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**Matthew 6:9c | The Lord's Prayer: His Name**  
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**WELCOME:**

- Please turn your Bibles to Matthew 6.
- Bibles in the back—our gift to you.

**REVIEW:**

We continue our verse-by-verse study of Matthew's Gospel.

We are in chapter six, where Jesus is preaching through the Sermon on the Mount.

① Over the past several weeks, Jesus has taught us how not to pray.

③ Today, we'll continue to learn more parameters on how to pray correctly.

② *Last Sunday we learned what it means to call God, Father.*

④ And the reason that Jesus teaches us how to pray is that we are earthy people.

We are not inherently spiritual people.

For us to come to one True Living God as a Father and Redeemer, we must be born again.

And it's through the process of God The Father drawing you to Himself, God the Holy Spirit, revealing God's grace on your life—

And then you believing that Jesus Christ, God's Son, is God Himself in human flesh who was sent by the Father to pay for your sin debt.

It's only when our sin has been paid for and forgiven by Jesus Christ to where we now have the amazing privilege to come humbly and boldly into the throne room of God and pray.

**LW KEYPOINT:**

*God is a Father only to those who have come to His family through His Son, Jesus Christ.*

*God is the Creator to everyone else.*

So what do we say when we come before our Father?

The Lord's Prayer is an answer to that question.

We have many questions—and that's one of the many reasons we pray.

And what we're learning through the Lord's prayer is how *Prayer prepares us for the proper use of the answer.*

So we learned last week.

**LW KEYPOINT:**

*The Lord's Prayer is a model, not a mantra.*

The Lord's prayer is an outline, it's a sketch where Jesus gets us started, and then we fill in the gaps.

The Lord's prayer skeleton to where we flesh it out as we pray.

Last week we started with verse 9 and got as far as "Our Father..."

**INTRODUCTION:**

Today, we'll finish verse 9, learning how God is in Heaven and how God's name is to be honored as holy.

*\*Please stand for the reading and honoring of God's Word.\**

**SCRIPTURE: Matthew 6:9-10 CSB**

**Matthew 6:5**—“Whenever you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites, because they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by people. Truly I tell you, they have their reward.

**Matthew 6:6**— But when you pray, go into your private room, shut your door, and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.,

**Matthew 6:7**— When you pray, don't babble like the Gentiles, since they imagine they'll be heard for their many words.

**Matthew 6:8**— Don't be like them, because your Father knows the things you need before you ask him.

**Matthew 6:9**— “Therefore, you should pray like this:  
Our Father in heaven,  
your name be honored as holy.

**Matthew 6:10**— Your kingdom come.  
Your will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.

**Matthew 6:11**— Give us today our daily bread.

**Matthew 6:12**— And forgive us our debts,  
as we also have forgiven our debtors.

**Matthew 6:13**— And do not bring us into temptation,  
but deliver us from the evil one.,

*And dear friends, these are the very words from the inerrant, inspired, and infallible Word of Almighty God.*



**PRAY:**

*I have sought you with all my heart;  
don't let me wander from your commands. (Psalm 119:10)*

**EXEGESIS:**

**Matthew 6:9**—"Therefore, you should pray like this: Our Father in heaven, your name be honored as holy.

**In Heaven**— stresses God's transcendence, greatness, and magnificence.

Our Heavenly Father doesn't live in the confines/limitations of a decaying human body.

God is Spirit.

Jesus speaking to the Samaritan women at the well said,

**John 4:24**—God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in Spirit and in truth.

Our Heavenly Father isn't limited to the rigor of 24x7.

He's above/outside/independent of time.

The Psalmist says in Psalm 90,

**Psalm 90:4**—For in your sight a thousand years are like yesterday that passes by, like a few hours of the night.

Our Father in Heaven is beyond all these temporary earthly things.

**Matthew 6:9**—*Our Father in heaven,*

**Our Father In Heaven**—is a reminder of where God is —and where we are—

And the eternal moral chasm that separates us from Him.

It's a reminder that God surpasses all that is human.

It's also a reminder that we are pilgrims traveling through.

This is not our home, and it's certainly not our final destination.

**STORY:** Redecorating a hotel room.

**Matthew 6:9**—*your name be honored as holy.*

ESV/NRSV/KJV— translated as “hallowed.”

**Hallowed** is a translation of the verb *hagiazō*, meaning to make holy or sanctify.

**KEYPOINT 1:**

*God's people are commanded to be holy, but God is holy.*

It is a lifelong, agonizing, and terrifying process for God's children to be holy.

That process is called sanctification.

God's Word says that we are holy (justified/sanctified) —our legal debt for our moral sin and crimes against God has been paid through the cross of Christ and His empty grave—

But we are also called to be holy—the process of sanctification.

Because we have been born again, our lives are not the same.

