

THE DISCIPLES' PRAYER

Lesson Three

LET YOUR NAME BE SANCTIFIED

Burden to Impart:

The name of Jesus has already been exalted and glorified in heaven (Phil. 2:9). Our prayer is that it will be known, loved, and glorified upon the earth also.

Memory Verse: "Our Father Who is in the heavens, let your name be sanctified...as in heaven, so on earth" (Matthew 6:9, 10b).

Facts to Teach:

1. The first desire of the Lord's disciples (followers) is for our heavenly Father's name to be sanctified on the earth.
2. When God came to the earth He took the name of Jesus (John 1:1,14; Matt. 1:21). His name has been given the highest place in the whole universe (Phil. 2:9). Although His name is exalted in heaven, it is still not "sanctified" in the earth. All the angels of heaven know and praise the name of Jesus, all the demons of Satan fear the name of Jesus. The only place where the name of Jesus is not sanctified is on the earth, the dwelling place of man.
3. When something is "sanctified" it is set apart from everything else. Whatever is sanctified is different, distinct, and special.
4. For the Father's name to be sanctified on the earth, His name must first be made known on the earth. His name is made known and manifested through the lives of those who believe in Him (Matt. 5:16; John 17:6). Also, the Father's name is sanctified when it is believed in and called upon. This can only happen if some will tell His name to others so they can believe in Him (Rom. 10:14).
5. As men, women and children call upon the Lord's name and experience His nearness (Psa. 145:18), His riches and His salvation (Rom. 10:9, 13) they will love Him more and more. Then, as they live in such a way that others can realize that He is the one that they live for and love, His name will be expressed and sanctified on the earth (Matt. 5:14-16).
6. One day in the future, when the Lord Jesus returns, His name will be known and honored in every nation and place upon the entire earth (Psa. 8:1). How blessed we are that we know, believe in, call upon and love His name today!
7. His name is sanctified more on the earth each day as we, His children, live for Him, speak of Him, pray to Him and meet in His name in the church meetings and home meetings.

OUR FATHER WHICH ART IN HEAVEN, HALLOWED BE THY NAME,

Matthew 6:9 (KJV)



These words are the beginning of a prayer Jesus taught us. It's called the Lord's Prayer. 'Hallowed' means holy or perfect. God is our perfect heavenly Father who loves us and takes care of us. God listens when we talk to Him. Talking to God is called prayer. What can you say to God when you go to sleep at night?

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