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Hallowed Be Your Name

*"I am the high and lofty One
whose name is Holy"*

- Isaiah 57:15

One of the major keys to accessing the presence of God is applying the Lord's Prayer. It isn't enough to know the words of the prayer, as if it were some magical spell. Rather, one must address the words to the Father of Jesus Christ and actually mean them. With that said, I always have difficulty saying the words, *'hallowed be your name.'* I struggle with it because I never use the verb 'hallow' in my regular conversations. This is due to the fact that the word should only be used in reference to God.

According to biblical Greek, the word 'hallow' comes from *haigostheto*, which means "to honor, sanctify, set apart, and treat with the highest of respect." If we think about it, we are saying, "Father in Heaven, we are asking *you* to give the highest respect for your name." In other words, we are praying, "God, we need your help in giving glory to you; we cannot do it on our own." This makes prayer an act of faith that is not

about ourselves but about God using us. Moreover, the Lord's Prayer is at its core evangelical. When we pray, *hallowed be your name*, we desire that the whole world know the name of God and accept the fact that all glory belongs to God.

When we *hallow the name of the Lord*, we reject all forms of idolatry and embrace the first commandment to worship God alone. We acknowledge that the worship of anything or anyone else besides our Father in heaven is sin. This prayer is not about earning God's favor but about receiving God's love. It is about living life with God. When we *hallow God's name* we welcome the Holy Spirit into our lives and our communities (Luke 11:13). There is only one spirit who is holy, and it is the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit moves and works within His church to bring about the revelation of Christ to the nations. When we say "Lord, help us hallow your name," we ask for the Holy Spirit to use us to advance the Kingdom of God.

Many Jews show respect for God's name by regarding it as unpronounceable. The Tetragrammaton, Greek for "four letters," is an indirect way of referencing the name that God revealed to Moses in Exodus 3 before Moses was sent to liberate the people of God from slavery. God is the "I Am Who I Am" or the "I Will Be What I Will Be." When you find the word "LORD" in all capital

letters in English translations of the Bible, recognize it as the stand-in for or rendering of the Tetragrammaton. The God who revealed this holy Name to Moses is the same God who sent His only son Jesus Christ, who reveals God's ultimate plan for the world by liberating us from the slavery of Satan, sin, and death. Jesus is the I AM, who came in the name of the Lord, who rose from the grave, and is seated on the throne in heaven. King Jesus has been given the name that is above every name. One day, every knee shall bow and confess that he is Lord! When we hallow the name of the Lord, we declare the universal reign of King Jesus.

When we gather together at church, our goal is to hallow the Lord's name. Through the singing, preaching, praying, communion, and fellowship, we discipline our hearts to worship God alone, so that when we leave our meetings, we can hallow the name of the Lord in our homes, workplaces, and in the networks to which we belong. The privilege of being a Christian is knowing God the Father and participating with God the Holy Spirit in making the name of King Jesus known to the world.

In the Name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit! Amen!

In Christ,

Rev. Haig Kherlopian

FELLOWSHIP HOUR

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UPCOMING SERVICES & EVENTS

Join us for:

Sunday Morning Worship at 11:00 AM

Tuesdays Night Bible Study at 7:00 PM

Oct 28 **Lahmejun Luncheon**

Nov 11 **122nd Anniversary Celebration**
Details to follow!

Dec 16 **December Christmas Luncheon**
Details to follow!

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