

ADORE: Hallowed Be Your Name

OK Prayer: Session 3

QUESTION: When do you feel most *at home*?

ADORE: "And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength." Dt 6:5; Mt 22:37 (1 Thes 5:17; Eph 6:18)

Prayer Pyramid: We pray to a Father who sees us, knows us, and has loved us even before the Creation of the world (Eph 1:4); even when it *feels* like He doesn't (Ps 88).



- *hallow* (verb): to sanctify, consecrate, make _____

❖ To *ADORE* God in prayer means to _____ God as He truly is, and respond with worship, gratitude, solidarity, and loving devotion.

"In praying that God, or His name, may 'be hallowed' or glorified, we pray that He may be known, such as He is, by all that are capable thereof . . . with affections suitable to that knowledge; that He may be duly honored, and feared, and loved, by all in heaven above and in the earth beneath; by all angels and men, whom for that end He has made capable of knowing and loving Him to eternity."¹ John Wesley

Knowing God as He is starts with Biblical _____: to _____ the mind with truths of God (Ps 27:4, Heb 12:2)

ISAIAH 6:1 - 8 (ca. 740 BC)

- HEBREW: *qadosh* (adj): "Holy": sacred; distinct; set apart; the opposite of common (Ex 3:14; Gal 5:22-23)

ONLY GOD IS...	GOD IS AND WE CAN BE...	
INCOMMUNICABLE ATTRIBUTES	CHARACTER ATTRIBUTES	
Self-Existent & Self-Sufficient	<i>Compassionate</i>	<i>Truthful</i>
Unchanging (Immutable)	<i>Gracious</i>	<i>Good</i>
Immeasurable (Infinite)	<i>Slow to anger</i>	<i>Wise</i>
Eternal	<i>Patient</i>	<i>Self-Controlled</i>
All-Present (Omnipresent)	<i>Abounding in loving devotion</i>	<i>Joyful</i>
All-Knowing (Omniscient)	<i>Faithful</i>	<i>Kind</i>
All-Powerful (Omnipotent)	<i>Forgiving</i>	<i>Gentle</i>
Sovereign	<i>Just</i>	<i>Peaceful</i>

¹ John Wesley, "Upon Our Lord's Sermon on the Mount" (1748). At: ccel.org/w/wesley/sermons/sermons-html/serm-033.html

God's Holiness:

1. Holiness means God is _____ like us.
2. Holiness is the glorious _____ of God.
3. Holiness is _____ and cannot be deformed by evil.
4. Holiness is _____ and without contradiction. (Jn 6:1-66; Ex 16 & Num 11)

"God's Holy Love won't give out on you, it won't give up on you, and it won't give in to you." Cliff Sanders, "Wesley's North Star" (School of Wesleyan Studies, 19 June 2023). *Available at:* resources.crossings.church

5. Holiness is universally opposed to _____.

Our Response:

1. _____ (Isa 6:5)

"Prayer, true prayer, does not allow us to deceive ourselves. It produces a clearness of spiritual vision. Searching with a judgment that begins at the house of God, it does not cease to explore our own soul with His light." P. T. Forsyth, *The Soul of Prayer* (1916). *Online:* <https://ccel.org/ccel/forsyth/prayer/prayer.i.html>

2. _____ and thanksgiving (Ps 136)
3. _____ (Isa 6:8)
4. _____

- LUKE 18:1, 7a & PSALM 88:1

QUESTIONS FOR FURTHER THOUGHT / GROUP DISCUSSION:

1. Look at the list of God's *incommunicable attributes*.
 - Which attribute do you appreciate and praise the most, and why?
 - Which attribute do you wish that you possessed?
2. In what practical ways have you seen God be *hallowed* here on earth? How have you seen His Name (His character, reputation, or reality) *profaned*?
3. One author says: "It is thanksgiving prayer that reminds us of our blessing and acknowledges God as our source of blessing. It is thanks prayer that keeps us from sins of grumbling, complaining, and cynicism. It is thanks prayer that builds gratitude, pleasantness and loyalty into our character."² How frequently do you include thanksgiving into your prayers? What practices have helped you increase gratitude to God?
4. Karyn said, "When life falls apart and you try to cling to people and things that are not-God, you find at the core that they're *hollow*, not *holy*." In what ways have you tried to rely on people and things that have turned out to be hollow?
5. How does the recognition of Jesus's name as meaning "Yahweh is salvation" change your perspective on praying "in His name"?

² Stephen M. Crotts, *If You Haven't Got a Prayer: A Beginners Guide to Talking with God* (Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1978), 29.