We slowly lose the love of the world and gain a new love for God.

If you were a part of last Wednesday's Spiritual Formation class, we spent a few minutes watching the potter shape his clay on that wheel.

All the molding, squeezing, and shaping is an excellent illustration of this sanctifying process.

**Your name be honored as holy**—we are to acknowledge the holiness God has, always had, and will always have.

To honor God's name as holy is to revere, honor, glorify, love, and obey Him.

Honoring God's name as holy represents all that He is—His character, plan, and will.

All that to say that we are to grow in holiness,  
But God is holy.

He is perfectly right & just.

There are many names for God. We discussed some of God's names several weeks ago.

God is *Elohim*, the creator of the heavens and the earth (Gen. 1:1).

He is *Jehovah Jireh*, the God who provides (Gen. 22:14).

He is *Adonai*, the Lord.

But when God introduced Himself to Moses, God uses a particular name.

**Exodus 3:13 LSB**—Then Moses said to God, "Behold, I am about to come to the sons of Israel, and I will say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you.' And they will say to me, 'What is His name?' What shall I say to them?"



**Exodus 3:14 LSB**—And God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM"; and He said, "Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.'"

**Exodus 3:15 LSB**— And God furthermore said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, 'Yahweh, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.' This is My name forever..."

If you want to honor God in His fullness which incorporates God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, call Him Yahweh.

When Moses went up to Mount Sinai to receive the commandments for the second time, he "called upon the name of the Lord."

**Exodus 34:5 LSB**—Then Yahweh descended in the cloud and stood there with him, and He called upon the name of Yahweh.

**Exodus 34:6 LSB**—Then Yahweh passed by in front of him and called out, "Yahweh, Yahweh God, compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in lovingkindness and truth;

**Exodus 34:7 LSB**—who keeps loving kindness for thousands, who forgives iniquity, transgression, and sin; yet He will by no means leave the guilty unpunished, visiting the iniquity of fathers on the children and on the grandchildren to the third and fourth generations."

So, Yahweh Himself, defines what His name means= love, kindness, forgiveness and justice.

**Exodus 34:8 LSB**—And Moses made haste to bow low toward the earth and worship.

**+** **Exodus 34:9 LSB**—And he said, "If now I have found favor in Your sight, O Lord, I pray, let the Lord go along in our midst, even though they are a stiff-necked people, and pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us as Your own inheritance."

Now, as clear as all that is from Yahweh... Jesus provides the clearest and most precise teaching about what God's name means—

Because **Jesus Christ** is God's most astonishing name.

**+** **John 17:6**—"I have revealed **your name** to the people you gave me from the world."

Why is this important? <sup>three</sup> ~~Two~~ reasons.

First, because Pharisees & Scribes didn't.

Second, <sup>First</sup> Jesus reveals God's name in <sup>Jesus'</sup> His personhood./character.

God's name reveals both <sup>works</sup> his works and words, as we learned in Exodus 34 with Moses.

And Jesus continues Yahweh's works & works not only as spirit but as a man.

Third, <sup>Second</sup> because of Jesus' second coming.

Jesus reveals Yahweh's name to prophesy the rest of the story.

**+** **Revelation 14:1**—Then I looked, and there was the Lamb, standing on Mount Zion, and with him were 144,000 who had **his name** and **his Father's name** written on their foreheads.

Having God's name written on someone's forehead means that **they** are **His**.

Dear friends, that's a very good thing when Jesus comes back.

**+** **Revelation 19:11**—Then I saw heaven opened, and there was a white horse. Its rider is called Faithful and True, and with justice he judges and makes war.



**Revelation 19:12**— His eyes were like a fiery flame, and many crowns were on his head. He had a name written that no one knows except himself.

**Revelation 19:13**— He wore a robe dipped in blood, and his name is called the Word of God.

**Revelation 19:14**— The armies that were in heaven followed him on white horses, wearing pure white linen.

**Revelation 19:15**— A sharp sword came from his mouth, so that he might strike the nations with it. He will rule them with an iron rod. He will also trample the winepress of the fierce anger of God, the Almighty.

**Revelation 19:16**— And he has a name written on his robe and on his thigh: **King of Kings and Lord of Lords.**

If you don't have Jesus' name on your forehead, you will have serious problems when He returns.

Jesus first came as a Shepherd, Messiah, and Savior who preached, "**Repent, for the Kingdom of God is at hand.**" (Matt. 3:2)

For those who don't repent, they will see Jesus, not as the world currently sees Him—as some kind of sissified Savior for weak people.

They will see Jesus for who He is—God Almighty in human flesh.

He's coming back with eyes of fire, a sword in His mouth, his robe dipped in blood and all tatted up.

There is an end to God's grace and patience.

