

# Small Group Questions

## Sermon Based Small Groups – June 26, 2011

Adult Education – Woodbury Community Church  
Woodbury, Minnesota

Sermon Title: The Lord's Prayer: The Name  
Sermon Series: The Sermon on the Mount: Living as Citizens in the Kingdom  
of Heaven

**Pray:** Each week, we want to take time to lift up one another's prayer concerns. True Christians pray for one another. Take some time at the beginning of your small group time to pray for each other. Be real with each other. If you are hurting, take the risk and share how you are feeling with the group. If you have something that God has blessed you with this week, share it. Give Him the glory for what He is doing in your life. Record the prayer requests in the "Notes" section on the right of this page, and make a commitment to pray for the needs of the people in your group throughout the week.

**Opening Question:** This week Pastor Brian talked about what it means to hallow the name of God. What are some of the ways that you see God's life revered in the life of His people?

**Read and Discuss:** Pastor Brian gave the following quote in his sermon from John Hamby: "When you pray 'hallowed be your name' you are saying, 'let your name be holy and revered on earth as it already is in heaven. May your name be given the unique reverence that is due your character and nature as the Heavenly Father.' When you begin your prayers 'Hallowed be thy name,' you are not rushing into the presence of God to demand something, you come into his presence recognizing who God is and what He can do for you."<sup>1</sup>

How does this understanding of hallowing God's name impact your understanding of the Lord's prayer?

**Read:** Read the following passages. Discuss what these passages have to do with hallowing God's name:

Psalms 20:7 –

Exodus 20:7 –

John 12:28 –

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<sup>1</sup> Taken from the sermon "Hallowed Be Thy Name" by John Hamby

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**Discuss:** Is it ever proper to begin a prayer without beginning with God being honored? (Hint: See Matthew 14:30)

**Read and Discuss:** In his book *My Father's Names*, Elmer Towns writes: "Can you imagine two persons really getting to know and love each other without knowing each other's names? Somehow, our name becomes so intertwined with our personality that only those who know our name can truly love and understand us.

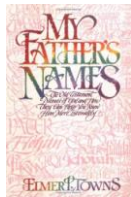
This is no less true in our relationship with God. Yet many of us have not taken the time to get to know and love God by becoming familiar with the many names by which He is known in Scripture."<sup>2</sup>

What name do you most associate with God? What are you most comfortable calling Him?

**Discuss:** Look through this list of over 80 names of God the Father given to us in the Bible. Which names resonate most with you today? What surprises you on the list?

(This list is taken from the appendix of Dr. Elmer Towns' excellent book *My Father's Names*. If you'd like your own digital copy of this book, you can download it for free at:

[http://www.elmertowns.com/books/online/fathers\\_name/My\\_Fathers\\_Names%5BETowns%5D.pdf](http://www.elmertowns.com/books/online/fathers_name/My_Fathers_Names%5BETowns%5D.pdf).)



A COMPREHENSIVE LIST OF  
THE NAMES OF GOD IN THE OLD TESTAMENT  
Taken from the book *My Father's Names*, by Elmer Towns  
(Ventura, CA: Regal Books, 1991)

### The Primary Names of God

Elohim-God. The Strong Creator (Gen. 1:1).

Jehovah-LORD. The Self-existing One (Gen. 2:4).

Adonai-Lord/Master. The Headship Name (Gen. 15:2).

### The Compound Names of the LORD God (Jehovah El and Jehovah Elohim)

Jehovah El Elohim-The LORD God of Gods (Josh. 22:22).

Jehovah Elohim-The LORD God (Gen. 2:4; 3:9-13, 21).

Jehovah Elohe Abothekem-The LORD God of Your Fathers (Josh. 18:3).

Jehovah El Elyon-The LORD, the Most High God (Gen. 14:22).

Jehovah El Emeth-LORD God of Truth (Ps. 31:5).

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<sup>2</sup> Elmer Towns, *My Father's Names*, (Ventura, CA: Regal Books, 1991), p. 9.

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Jehovah El Gemuwal-The LORD God of Recompenses (Jer. 51:56).  
Jehovah Elohim Tsebaath-LORD God of Hosts (Ps. 59:5).  
Jehovah Elohe Yeshuathi-LORD God of My Salvation (Ps. 88:1).  
Jehovah Elohe Yisrael-The LORD God of Israel (Ps. 41:13).

