

Mt.6.9-15 “The Priority of God”
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I. God’s PRIORITY v.9c

Praying is not to be a casual routine - but should open up great dimensions of:

- (1) reverence,
- (2) awe,
- (3) appreciation,
- (4) honor,
- (5) adoration.

God’s name is seen in His faithfulness.

David spoke of the fullness of God’s person.

God is called;

- ✦ *Elohim*, the Creator God;
- ✦ *El Elyon*, “possessor of heaven and earth”;
- ✦ *Jehovah-Jireh*, “the Lord will provide”;
- ✦ *Jehovah-Shalom*, “the Lord our peace”;
- ✦ *Jehovah-Tsidkenu*, “the Lord our righteousness”;

His names not only tell who He is but what He is like.

- ❖ Hallowing God’s name begins in the heart.
- ❖ We also hallow God’s name by having true knowledge about Him.
- ❖ We must have a constant awareness of His presence.
- ❖ The Father’s **name** is most **hallowed** when we behave in conformity to His will.
- ❖ Finally, to hallow God’s name is to attract others to Him by our commitment;

II. God’s PROGRAM v.10a

- ❖ God’s program and God’s plan should be the preoccupation of our lives and of our prayers.

The best we can pray is that God’s kingdom be advanced.

The essence of Satan’s kingdom is opposition to God’s kingdom and God’s people.

Even the best humanitarian efforts are but holding actions that help retard the corruption...

The Greek of this verse could be translated “*Let Thy kingdom come now.*”

1. The kingdom comes in this way by conversion (Matt. 18:1–4).
2. The kingdom comes now through commitment.

The call for the kingdom to come is also related to the second coming of the Lord. (Re.22.20)

CONCLUSION:

Paul emphasizes that waiting for the kingdom to come in its final form is not so much looking for an event as for a person—the King Himself (I Th.1.10).