

Express Worship in Prayer

Matthew 6:8-13

1. Revere His Preeminence

Hallowed = highest form of reverence -

-to hallow something means to elevate it - lift His name in your life

-to hallow something means to set God apart from all others and everything else in your life

God is not pleased with a place in your life

God does not want to be prominent in your life

God created you, sustained you, blessed you, and sent His Son to die for you that He might be preeminent in your life

When you pray you express worship by revering His preeminence

2. Recognize His Place

you adore Him - He is the highest expression of your love

Out of all of the passions in your life - out of all the relationships and affections in your life - your love for God makes your other affections look like hate - there is no comparison for the love in your life

you do not worship Him simply because of His position but because of His love for you - now His place in your heart is without comparison

Psalm 96:8: "Give unto the LORD the glory *due unto his name*"

Psalm 105:3: "Glory ye in his holy name: let the heart of them rejoice that seek the LORD."

When we worship then we call upon the Lord and we make it personal and use His name to do it:

Abraham built an altar in Bethel and called upon the name of the Lord:

Genesis 12:8: "And he removed from thence unto a mountain on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, *having* Bethel on the west, and Hai on the east: and there he builded an altar unto the LORD, and called upon the name of the LORD."

Genesis 21:33: "And *Abraham* planted a grove in Beersheba, and called there on the name of the LORD, the everlasting

God.”

We recognize His place in prayer by calling upon His name, glorying in His name and praying in His name

Jesus would say to us:

John 16:23: “Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you.”

John 14:13: “And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.”

This is a veiled reference to the 3rd commandment -

we carry the name of the Lord in worship and we express our worship in prayer

3. Revel in His Power

thy Kingdom come, thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven

Christ's kingdom has come spiritually and physically in the church but not in the world