That's why there is an urgency and a responsibility for us to fulfill our vision for the Verde Valley--to Share Jesus Day-By-Day.

- because <sup>of the</sup> we believe <sup>in</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>name</sup> <sup>of</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>Lord</sup> <sup>Jesus</sup> <sup>Christ</sup>

But for those of us who will have Jesus' name on our foreheads, let's turn to the last chapter of Revelation.

**Revelation 22:1**—Then he showed me the river of the water of life, clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb

**Revelation 22:2**— down the middle of the city's main street. The tree of life was on each side of the river, bearing twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree are for healing the nations,

**Revelation 22:3**— and there will no longer be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will worship him.

**Revelation 22:4**— They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads.

**Revelation 22:5**— Night will be no more; people will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, because the Lord God will give them light, and they will reign forever and ever.

We live in a culture that takes great pleasure in profaning God's name.

It's nearly impossible to watch a PG-13 movie that doesn't take the Lord's name in vain.

How many Christians flippantly say, OH MY GOD!

We don't want to do that.

We must break that habit today and repent of the casualness in which we take God's holy and precious name.

When we profane the name of God, we reveal something about our hearts.

**Luke 6:45**—A good person produces good out of the good stored up in his heart. An evil person produces evil out of the evil stored up in his heart, for his mouth speaks from the overflow of the heart.

How many times have we— as blood-bought born-again Christians blurted out something profane?

Something racist? Something derogatory?

Something so offensive, knowing it's wicked, yet we continue to blurt it out anyway!

We then are immediately embarrassed and ashamed—asking everyone around to forgive us.

The depth of sin in our hearts is incredible—revealed by how we talk,

↳ the tone in which we speak.

It's also in the casualness in the way we talk about God.

How many of you, within your personal testimony, know that one of the first things God did when he saved your wretched soul was deal with your filthy mouth?

How many of you can remember the supernatural shockwave that went through your body when you took the mighty name of God—Jesus Christ, in vain after you were saved?

The jolt was God's way of saying—you don't do that. Why?

**Psalm 20:7**—Some take pride in chariots, and others in horses,

Things that everyone can see,

but we take pride in the name (character) of the Lord our God.



And the most comprehensive name of the Lord our God is—Jesus Christ.

Have you ever wondered why the world chooses to profane only one name when they speak?

When was the last time you heard somebody get mad and profane the name of Muhammad, Zoroaster, Joseph Smith, Moses, John the Baptizer, or the Dali Lama?

It's absurd to consider, but why don't people take these names in vain?

Here's why—

**Philippians 2:5**—Adopt the same attitude as that of Christ Jesus, *NAME & character*

**Philippians 2:6**— who, existing in the form of God, *(Jesus is God with skin)* did not consider equality with God as something to be exploited.

**Philippians 2:7**— Instead he emptied himself by assuming the form of a servant,

*raise* Jesus never demanded to be treated as a king even though He is the King of kings.

taking on the likeness of humanity.  
And when he had come as a man,

**Philippians 2:8**— he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death— even to death on a cross.

**Philippians 2:9**— *humility is sacrifice* For this reason God highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name,

**Philippians 2:10**—so that at the name of Jesus  
every knee will bow—  
in heaven and on earth  
and under the earth—

**Philippians 2:11**— and every tongue will confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord, — there's the name again.  
to the glory of God the Father.

**KEYPOINT 2:**

The name of Jesus Christ is taken in vain because it's the only name that can save.

Did Mary and Joseph choose the name of Jesus for Him?

Did they do like many of us and read through the OT and write all the cool names down and then decide?

Joshua, Noah

DAVID, Joseph?

**Matthew 1:18**— The birth of Jesus Christ came about this way: After his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, it was discovered before they came together that she was pregnant from the Holy Spirit.

**Matthew 1:19**— So her husband, Joseph, being a righteous man, and not wanting to disgrace her publicly, decided to divorce her secretly.

**Matthew 1:20**— But after he had considered these things, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, don't be afraid to take Mary as your wife, because what has been conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit."

**Matthew 1:21**— She will give birth to a son, and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

— *Mary's Account*

**Luke 1:31**— Now listen: You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus.

**Luke 1:32**— He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of his father David.

**Luke 1:33**— He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and his kingdom will have no end."

### **KEYPOINT 3:**

*God gives His people names for a purpose.*

When God changed a person's name, it was usually to establish a new identity.

In the OT, God changed:

- Abram into Abraham.
- Sarai into Sarah.

Abram means "high father,"

Abraham means "father of multitudes."

God tells Abraham...

**Genesis 17:5**— <sup>SCREEN</sup> for I will make you the father of many nations.

At the same time, God changed Abraham's wife's name from "Sarai," meaning "my princess," to "Sarah," meaning "mother of nations."



