

03 - Hallowing God's Name

When Jesus' disciples asked Jesus to teach them how to pray, Jesus taught them what we know as the Lord's prayer. Jesus told them to start their prayer with 'Our Father who is in heaven, hallowed be your name'. In the last session we looked at how does taking the time to acknowledge that God is our Father influence how we think about our work and our workplace. In this session we are going to look at what does it mean to for us to honor God's Holy name to ask God to honor his Holy name in our workplace.

God's holiness is a present reality

Today, in your workplace, through the work you do, in your conversations you can choose to join with the heavens in declaring the glory of God! (Ps 19:1). By your behavior and speech, you can choose today to honor God's holy name whether you feel like you are square peg in square hole or a square peg in a round hole.

You are hallowing God's name when you choose to joyfully declare your trust in God in the midst of the joy, the excitement, the wonder, or the daily routine, or the uncertainty of your doubts and fears.

Sing the praises of the Lord, you his faithful people; praise his holy name. (Ps 30:4)

Rejoice in the Lord, you who are righteous, and praise his holy name. (Ps 97:12)

Praise the Lord, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. (Ps 103:1)

Who among the gods is like you, Lord? Who is like you — majestic in holiness, awesome in glory, working wonders? (Ex 15:11)

The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin (Ex 34:6-7).

God's actions toward us, toward His world are perfect and just.

God's holiness is a present reality and intrinsic to God's character. There is nothing you can do, there is nothing that will occur at work today that will change God's holiness.

God's holiness is a future reality

God's holiness belonged to God before creation. God's holiness is a future reality in every moment of the rest of this day, and the rest of the days of your life.

Because God is holy, you can have absolute confidence that God will keep every single one of his promises. God has promised to show the holiness of his great name among the nations. God has promised that when you prove he his Holy before the people you work with, that the nations will know that He is the Lord (Ez 36:23).

Whatever the situation you are facing at work today, when you pray "Our Father in Heaven, hallowed be your name" you are asking God to set apart his holy name, and to reveal the holiness of every facet of his character in your workplace.

Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come (Rev 4:8)

Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory." (Isa 6:3)

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Because God is holy, you don't need to call a conspiracy everything that people call conspiracy and you don't need to be afraid at work (Isa 8:12-13). You don't need to be afraid of what people are going to say, or your financial situation, or your job prospects. The only fear you need to have is of saying no to God.

God's holiness reveals our sinfulness and the Lamb of God

When we truly grasp God's holiness, we realize that we are standing on holy ground and we see our sins like muddy footprints across a pristine white carpet. With Isaiah we cry out "Woe to me! I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the Lord Almighty." (Isa 6:5).

Yet we don't despair for God has provided the lamb. If you confess your sins, Jesus your Savior, who is faithful and just, forgives your sins and cleanses you from all unrighteousness. Because you believe in Jesus, you can stand righteous in God's holy presence.

In the presence of God's holiness our pride in our accomplishments is replaced by humility as we declare *"Not to us, Lord, not to us but to your name be the glory, because of your love and faithfulness" (Ps 115:1).*

Conclusion

Whether you work in a great work environment, or in a toxic workplace, you declare God's holiness when you submit to God's power of selfless love.

Ask God today to give you the faith to trust him with complete joy so that you might hallow his name.

Ask God today to work through you so that others might hallow his name.

Ask God today to enable your brother or sister in Christ to live so blamelessly that all those around them would glorify God so that God's name would be hallowed.