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BIBLE TALK

Question: What does the phrase "Hallowed be thy name" used in Matt. 6:9 actually mean?

Answer: There is a trend today of making that which is sacred, common. It is not unusual to hear prayers that are reeking with faddish and sensational terminology. God is referred to as "sir", sometimes as "daddy" and the church members as "a bunch of stinkers!" David said, *"I will extol thee my God, O*

king: and I will bless thy name forever and ever" (Ps. 145:1), with heart and knee bowed. When come before God, we are on "holy ground" (Ex. 3:5).

Hallowed deals with having the **right attitude toward God!** It is defined by Webster as a "feeling or attitude of deep respect, love, awe, and esteem, as for something sacred; veneration." Respect toward deity is a mark of character. The greater the respect, the more profound the character! God's attitude toward irreverence of His people is clearly expressed by David: *"You thought that I was altogether like you"* (Ps. 50:21). God demanded respect from Moses by telling him to *"Take your sandals off your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground"* (Ex. 3:3-5). The same is expected of an entire assembly. David again speaking, *"God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, and to be held in reverence by all those around Him"* (Ps. 89:7). Those who are His children today are charged to *"...let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear"* (Heb. 12:28). The same response is to be given Jesus, for only in His name can salvation be found (Acts 4:12). *"Present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable (spiritual – KJV) service"* (Rom. 12:1-2).

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