

TEACH US TO PRAY

“When you pray say, ‘Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name’ (Luke 11:2; Matthew 6:9)

As we begin our prayer time, let us examine three important points:

- 1. “Say”** - Prayer should be out loud - loud enough for you to hear yourself praying.
- 2. “Our Father”** – Jesus taught His disciples they were to address the Father in prayer. *“And in that day you will ask Me nothing. Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you.”*
(John 16:23)
- 3. “Hallowed be Your Name”** – Hallowed means to “make holy, sanctify”. Simply put, make God BIG – make God good! This time of prayer is praise, praise toward His name.

The following are a few ways to “Hallow His Name”:

A. The Covenant Names of God

On the following pages are a list of the covenant names of the Lord/Jehovah and where they are first mentioned in

scripture. As an example of how you might pray as you hallow the name of Jehovah Tsidkenu, you could say, “**Hallowed be Your name, Jehovah Tsidkenu. I thank You that You are my righteousness.**” Always personalize God so you can receive Who He is for you.

- **Jehovah – Tsidkenu** (*tsid-kay'-noo*) **Jehovah is our righteousness**

*“In His days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell safely; now this is His name by which He will be called: **The Lord our Righteousness.**” “In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell safely. And this is the name by which she will be called: **The Lord our Righteousness.**” Jeremiah 23:6; 33:16*

- **Jehovah – M'kaddesh** (*mah-kaw-dash'*) **Jehovah who sanctifies**

*“Speak also to the children of Israel, saying: Surely My Sabbaths you shall keep, for it is a sign between Me and you throughout your generations, that you may know that **I am the Lord who sanctifies you.**” Exodus 31:13*

- **Jehovah – Shalom** (*shaw-lome'*) **Jehovah is peace**

*“So Gideon built an altar there to the Lord, and called it **The Lord Is Peace.** To this day it is still in Orah of the Abiezrites.” Judges 6:24*

- **Jehovah – Shammah** (*shawm'-mah*) **Jehovah is here with us**

*“All the way around shall be eighteen thousand cubits; and the name of the city from that day shall be: **THE LORD IS THERE.**”* Ezekiel 48:35

- **Jehovah – Rophe** (*raw-faw'*) **Jehovah heals**

*“If you diligently heed the voice of the Lord your God and do what is right in His sight, give ear to His commandments and keep all His statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you which I have brought on the Egyptians. For I am **the Lord who heals you,**”* Exodus 15:26

- **Jehovah – Jireh** (*yir-eh'*) **Jehovah my Provider**

*“And Abraham called the name of the place, **The Lord Will Provide;** as it is said to this day, ‘In the Mount of the Lord it shall be provided’.”* Genesis 22:14

- **Jehovah – Nissi** (*nis-see'*) **Jehovah my Banner**

*“And Moses built an altar and called its name, **The Lord Is My Banner.**”* Exodus 17:15

- **Jehovah – Rohi** (*ro-ee'*) **Jehovah my Shepherd**

*“**The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.**”* Psalm 23:1

- **Jehovah – Shamar** (*shaw-mar'*) **Jehovah my Protector**

*“**The Lord shall preserve you from all evil.**”* Psalm 121:5

- **Jehovah – Tsebahoth** (*tsaw-baw'-oth*) **Jehovah-Lord of Hosts**

*“Then David said to the Philistine, ‘You come to me with a sword, with a spear, and with a javelin. But I come to you in the name of the **Lord of Hosts**, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied’.” I Samuel 17:45*

- **Jehovah – Hoseenu** (*aw-saw'-noo*) **Jehovah our Maker**

*“Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the **Lord our Maker**.” Psalm 95:6*

B. The Proclaimed Name of God

Here God answers Moses' prayer, *“Please, show me your glory.”* by proclaiming His name. Here God Himself reveals His glory in His name, and in His name He reveals His goodness and mercy. In Heaven the four living creatures cry “holy, holy, holy”, but on earth we cry “mercy, mercy, mercy”. As you declare back to God who He says He is, faith will grow.

*Then He [God] said, “I will make all My goodness pass before you and I will **proclaim the name of the Lord before you...**” (Exodus 33:18-19)*

*Now the Lord descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and **proclaimed the name of the Lord**. And the Lord passed before him and proclaimed, “**The Lord, the Lord God, merciful and gracious, long suffering, and abounding in goodness and truth, keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, by no means clearing the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children and the children’s children to the third and the fourth generation.**” So Moses made haste and bowed his head toward the earth, and worshiped. (Exodus 34:5-8)*

David discovered this soft spot in our Father’s heart when He declared, “**Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever**”, I Chronicles 16:34, at the setting up of the tabernacle.

