

Meeting with God - "Hallowed Be Your Name"

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"What is the reason that some believers are so much brighter and holier than others? I believe the difference, in nineteen cases out of twenty, arises from different habits about private prayer. I believe that those who are not eminently holy pray little, and those who are eminently holy pray much." —J.C. Ryle

Matthew 6:9-13 NASB

9 "Pray, then, in this way: 'Our Father who is in heaven, Hallowed be Your name.

10 'Your kingdom come. Your will be done, On earth as it is in heaven.

11 'Give us this day our daily bread.

12 'And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

13 'And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil. [For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.']

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9 "Pray, then, in this way: 'Our Father who is in heaven, Hallowed (*hagiazō* - verb - to sanctify, to make holy) be Your name."

Worshipping God lifts you out of the earthly, the circumstantial and the carnal, up to the heavenly, the unseen and the holy. It takes the focus off of self and onto God.

Until that change of perspective occurs in our heart by faith, we're not ready to pray. Our prayers will be self-righteous, selfish and faithless.

Worship invokes the presence of God.

Psalm 22:3 ESV

*3 Yet you are holy, enthroned (*yashab* - sit, abide, inhabit, continue) on the praises of Israel.*

Ephesians 2:22 ESV

22 In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

Worship grows your desire for God.

Psalm 63:1-2 ESV A Psalm of David, when he was in the wilderness of Judah.

1 O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

2 So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.

Worship humbles you.

Isaiah 6:5 ESV

5 And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!"

Worship submits to God's will.

Job 1:20-21 ESV

20 Then Job arose and tore his robe and shaved his head and fell on the ground and worshiped.

21 And he said, "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked shall I return. The LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD."

Worship gives God's perspective.

Psalms 73:16-17 NASB

16 When I pondered to understand this, It was troublesome in my sight

17 Until I came into the sanctuary of God; Then I perceived their end.

Worship focuses on the Giver instead of His gifts.

Habakkuk 3:17-19 ESV

17 Though the fig tree should not blossom, nor fruit be on the vines, the produce of the olive fail and the fields yield no food, the flock be cut off from the fold and there be no herd in the stalls,

18 yet I will rejoice in the LORD; I will take joy in the God of my salvation.

19 GOD, the Lord, is my strength; he makes my feet like the deer's; he makes me tread on my high places. To the choirmaster: with stringed instruments.

Worship satisfies you.

Psalms 36:7-9 ESV

7 How precious is your steadfast love, O God! The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

8 They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights.

9 For with you is the fountain of life; in your light do we see light.

Worship stirs your faith and makes you fearless.

Acts 7:54-57 NASB

54 Now when they heard this, they were cut to the quick, and they began gnashing their teeth at him [Stephen].

55 But being full of the Holy Spirit, he gazed intently into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God;

56 and he said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened up and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God."

57 But they cried out with a loud voice, and covered their ears and rushed at him with one impulse.

Worship drives away oppression and depression.

Psalms 42:11 NASB For the choir director. A Maskil of the sons of Korah.

11 Why are you in despair, O my soul? And why have you become disturbed within me? Hope in God, for I shall yet praise Him, The help of my countenance and my God.