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HOME TALK Making Disciples in the Middle of Everyday Life Mt 28:20a

Explanation of Luther's Small Catechism

Talking about The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name; Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

Hallowed be your name. What does this mean?

God's name is holy in itself, but we pray that it may be holy also among us.

How is this done?

It is made holy when the Word of God is taught in its truth and purity, and when we, as God's children, live holy lives in accordance with it. This grant us, dear Father in heaven! But whoever teaches and lives in a way other than what the Word of God teaches, profanes the name of God among us. From this preserve us, heavenly Father.





289 What do you pray for in the first

petition?

I pray in this petition that the name of God may be considered holy and be honored by all people.

Psalm 72:19 "Blessed be his glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with his glory! Amen and Amen!"

290 When is the name of God hallowed or honored?

God's name is honored when the Word of God is taught truthfully and purely and when we gladly hear and obey it.

Acts 17:11 "Now these Jews were more noble than those in Thessalonica; they received the word with all eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so."

1 Peter 4:11a "...whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God;"

James 2:22 "You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was completed by his works;"

291 When do you profane the name of God?

I profane the name of God if I teach and live in a manner contrary to the Word of God.

1 John 1:6 " If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth."

292 How can you honor God's name in the meetings of the church?

I can honor God's name by preparing my own heart before the meeting, and by quietly and reverently waiting for God to speak to me as I gladly hear His Word and sing His praises. **Psalm 46:10a** "**Be still, and know that I am God.**"

Psalm 122:1 "I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord!"