**Genesis 17:15**— God said to Abraham, "As for your wife Sarai, do not call her Sarai, for Sarah will be her name."

**Genesis 17:16**— I will bless her; indeed, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she will produce nations; kings of peoples will come from her."

Jesus did the same thing with Simon Peter.

Simon means "God has heard,"

"Peter," means "rock."

But God the Father didn't change God the Son's name.

He decreed it.

The name *Jesus*, means "Yahweh saves."

Jesus' name is a combination of *Ya*, an abbreviation for *Yahweh*,

and the verb *yasha*, meaning "rescue," "deliver," or "save."

Yahweh, Yeshua, Joshua, and Jesus all come from the same root name.

That's why there is power in the name of Jesus—it comes from Yahweh.

The apostles were able to heal in the name of Jesus:

**Acts 3:1**—Now Peter and John were going up to the temple for the time of prayer at three in the afternoon.

**Acts 3:2**— A man who was lame from birth was being carried there. He was placed each day at the temple gate called Beautiful, so that he could beg from those entering the temple.

**Acts 3:3**— When he saw Peter and John about to enter the temple, he asked for money.

**Acts 3:4**— Peter, along with John, looked straight at him and said, "Look at us."

**Acts 3:5**— So he turned to them, expecting to get something from them.

**Acts 3:6**— But Peter said, "I don't have silver or gold, but what I do have, I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, get up and walk!"

**Acts 3:7**— Then, taking him by the right hand he raised him up, and at once his feet and ankles became strong.

**Acts 3:8**— So he jumped up and started to walk, and he entered the temple with them—walking, leaping, and praising God.

**Acts 3:9**— All the people saw him walking and praising God,

**Acts 3:10**— and they recognized that he was the one who used to sit and beg at the Beautiful Gate of the temple. So they were filled with awe and astonishment at what had happened to him.

**Acts 3:11**— While he was holding on to Peter and John, all the people, utterly astonished, ran toward them in what is called Solomon's Colonnade.

**Acts 3:12**— When Peter saw this, he addressed the people: "Fellow Israelites, why are you amazed at this? Why do you stare at us, as though we had made him walk by our own power or godliness?"

**Acts 3:13**— The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and denied before Pilate, though he had decided to release him.

**Acts 3:14**— You denied the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer released to you.

**Acts 3:15**— You killed the source of life, whom God raised from the dead; we are witnesses of this.

**Acts 3:16**— By faith in his name, his name has made this man strong, whom you see and know. So the faith that comes through Jesus has given him this perfect health in front of all of you.

So Jesus' name heals—It also forgives...

**Acts 10:43**— All the prophets testify about him that through his name everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins."

When someone comes to faith, what's the next thing we do?

We baptize in the name of Jesus.

**Acts 2:38**— Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, each of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins,

As Christians, we are to pray using in Jesus' name.



**John 14:13**—Whatever you ask in my name, I will do it so that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

**John 14:14**—If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.

So that's Jesus' first name—what about His last?

Christ is not Jesus' last name, but His title:

(Gk. <sup>Chrestos - to save</sup> *Christos*) : Chosen One/Anointed One

Christ refers to Jesus' office as the Messiah.

So the name of Jesus Christ proclaims His purpose as a man and His office as Messiah.

Jesus = God Saves

Christ = Anointed One.

God saves through His Anointed One.

### **PREACH**

**Heb 13:8**—Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

### **PRAYER**

Our Father—

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## **PREACH**

Review...

**Matthew 6:9**—Therefore, you should pray like this:

*Our Father in heaven,  
your name be honored as holy.*

God's name—Yahweh, Yeshua, Jesus—all those variations are holy.

And although there may be variations in the name of God, please know that there are no variations within God Himself.

God never changes.

He is always loving, kind, patient and just.

**Heb 13:8**—**Jesus Christ** is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

Jesus Christ: Meaning, "*God saves through His Anointed One.*"

He is holy.

My encouragement to you is to really spend some time on this part of the Lord's prayer this week.

Pray it out loud, when no one else is around.

Honor and revere God's name like never before in your life.

Repent of your sin—for taking the name's Lord in vain.

Repent of the casualness in which you speak of God's holy and precious name.

And then wait and listen as God reveals Himself to you in amazing ways.

### **PRAYER**

Our Father—

In Heaven—

Holy is Your Name—

### **BENEDICTION**

*Now may the God of peace, who brought up from the dead our Lord Jesus—the great Shepherd of the sheep—through the blood of the everlasting covenant, equip you with everything good to do his will, working in us what is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever., Amen. (Hebrews 13:20/21)*



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<https://www.gotquestions.org/meaning-name-Jesus.html>

### **SERMONS:**

<https://www.ligonier.org/learn/sermons/hallowed-be-your-name>