Solomon, his son, canonized this truth about God at the dedication of the temple, “*Indeed it came to pass, when the trumpeters and singers were as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the Lord, and when they lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of music, and praised the Lord, saying: ‘**For He***

is good, for His mercy endures forever”, II Chronicles 5:13, 14.

The children of Israel adopted this chorus as their own at the end of the temple dedication service, “When all the *children of Israel saw how the fire came down, and the glory of the Lord on the temple, they bowed their faces to the ground on the pavement, and worshiped and praised the Lord, saying: **For He is good, for His mercy endures forever”***, II Chronicles 7:3.

King Jehosaphat used it in war, “And when he had consulted with the people, he appointed those who should sing to the Lord, and who should praise the beauty of holiness, as they went out before the army and were saying; **Praise the Lord, for His mercy endures forever”**”, II Chronicles 20:21,22.

C. The Glory Given to His Name in Heaven

In the book of Revelation there are recorded six “worship sessions”. Beginning in chapter four when John is called up to see the throne, and ending in chapter nineteen with the marriage supper of the Lamb. Praise in heaven is

progressive, and explosive! Praise begins with the four living creatures crying, ***“Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty who was and is and is to come”***. From this hallowing of God’s name as Self-Existent One, the twenty-four elders fall down and proclaim, ***“You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor, and power for you created all things and by Your will we exist and were created”***.

Now, the circle is expanded from four living creatures to the twenty-four elders. The scope is enlarged too, from Self-Existent One to Creator and Sustainer of all things.

This expansion continues through all the praise sessions, the circle of praise enlarging and the scope of God’s completeness expanding.

Chapter five begins with silence. A scroll is introduced that contains the unfolding of redemption, but no one is worthy to open the scroll. This is a critical moment, for it underscores the fact that creation cannot save itself. Only Christ is worthy to open the scroll and thus unfold redemption’s story.

You will also observe that after each praise session there is movement in heaven which affects earth. Praise releases

judgments, revelation, and the unfolding of redemption's story on the earth. It has been said that the book of Revelation is a glimpse into heaven's worship; God revealing Himself, heaven responding in worship, and God moving forward in redemption on earth. God is in the center with each circle of worshipers bowing down in a holy implosion to Him, and God moving out further in His redemptive power. Finally, the whole of creation will return to Him, and God will fold up the universe as a giant picnic blanket. I call this the holy implosion factor! As creation has sped out at the speed of light, so everything will implode back into Him at the end of all days. This pull is increasing as time is elapsing, and the revelation, worship and unfolding of God's redemption is accelerating.

A very simplified picture of these six sessions is as follows:

In heaven there is a constant implosion of worship. The four living creatures cry, "**Holy, Holy, Holy!**" (*Revelation 4:8*) Next, the twenty-four elders fall down and throw their crowns and say, "**You are worthy...**" (*Revelation 4:11*).

After this, the Lamb comes and takes the scroll out of the right hand of Him who sits on the throne. Now the four living creatures and the twenty four elders fall down, before the Lamb and sing, ***“You are worthy to take the scroll and open it’s seals...”*** Revelation 5:8-10.

Then comes the voices of many angels (ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands) plus the living creatures and elders saying, ***“Worthy is the Lamb who was slain...”*** Revelation 5:12.

Finally, every creature which is in heaven, on the earth, under the earth, and in the sea say, ***“Blessing and honor and glory and power be to Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, for ever and ever!”*** (Revelation 5:13)
This all takes place in the first two worship sessions in chapter four and five.

The seals begin to be opened until the seventh seal is finally about to open. Now the great multitude of saints **cries out**, ***“Salvation belongs to our God...”*** The angels, elders and living creatures join and worship, saying, ***“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom...”*** (Revelation 7:9-12)

The seventh seal opens and the sounds of the seven trumpets begin. As the seventh trumpet sounds, session four begins, ***“The kingdom of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and His Christ...”*** (Revelation 11:15-19) The revelation of God’s rule through Christ accelerates both judgments upon the earth, and rewards to His saints. War breaks out, and literally all heaven and hell break out for the duration of the next three chapters.

