

Theme: We will pray with praise and power when we know Who God is.

Background: Last week - Jesus brings us to our Father; we know our prayers are heard. But how do we know they will be answered?

Introduction: Where do we start in prayer? We are not left to guess. We are to give honor to our heavenly Father before all else.

## I. A Hallowed Name

- The first petition deals not with our needs but with God's Name.

### A. His Name

#### 1. Name tells us Who God "is"

- Not just a title
- Not just function but character

#### 2. His Name is His character (Exodus 34:5-7; Proverbs 18:10)

- His glorious names (Psalm 20:1)

#### 3. The name is not a "talismán"

- The sons of Sceva (Acts 19:14&15)

### B. His Name "Hallowed"

- Meaning: To make holy, sanctify, treat as holy, hold in reverence

- Prayer that His character is made known!

#### 1. Through the Son

- Jesus' life "hallowed" the Father (John 12:27&28)
- Through obedience, sacrifice, submission

NOTE: Jesus would glorify the Father's name, not His own. But that work would be His glory.  
Luke 18:14

#### 2. Through the "sons and daughters" (the bride)

- Not a generic request - Not "somehow"
- It is by us - by me!

##### a. Hallowing His name in action

- In trust (Psalm 115:11; Psalm 42:11)
- In the careful use of His name (Psalm 35:28)
- Not taking Him for granted
- With serious attention to worship
- In obedience to His Word (Psalm 40:8)
- Life of purity, honesty, integrity (2 Timothy 2:22)
- In the steps of Jesus (1 Peter 2:21)

##### b. In prayer

- Through us (1 Peter 3:15)
- In the body of Christ
- In the world

## II. Worthy of Praise

### A. Declarative praise!

#### 1. Of His Person

- Praise for Who He is Psalms (WCF II 1,2)
- Praise for what He has done
- Praise for what He is doing
- 2. Through His Word
  - Psalms
  - The prayers in scripture
- B. The power of praise
  - 1. It changes us
    - Lifting our eyes from our circumstances
    - Putting God in the center of life
    - Bringing peace to our hearts
  - 2. It accomplishes much! (2 Chronicles 2:20)

### III. The Prayer God Answers

- Seek to honor God's Name in your prayers - Praising Him for Who He is, what He is doing and what He will do!
- Ask for strength to "hallow" His Name as you walk before Him each day.