

holy, sanctified, set apart. When we say "his name" we are not talking of a personal name (like the Hebrew tetragrammaton: JHWH..such as the present day cultists think) or an individual designation. But name stands for the totality of the Person and the concept is that His person should be exalted and sanctified...through us.

(2) This comes to be a giant thrust. The man who says "hallowed be thy name," in effect adds "through me". God indeed is holy but the sanctification or exaltation referred to in a word like this is what will be achieved by believers bent before him. It turns about and says...if he is your Father, how is his holiness shown through you?

(3) We may well reflect in Scripture on how that name (or any God-designation) is used...but the point of this prayer is to fill us with a respect and adoration of our Father that his name may be honored through us.

3. Conclusion:

In this matter of relationship, the prayer shows us that he is our Father, that we enjoy a unique relationship to and with the God of the universe. It suggests that from that relationship we may expect great things and that in it, it should be our desire to honor his name and let his fatherhood be attested in our lives. When you pray...remember that the Creator God is your Father, and as a son it is our delight to see him exalted in our lives.

B. A Commitment to His Will

Matthew 6:10

Luke 11:2

1. Introductory note: