:35, NIV).
4. "I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me. I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is still to come. I say, 'My purpose will stand'" (Isaiah 46:9-10, NIV).
5. "Great is our Lord and mighty in power; his understanding has no limit" (Psalm 147:5, NIV).

## B. Jehovah

1. "And God spoke to Moses, and said to him, I am Jehovah. And I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, as the Almighty God; but by my name Jehovah I was not made known to them" (Exodus 6:2-3, DARBY).
2. "And God said to Moses, I AM THAT I AM. And he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel: I AM hath sent me unto you. And God said moreover to Moses, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel: Jehovah, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath sent me unto you. This is my name for ever, and this is my memorial unto all generations" (Exodus 3:14-15, DARBY).

## C. Jesus

1. "Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father" (Philippians 2:9-11, NIV).
2. "Hallowed be thy name" (Matthew 6:9, KJV).
3. "And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son" (John 14:13, NIV).
4. "And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him" (Colossians 3:17, NIV).

## II. WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO HALLOW HIS NAME?

### A. Treating God as Holy

1. “The LORD spake unto Moses and Aaron, Because ye believed me not, to sanctify me in the eyes of the children of Israel, therefore ye shall not bring this congregation into the land which I have given them” (Numbers 20:12, KJV).
2. “And the LORD said to Moses and Aaron, ‘Because you did not believe in me, to uphold me as holy in the eyes of the people of Israel, therefore you shall not bring this assembly into the land that I have given them’” (Numbers 20:12, ESV).

### B. Approach God with Fear, Not Fear

1. “For the LORD spoke thus to me with his strong hand upon me, and warned me not to walk in the way of this people, saying: ‘Do not call conspiracy all that this people calls conspiracy, and do not fear what they fear, nor be in dread. But the LORD of hosts, him you shall honor as holy. Let him be your fear, and let him be your dread’” (Isaiah 8:11-13, ESV).
2. “But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death” (Revelation 21:8, KJV).

### C. Approach God with a Willingness to Obey Him

1. “Keep my commands and follow them. I am the LORD. Do not profane my holy name, for I must be acknowledged as holy by the Israelites. I am the LORD, who made you holy and who brought you out of Egypt to be your God. I am the LORD” (Leviticus 22:31-33, NIV).
2. “[Jesus] withdrew about a stone’s throw beyond them, knelt down and prayed, ‘Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done.’ An angel from heaven appeared to him and strengthened him” (Luke 22:41-43, NIV).

## III. TO HALLOW GOD’S NAME IS MORE THAN A RITUAL

1. “[Solomon] stood on the platform and then knelt down before the whole assembly of Israel and spread out his hands toward heaven. He said: ‘LORD, the God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven or on earth—you who keep your covenant of love with your servants who continue wholeheartedly in your way’” (II Chronicles 6:13-14, NIV).
2. “When Solomon finished praying, fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices, and the glory of the LORD filled the temple. The priests could not enter the temple of the LORD because the glory of the LORD filled it” (II Chronicles 7:1-2, NIV).

### A. History Has Been Made when people hallowed God in Prayer

1. “When the king heard the words of the Law, he tore his robes” (I Chronicles 34:19, NIV).
2. “If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land” (II Chronicles 7:14, NIV).

## B. The People in Jehoshaphat's Day turned to the LORD

1. "He said: 'Listen, King Jehoshaphat and all who live in Judah and Jerusalem! This is what the LORD says to you: 'Do not be afraid or discouraged because of this vast army. For the battle is not yours, but God's'" (II Chronicles 20:15, NIV).

## C. We Must Learn the Proper Approach God in Prayer

- 1 "As for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD by failing to pray for you" (I Samuel 12:23, NIV).
2. "I looked for a man among them who would build up the wall and stand before me in the gap on behalf of the land so I would not have to destroy it, but I found none. So I will pour out my wrath on them and consume them with my fiery anger, bringing down on their own heads all they have done, declares the Sovereign LORD" (Ezekiel 22:30-31, NIV).

## CONCLUSION

1. "Our Father in heaven, may your name always be kept holy" (Matthew 6:7, NCV).
2. "This is the commandment, the rules and regulations, that God, your God, commanded me to teach you to live out in the land you're about to cross into to possess. This is so that you'll live in deep reverence before God lifelong, observing all his rules and regulations that I'm commanding you, you and your children and your grandchildren, living good long lives.  
Listen obediently, Israel. Do what you're told so that you'll have a good life, a life of abundance and bounty, just as God promised, in a land abounding in milk and honey.  
Attention, Israel!  
God, our God! God the one and only!  
Love God, your God, with your whole heart: love him with all that's in you, love him with all you've got!" (Deuteronomy 6:1-5, MSG).
3. "Sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and *be* ready always to *give* an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear" (I Peter 3:15, KJV).