

**Jeremiah 9; Lord's Day 47**  
**ADDRESSING GOD AS FATHER**

- I. The meaning.
  - A. God is unknowable because He is Wholly Other, infinite and invisible.
  - B. God gives Himself "names" so we might know Him. His "name" is everything that reveals Him.
  - C. God's name is seen in many places: in creation, in Scripture, in Jesus, in the preaching of the gospel.
  - D. Only those given faith can "see" God (John 3:3), i.e., know Him in a personal way (not just about Him).
- II. We are to ask the Father to teach us and to enable us to hallow His revelation of Himself.
  - A. "Hallowing" refers to something as honorable and distinct; not that we make it holy, but that we see that it is holy.
  - B. God's name is hallowed when His revelation is esteemed as the most important knowledge.
  - C. Work in our minds and hearts that we may more and more see Him and His glory in all things.
  - D. Make us sensitive to Him so He is not blasphemed on our account but glorified (Ps. 143:10).
  - E. Work in us so we show that He is worthy to be sought, loved, feared, and honored.
  - F. Make us to hallow His name with others by witnessing to Him, and praising Him together (Ps. 34:3).
  - G. And vindicate Thy name of all dishonor (Psalm 83).
- III. What is the reason our Lord Jesus wants us to pray this petition and to pray it first?
  - A. His transcendent glory makes Him worthy to be hallowed.
  - B. This is to be our greatest desire; with nothing more important to us.
  - C. Only when we love Him, are we able and willing to pray this petition.