

Questions 110&111

Name _____

Q 110. What is the first petition?

A 110. Hallowed be your name.

Q 111. What do we pray for in the first petition?

A 111. That God's name may be honored by us and all men.

Scripture Base: Exodus 3:1-14, 20:7;
Matt 6: 5-15, 28:19-20

Doctrine: WCF 21: 3, 4 SC 100, 101

Supplementary Questions

1. What does it mean to hallow God's name?
2. Why does the Lord want us to pray that His name would be hallowed?
3. Whom does the Lord want to hallow His name?
4. How will this ever happen?

Song: "The Lord's Prayer" - Judy Rogers.

Teaching Notes

Review: Q109 How many petitions are there in the Lord's Prayer? - Six

Story: Ex. 3: 1-14. The Burning Bush

Questions

1. It means to reverence His name and treat it as holy. This is the same thing He commands us to do in the third commandment: "You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not leave him unpunished who takes His name in vain" (Ex. 20:7).

2. Because His name is a representation of Himself. When someone makes fun of your name, they are making fun of you. In the same way, when someone mistreats God's name, they are mistreating Him (see above Ex. 20:7). The Lord wants us to treat Him as holy. (In the Greek, the force of this request is more, "Your name must be treated as holy.").

3. He certainly wants you to do this (this will be the Gospel application). He wants everyone else in the world to do this as well. In essence, this is a prayer that everyone in the world would repent and be converted.

Perhaps we should view it as a prayer that the Great Commission would be fulfilled, "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age" (Matt. 28:19-20).

4. Only God can bring it about, which is why we are to pray to Him. This is really a prayer that the Lord would send revival – that He would pour out of His Spirit to awaken and change the hearts of all men.

Gospel: Do you use God's name in a reverent way? Do you treat Him as holy? Do you love Him enough to treat Him as special? The Bible tells us that we don't come into this world loving God, but actually hating Him (Rom. 1:30; 3:10-12). We can only love God if He puts His Spirit into our hearts. This is why we need to pray that the Lord would make us able to reverence Him, and why we need to pray that everyone else in the world would as well. If you don't love the Lord, then pray that He would enable you to hallow His name.

Activity: Burning Bush collage

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