

Hallowed be thy name

God's name is better than the best brand name or celebrity moniker. It is so much more than an earthly title like Doctor or Esquire. It surpasses honorifics like Coach, Pastor, or Your Honor. His name tells us who He is—the great I AM, the One worthy of all praise—and it also conveys His holiness, His character, and His power and authority.

Because His name is so glorious, the third of the Ten Commandments forbids misuse of the Lord's name. Speaking through the prophet Ezekiel (Ezekiel 26:22-28), God promised to show the holiness of His great name that had been profaned among the nations, saying "I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws. Then you will live in the land I gave your ancestors; you will be my people, and I will be your God."

The writer of Psalm 68 says "Sing to God, sing in praise of his name, extol him who rides on the clouds, rejoice before him—his name is the Lord. A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows.... Praise be to the Lord, to God our Savior, who daily bears our burdens. Our God is a God who saves...." Who is equal to this, deserving of our songs, our praise, our rejoicing?

In Psalm 145, the same author says he will praise God's name every day, forever and ever. He will tell others of God's greatness and what He has done. He will celebrate His goodness and sing of His righteousness. He will praise the Lord who is gracious, compassionate, loving, trustworthy, and faithful.

Take time to

- Read all of Psalm 145
- Praise God for who He is
- Tell others of something wonderful God has done for you
- Ask God to forgive you for times you have misused His name

Pray "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be thy name..."