

# **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*"HALLOWED BE THY NAME"*

# REVIEW

- Prayer should have Biblical motives, aims, and content. The Lord's Prayer is given to teach us these things.
- Prayer doesn't change God, who is immutable. Prayer changes us. So, why pray?
  - Prayer should be humbling.
  - Prayer is one means God ordains to involve us in His eternal plan, and therefore has eternal significance.

# REVIEW

- God does not answer prayer based on our praying correctly or passionately enough or long enough.
- God answers prayers:
  - According to what He clearly promises in His Word
  - According to His love and care for us as a Father
  - According to His wisdom and will

# GENERAL OBSERVATIONS

- Structure of the Lord's Prayer:
  - Relates to the term "Father" as the address of God. We want to remember that God is our *Holy* Father
  - Relates to our request to be kept from sin. He is holy; we should be holy
  - Relates to doxology in ascribing glory to God

# GENERAL OBSERVATIONS

- Three petitions regarding God; *then* three regarding God's people.
- This is the first of three petitions regarding God
  - The sanctity with which we hold God's name is the basis for the next two.
  - How much time do we spend praying for the sanctity of God to be known?

# GENERAL OBSERVATIONS

- Meaning of the form of the petition:
  - "Jussive" - grammatically, a request of action made to a superior. Same structure (usually) as an imperative, but made with obvious respect.
  - Sometimes translated as "May your name be hallowed"

# "... YOUR NAME"

- What is God's name?
- A name is that by which we designate a person; it is shorthand for all that particular person is.
- Hence, God's name is God Himself, especially as He is known (revealed) to us.
- A name also represents how that person is thought of. Hence, a name is a person's reputation.

# "... YOUR NAME"

- Scripture verses:
  - Genesis 4:26; 13:4; 21:33; Exodus 3:13-14; but see also Exodus 6:3.
  - Exodus 34:14
  - Genesis 16:13
  - 2Samuel 7:26
- God's name is that description of Him revealing His character and, thus, His actions. It is representative of God Himself.



# "... YOUR NAME"

- Our attitude towards God's name reflects the attitude of our heart towards God
  - Psalm 86:11; 102:15
  - Malachi 1:6 ff.
  - John 17:6; 12; 26

# "HALLOWED BE...."

- Halloween = "All Hallows' Ev'n", or the evening before All Hallows' Day (All Saints Day.)
- To hallow is to count as holy, sanctified
- It is to treat God's name as special, with reverence, dignity, and worship.

# "HALLOWED BE...."

- God's concern for His name:
  - Exodus 20:7
  - Leviticus 18:21 (worship of idols)
  - Leviticus 19:12 (swearing falsely by God's name)
  - Leviticus 22:1-2; 32

# **In what ways is God's name profaned?**

IN WHAT WAYS IS GOD'S NAME PROFANED TODAY?  
IN WHAT WAYS MIGHT WE SANCTIFY GOD'S NAME?

**In what ways can we hallow God's name?**