

Day Five

"Pray, then, in this way: 'Our Father who is in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. 'Your kingdom come. Your will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. 'Give us this day our daily bread. 'And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. 'And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil. [For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.]' -Matthew 6:9-13

Hallowed be Your name

Hallowed ἁγιαζῶ *hagiazō* (*hag-ee-ad'-zo*) to make holy, that is, (ceremonially) purify or consecrate; (mentally) to venerate: - hallow, be holy, sanctify.

God has had many names in Scriptures. Not that He is many entities, but the names that describe Him carry with it the attributes of His eternal character. Those names which have as their root, **EL** mean "God" as in Mighty, Strong, Prominent. He is known, for instance, as **Elohim**: God as Creator, Preserver, Transcendent, Mighty and Strong as in Genesis 17:7. **El Shaddai**: God Almighty or God All-Sufficient in Genesis 17:1. **Adonai**: Master or Lord in Exodus 4:10.

He is known also as **Jehovah: Yahweh** as the covenant name. This is the name revealed to Moses from the burning bush in Exodus, I AM WHO I AM, or I WILL BE WHO I WILL BE. It was first used in Genesis 2:4. The Israelites thought **this name too sacred to utter and abbreviated to JHWH**. The Name **Jehovah-Jireh** is The Lord Will Provide in Genesis 22:14. **Jehovah-Rophe**: the Lord Who heals in Exodus 22:26. **Jehovah-Shalom**: The Lord Our Peace, Judges 6:24. **Jehovah Elohim**: Lord God, Psalm 59:5. **Jehovah-Sabaoth**: The Lord of Hosts. Isaiah 1:24

The previous names of God are taken from the Hebrew and are only a few of the attributes of God given by name. The New Testament gives us the Greek names of God. **Kurios**: Lord, found some 600 times in the New Testament. **Despotes**: Lord, is also found but only in five instances (Luke 2:29, Acts 4:24, 2Peter 2:1, Jude 4, Revelation 6:10). **Theos**: God, the equivalent to **Elohim** in the Hebrew is found some one thousand times in the New Testament. **I AM**, as used by Jesus in John

8:58 to describe His eternal nature. Theotes: Godhead in Colossians 2:9 and Romans 1:20.

Hupsistotos: Highest in Matthew 21:9. Soter: Savior as in Luke 1:47. Word: **Logos** as in John 1:1

This is but a small list of the Names of God. Each describes His Holy nature. Each is revered and is shared by none other. When Nadab and Abihu profaned God by offering strange fire, we have Moses response offered to Aaron: *Then Moses said to Aaron, "It is what the LORD spoke, saying, 'By those who come near Me I will be treated as holy, And before all the people I will be honored.'" So Aaron, therefore, kept silent.* -Leviticus 10:3

His name was so sacred that to utter it in a common way was forbidden. *"You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not leave him unpunished who takes His name in vain.* -Exodus 20:7. The son of the Israelite woman, Shelomith incurred the wrath of God for blaspheming God's name. *"Bring the one who has cursed outside the camp, and let all who heard him lay their hands on his head; then let all the congregation stone him. "You shall speak to the sons of Israel, saying, 'If anyone curses his God, then he will bear his sin.* -Leviticus 24:14-15

Yet, for the Holiness of God's name, we are to address Him as Abba, Father. We approach God in a reverent fear in prayer. Because of our relationship with Him as heirs we are able to boldly come before Him. *Let us therefore draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and may find grace to help in time of need.* -Hebrews 4:16. We must remember that His name must be held in awe and treated as Holy.

The study of God's Name is a fascinating one that reveals wonderful and awesome aspects of His nature. When we search to find such things as this we are blessed beyond knowing to have such a God as Him as our guide and provider.

Prayerful Thoughts: Father, Thy Name is Holy. To say it is an honor to touch our lips.