

BIBLE STUDY - The Lord's Prayer

Lesson 2: The First Petition/ The Second Petition

Introduction: You can tell a lot about a person by the way he or she...

THE FIRST PETITION

Hallowed be your name.

What does this mean?

God's name is certainly holy by itself, but we pray in this petition that we too may keep it holy.

How is God's name kept holy?

God's name is kept holy when his Word is taught in its truth and purity and we as children of God lead holy lives according to it. Help us to do this, dear Father in heaven! But whoever teaches and lives contrary to God's Word dishonors God's name among us. Keep us from doing this, dear Father in heaven!

1. What is God's name?

- Isaiah 42:8: I am the LORD; that is my name! I will not give my glory to another or my praise to idols.
- Exodus 34:6-7: And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, "The LORD, the LORD, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin. Yet he does not leave the guilty unpunished."

God's name is his _____ and everything else he has revealed to us about himself in his _____.

2. Why can't we make God's name holy?

- Psalm 103:1: Praise the LORD, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.
- Revelation 3:7: These are the words of him who is holy and true.

We can't make God's name holy because his name as revealed in his _____ is _____ in itself.

3. How do we keep God's name holy?

- Jeremiah 23:28: Let the one who has my word speak it faithfully.
- Deuteronomy 4:2: Do not add to what I command you and do not subtract from it.
- Matthew 5:16: Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.
- 2 Thessalonians 1:11-12: We constantly pray for you, that our God may count you worthy of his calling, and that by his power he may fulfill every good purpose of yours and every act prompted by your faith. We pray this so that the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you.

We keep God's name holy by _____ his Word in its _____ and purity and by living _____ according to it.

4. When is the name of God dishonored among us?

- 2 Peter 2:1-2: There will be false teachers among you... Many will follow their shameful ways and will bring the way of truth into disrepute.
- Ezekiel 36:23: I will show the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, the name you have profaned among them.

God's name is dishonored among us when anyone _____ or _____ contrary to his Word.

Application: (Agree or Disagree)

1. *God's name is the same thing as his holy Word in the Bible.*
 2. *Even if the whole world turned against God's Word, it would still have served its purpose.*
 3. *God tolerates a little false teaching but he cannot stand Christians who live sinful lives.*
 4. *Pastors from any other churches besides WELS churches are false teachers.*
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THE SECOND PETITION

Your kingdom come

What does this mean?

God's kingdom certainly comes by itself even without our prayer, but we pray in this Petition that it may also come to us.

How does God's kingdom come?

God's kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives us Holy Spirit, so that by his grace we believe his holy Word and lead a godly life now on earth and forever in heaven.

1. What is the kingdom of God about which we are praying in this petition?

- Luke 17:20-21: Once, having been asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, Jesus replied, "The kingdom of God does not come with your careful observation, nor will people say, 'Here it is,' or 'There it is,' because the kingdom of God is within you."
- John 18:36-37: Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world... I am a King. In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me."
- Colossians 3:15-16: Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts... Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.

The kingdom of God about which we are praying is Christ's _____ in our _____ by his _____.

2. How does this kingdom come to us?

- 1 Corinthians 12:3: No one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit.
- Romans 9:6: The kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

- Romans 14:17: It does not, therefore, depend on man's desire or effort, but on God's mercy.

The kingdom of God does not come by what we do, but it comes when our heavenly Father in his _____ gives us his _____.

3. Why do we pray for Christ to rule in our hearts?

- John 8:31-32: To the Jews who had believed in him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."
- Galatians 2:20: Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.
- Colossians 3:3-4: Your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

We pray for Christ to rule in our hearts so by his Word we believe the _____ of our salvation, and so we _____ godly lives now on earth and forever in _____.

4. Why do we continue to pray for God's kingdom to come even though Christ already rules in our hearts?

- Mark 9:24: I do believe, help me overcome my unbelief!
- John 10:16: I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there will be one flock and one shepherd.

We continue to pray for God's kingdom to come because we want God to _____ Christ's rule in our hearts and _____ that rule to many others.

Application: (Agree or Disagree)

1. When "kingdom of God" is used in the Bible it usually refers to our time in heaven.
2. If it is the Holy Spirit who brings us to faith, then it is really the Holy Spirit who believes for us.
3. The more good things we do, the more we might think that we are saved by works instead of faith.
4. "Christ rules in my heart, it's just not a very powerful rule because my faith is weak."