

Matthew 6:9b

Hallowed be your name.

- The Greek word for hallowed is *hagiazō* and means holy, regard as holy, set apart, sanctify.
- God's name is holy as He is Holy.
 - **Exodus 3:13-14** Then Moses said to God, "Behold, I am going to the sons of Israel, and I will say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you.' Now they may say to me, 'What is His name?' What shall I say to them?" ¹⁴And God said to Moses, "[f]I AM WHO [a]I AM"; and He said, "This is what you shall say to the sons of Israel: '[h]I AM has sent me to you.'"

This is a petition for His name to be hallowed in all aspects of our lives (words, thoughts, actions, etc)

- His name is holy not matter what we think or how we act as His name being holy is immutable. This part of the prayer is not just an assertion that His name is holy, but rather is a petition that we not only believe that His name is holy, but our actions in our lives declare and show this.

Commandment# 3

God puts such a weighty emphasis on His name and how we reverence and treat His name that He includes it in the 10 commandments. So often we do not put emphasis on His name and how we are to regard His name, but God puts a heavy emphasis on His name. He puts so much emphasis on it, He puts it in the top 10 commandments of a nation.

- **Exodus 20:7** "You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not [a]leave him unpunished who takes His name in vain.
- **Leviticus 19:12** And you shall not swear falsely by My name, so as to profane the name of your God; I am the Lord.

Taking His name in vain

- The word *vain* in the Hebrew means: deceit/deception, empty, false, false vision, lies, worthlessness.

Verses on His Name

- **Psalm 111:9** He has sent redemption to His people; He has [a]ordained His covenant forever; Holy and [b]awesome is His name.
- **Psalm 115:1-3** Not to us, Lord, not to us, But to Your name give glory, Because of Your mercy, because of Your [a]truth. ²Why should the nations say, "Where, then, is their God?"³ But our God is in the heavens; He does whatever He pleases.
- **Psalm 29:1-2** Ascribe to the Lord, [a]sons of the mighty, Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. ²Ascribe to the Lord the glory [b]due His name; Worship the Lord in holy attire.
- **1 Chronicles 16:29** Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name; Bring an [a]offering, and come before Him; Worship the Lord in [b]holy attire.
- **Psalm 8:1** Lord, our Lord, How majestic is Your name in all the earth, You who have [a]displayed Your splendor above the heavens!
- **Isaiah 42:8** I am the Lord, that is My name; I will not give My glory to another, Nor My praise to idols.

How does it make us feel when we hear God's name being used in vulgarities being used with lack of reverence, and being used in vain? As a Christian, it should bother us significantly when we hear the name of our holy God being treated and spoken with such irreverence, hostility, and blasphemy.

How we reverence and treat His name shows what we think of Him. If one does not reverence His name as holy, holy, holy they don't reverence Him as holy.

If we truly hold His name as holy then we will not want to have our actions bring shame upon His name (**Romans 2:17-24**).

- **John 17:11-12** I am no longer *going to be* in the world; and yet they themselves are in the world, and I am coming to You. Holy Father, keep them in Your name, *the name* which You have given Me, so that they may be one just as *We are*.¹² While I was with them, I was keeping them in Your name, which You have given Me; and I guarded them, and not one of them perished except the ^[d]son of destruction, so that the Scripture would be fulfilled.
- **John 17:22-26** The glory which You have given Me I also have given to them, so that they may be one, just as *We are one*; ²³I in them and You in Me, that they may be perfected ^[d]in unity, so that the world may ^[h]know that You sent Me, and You loved them, just as You loved Me. ²⁴Father, I desire that they also, whom You have given Me, be with Me where I am, so that they may see My glory which You have given Me, for You loved Me before the foundation of the world.²⁵ "Righteous Father, ^[h]although the world has not known You, yet I have known You; and these have known that You sent Me; ²⁶and I have made Your name known to them, and will make it known, so that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them."
- **Revelation 22:1-5** And he showed me a river of the water of life, ^[a]clear as crystal, coming from the throne of God and of ^[h]the Lamb, ²in the middle of its street. On either side of the river *was* the tree of life, bearing twelve ^[k]kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit every month; and the leaves of the tree *were* for the healing of the nations. ³There will no longer be any curse; and the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and His bond-servants will serve Him; ⁴they will see His face, and His name *will be* on their foreheads. ⁵And there will no longer be *any* night; and they ^[d]will not have need of the light of a lamp nor the light of the sun, because the Lord God will illuminate them; and they will reign forever and ever.

Let the petition spoken by Jesus that the name of God be holy arise from the depths of our souls and find its place on our lips, in our minds, and in all aspects of our lives. His name is holy for He is holy. We must remember to whom we are speaking to when we pray and how holy His name is. What we think of His name and how we treat His name reveals what we think of Him. One cannot truly worship God in spirit and truth with awe and reverence when they don't reverence His holy name. How important is God's name to us? Does honoring, reverencing, and making His name holy in our lives rise to the top of our prayer requests? It is of the utmost importance to God Himself. Let us also come to prayer holding to this petition that our lives would declare the holiness of God and His name as we ascribe glory due His holy and awesome name. As we come to prayer, let us remember what a privilege it is to be able to call God Abba, Father, just as Christ did. Let us also see the weight and focus on God's name being revered and being made holy in our lives. May our prayers begin with the same focus and as Jesus instructs us "Our Father who is in Heaven, hallowed be your name!"