In Session Five, we see tested, overcoming saints standing on a sea of glass mingled with fire. They are singing the song of Moses and the song of the Lamb ***“Great and marvelous are Your works, Lord God Almighty...”*** (Revelation 15:1-4) Now come the seven bowls of judgment.

Session Six is the judgment of the harlot and the invitation to the marriage feast, ***“Alleluia! Salvation and glory and honor and power belong to the Lord our God! For true and righteous are His judgments...Alleluia! For the Lord God omnipotent reigns!”*** (Revelation 19:1-8)

The circle of worship begins with the four living creatures. Then come the twenty-four elders, the angels, every

creature which is in heaven and on earth, and finally, the redeemed. As each circle group worships, this holy implosion causes the outside circle to worship, and so on. Heaven is also caused to move in a new way and the earth, subsequently responds. As you progress through the Book of Revelation, you will behold God and His workings from the inside out.

God is manifested in His works as follows: He is first the Self-Existent One, Creator, and Sustainer. Next, He is Redeemer, Savior, Judge, Undisputed Ruler, and King. Finally, He is the Bridegroom God: He redeems man to Himself to be a kingdom of priests who shall rule on earth—a bride who has made herself ready!

Time spent proclaiming these eternal praises in your “hallowing times”, will open the eyes of your understanding to behold His beauty, His workings, and His love for His bride.

Worship Session I

*“The four living creatures, each having six wings, were full of eyes around and within. And they do not rest day or night, saying: ‘**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!**’ Whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to Him who sits on the throne, who lives forever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall down before Him who sits on the throne and worship Him who lives forever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying: ‘**You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and by Your will they exist and were created.**’” (Rev. 4:8-11)*

Worship Session II

*“Now when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. And they sang a new song, saying: ‘**You are worthy to take the scroll, and to open its seals; for You were slain, and have redeemed us to God by Your blood out of every tribe and tongue and people and***

nation, and have made us kings and priests to our God; and we shall reign on the earth.” (Rev. 5:8-10)

*“Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angles around the throne, the living creatures, and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands saying with a loud voice: ‘**Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom, and strength and honor and glory and blessing!**’” (Rev. 5:11-12)*

*“And every creature which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, I heard saying: ‘**Blessing and honor and glory and power be to Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, forever and ever!**’ Then the four living creatures said, ‘**Amen!**’ And the twenty-four elders fell down and worshiped Him who lives forever and ever.” (Rev. 5:13-14)*

Worship Session III

“After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the

*Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, saying, ‘**Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!**’ All the angels stood around the throne and the elders and the four living creatures, and fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying: ‘**Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom, Thanksgiving and honor and power and might, Be to our God forever and ever. Amen.**’” (Rev. 7: 9-12)*

Worship Session IV

*“Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, ‘**The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!**’ And the twenty-four elders who sat before God on their thrones fell on their faces and worshiped God, saying: ‘**We give You thanks, O Lord God Almighty, The One who is and who was and who is to come, Because You have taken Your great power and reigned. The nations were angry, and Your wrath has come, And the time of the dead, that they should be judged, And that You should reward***

Your servants the prophets and the saints, And those who fear Your name, small and great, And should destroy those who destroy the earth.’ Then the temple of God was opened in heaven, and the ark of His covenant was seen in His temple. And there were lightnings, noises, thunderings, an earthquake, and great hail.” (Rev. 11:15-19)

Worship Session V

“They sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying: ‘Great and marvelous are Your works, Lord God Almighty! Just and true are Your ways, O King of the saints! Who shall not fear You, O Lord, and glorify Your name? For You alone are holy. For all nations shall come and worship before You, for Your judgments have been manifested.’ After these things I looked, and behold, the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven was opened.” (Rev. 15:3-5)

Worship Session VI

“After these things I heard a loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, saying, ‘Alleluia! Salvation and glory and

honor and power belong to the Lord our God! For true and righteous are His judgments, because He has judged the great harlot who corrupted the earth with her fornication; and He has avenged on her the blood of His servants shed by her.’ Again they said, ‘Alleluia! Her smoke rises up forever and ever!’ And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God who sat on the throne, saying, ‘Amen! Alleluia!’ Then a voice came from the throne, saying, ‘Praise our God, all you His servants and those who fear Him, both small and great!’ And I heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude, as the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty thunderings, saying, ‘Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns! Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready.’ And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints. Then he said to me, ‘Write: “Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!”’(Rev. 19: 1-9a)