

## Seven Principles of Prayer: Class Three

### “Hallowed Be Thy Name”

This is the essence of the Son. His whole Being is “unto the Father’s glory”. His existence is to glorify His Name... pure love. If we want our approach to the Father to be acceptable, Jesus must become not just our truth in prayers... but our Way to the Father through His Spirit within (John 14:6). The tenor of the Son’s nature within us will guide, fill, and temper our prayers that they may be in oneness with the heart and purpose of the Father. The utterances proceeding “hallowed by Thy name” in our Lord’s prayer is “Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven”. Here we hear the continuing honor of heart and approach found only in THE Son. We will tend to say “hallowed be Thy name” and then continue to pour out our needs, concerns and worries all in relation to our realm in the earth. This is the approach of humans dwelling on the earth. I say this not to convince us to try another and better approach in our prayers, but to try another PERSON (Christ) as our approach/ way to the Father in prayer. Even if we ordered our prayers to sound perfectly like the way Jesus would pray, we are still in a far country outside the Father’s house of communion in oneness. Only through Christ can we enter into the communion between the Father and the Son (I John 1:3). Out from that communion emanates the “hallowed be Thy name” of the Son’s heart. That “hallowing” of love permeates every prayer request and communion found in the fellowship of prayer.

Jesus’ fellowship with His Father is above the earth in heavenly places of eternal Life. His prayers will seek the Father’s will as it is in His eternal Being to fill the earth with God’s glory. This is the honor due to the Father. We are created for His purposes, and not vice versa. The Son exists to fulfill His will and bring Him pleasure. Only Christ in us will pray with the hallowing of love and honor due to our beloved Father. Prayer becomes more than a time of offering up requests, but a state of constant communion when Christ within is the source of our praying. This hallowing we are speaking is the love between the Son and His Father. We can only know and flow with it as God brings forth the Spirit of His Son in us. Then we will be vessels filled with Christ as He loves and communes with His Father through us.

*Colossians 3:1-3 "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God."*

*Habakkuk 2:1 "I will stand upon my watch, and set me upon the tower, and will watch to SEE what he will say unto me, and what I shall answer when I am REPROVED."*

*Luke 10:40-42 "But Martha was cumbered about much serving, and came to him, and said, Lord, dost thou not care that my sister hath left me to serve alone? bid her therefore that she help me. And Jesus answered and said unto her, Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things: but one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her."*

*Matthew 6:33 "seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you".*

The Son will always begin above the earth in His Father because that is where His affections are set. If we are dead and our lives are hid with Christ in God (Col. 3:3), that is where our affections will also be found. Yet many times our eyes are SET on this and that earth problem, waiting to see what God will do as the answer to our prayers (Hab. 2:1-2). Such a prayer STANCE reveals that our hearts are all entangled with the earth and its woes. Revelation says that there is woe to the earth dwellers (Rev. 8:13, 12:12). If we are wrapped up in the Father through the Son being our Life... then the One thing that our hearts are set upon and our eyes are beholding is the heart of the Father. The scriptures that share the "Lord's prayer" are found in Luke 11:1-4. Interestingly the scriptures that come directly before this is Luke 10:42 which says, "But one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her". There are many things in the earth to be "careful and troubled" about, such as Mary's sister Martha was in verse 41. The prayers of those who are dwelling in the earth with their affections set down here will be filled with care and troubles over many things. But those who have found their place above in Christ have discovered the One thing that is needful and eternal. They have "chosen the good part" that can never be taken away from them because it is eternal... the fellowship between the Father and His Son. As we abide filled with the Oneness of Eternal Life, then God will take care of the earth problems and troubles. We are to seek first the Kingdom (Thy Kingdom come), and allow God to take care of the earth as Lord and your needs as your heavenly Father (Matt. 6:33). That way your prayers are filled with the sweet savor of the Son's "Hallowed", a hallowing He does through laying down His life as a sweet savor sacrifice. Our "hallowings" do not ascend from a nature of sacrifice, but are simply words yet saturated with Eternal Spirit. (Rev. 5:8, 8:3-4).