

Heritage OPC: *Sunday School*

Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q 101. *What do we pray for in the first petition?*

A. In the first petition, which is, *Hallowed be thy name*, we pray that God would enable us, and others, to glorify him in all that whereby he maketh himself known;^a and that he would dispose all things to his own glory.^b

a. Ps 67:1-3, Ps 99:3, Ps 100:3-4 b. Rom 11:33-36, Rev 4:11

God's Proper Name

1. How do we know His name?
 - a. General revelation (creation)
 - b. Special revelation (Scripture)
2. What is His name?
 - a. Singular (Duet 6:4)
 - b. Proper Name: YHWH, the Triune Lord God Almighty (Ex 3:14-15, Matt 28:19)
 - c. Expounded in description: "I am who I am" (Ex 3:14)
 - d. Exhibited in action (Ex 9:16)
 - e. Extolled in praise (Ps 145:3)
 - f. Trinitarian: Father, Son, Holy Spirit (Matt 28:19, Mark 1)

"In the Bible, then, a *name* is more than a mere label. It is a true description. It reveals something to us concerning the person to whom it is given." (Williamson, 328)

3. Significance of His name
 - a. Misuse has consequences
 - b. Proper use has positive consequences

Hallowing God's Name

1. All good is accomplished through God - Eph 2:10
2. God enables us to glorify Him - Ps 67: 1-3
3. What it **doesn't** mean
 - a. Giving God the praise He is due does not benefit God (Job 35:6-7)
 - b. We should not easily dismiss the trampling of God's Holy name
4. What it **does** mean
 - a. It is GOD who honor's and glorifies His great name (Jn 12:28)
 - b. Giving God the praise He is due benefits us (Ps 119:175)

Prioritizing God's name in our prayers

1. This is not a suggestion
2. Biblical Prayer
3. The Effect