### **The Compound Names of God (El, Elohim and Elohe)**

Elohim-God (Gen. 1:1).  
Elohim Bashamayim-God in Heaven (Josh. 2:11).  
El Bethel-God of the House of God (Gen. 35:7).  
Elohe Chaseddi-The God of My Mercy (Ps. 59:10).  
El Elohe Yisrael-God, the God of Israel (Gen. 33:20).  
El Elyon-The Most High God (Gen. 14:18).  
El Emunah-The Faithful God (Deut. 7:9).  
El Gibbor-Mighty God (Isa. 9:6).  
El Hakabodh-The God of Glory (Ps. 29:3).  
El Hay-The Living God (Josh. 3:10).  
El Hayyay-God of My Life (Ps. 42:8).  
Elohim Kedoshim-Holy God (Josh. 24:19).  
El Kanna Jealous God (Exod. 20:5).  
El Kanno-Jealous God (Josh. 24:19).  
Elohe Mauzi-God of My Strength (Ps. 43:2).  
Elohim Machase Lanu-God Our Refuge (Ps. 62:8).  
Eli Malekhi-God My King (Ps. 68:24).  
El Marom-God Most High (Mic. 6:6).  
El Nekamoth-God that Avengeth (Ps. 18:47).  
El Nose-God that Forgave (Ps. 99:8).  
Eloheni Olam-Our Everlasting God (Ps. 48:14).  
Elohim Ozer Li-God My Helper (Ps. 54:4).  
El Rai-God Seest Me (Gen. 16:13).  
El Sali-God, My Rock (Ps. 42:9).  
El Shaddai-Almighty God (Gen. 17:1, 2).  
Elohim Shophtim Ba-arets-God that Judgeth in the Earth (Ps. 58:11).  
El Simchath Gili-God My Exceeding Joy (Ps. 43:4).  
Elohim Tsebaath-God of Hosts (Ps. 80:7).  
Elohe Tishuathi-God of My Salvation (Ps. 18:46; 51:14).  
Elohe Tsadeki-God of My Righteousness (Ps. 4:1).  
Elohe Yakob-God of Israel (Ps. 20:1).  
Elohe Yisrael-God of Israel (Ps. 59:5).

### **The Compound Names of Jehovah Jehovah**

The LORD (Exod. 6:2,3).  
Adonai Jehovah-Lord GOD (Gen. 15:2).  
Jehovah Adon Kol Ha-arets-The LORD, the Lord of All the Earth (Josh. 3:11).  
Jehovah Bore-The LORD Creator (Isa. 40:28).  
Jehovah Chereb-The LORD ... the Sword (Deut. 33:29).  
Jehovah Eli-The LORD My God (Ps. 18:2).  
Jehovah Elyon-The LORD Most High (Gen. 14:18-20).  
Jehovah Gibbor Milchamah-The LORD Mighty in Battle (Ps. 24:8).  
Jehovah Maginnenu-The LORD Our Defense (Ps. 89:18).  
Jehovah Goelekh-The LORD Thy Redeemer (Isa. 49:26; 60:16).  
Jehovah Hashopet-The LORD the Judge (Judg. 11:27).  
Jehovah Hoshiah-O LORD Save (Ps. 20:9).

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Jehovah Immeke-The LORD Is with You (Judg. 6:12).  
Jehovah Izuz Wegibbor-The LORD Strong and Mighty (Ps. 24:8).  
Jehovah-jireh-The LORD Shall Provide (Gen. 22:14).  
Jehovah Kabodhi-The LORD My Glory (Ps. 3:3).  
Jehovah Kanna Shemo-The LORD Whose Name Is Jealous (Exod. 34:14).  
Jehovah Keren-yishi-The LORD the Horn of My Salvation (Ps. 18:2).  
Jehovah Machsi-The LORD My Refuge (Ps. 91:9).  
Jehovah Magen-The LORD, the Shield (Deut. 33:29).  
Jehovah Makkeh-The LORD that Smiteth (Ezek. 7:9).  
Jehovah Mauzzam-The LORD Their Strength (Ps. 37:39).  
Jehovah Mauzzi-The LORD My Fortress (Jer. 16:19).  
Ha-melech Jehovah-The LORD the King (Ps. 98:6).  
Jehovah Melech Olam-The LORD King Forever (Ps. 10:16).  
Jehovah Mephalti-The LORD My Deliverer (Ps. 18:2).  
Jehovah Mekaddishkem-The LORD that Sanctifies You (Exod. 31:13).  
Jehovah Metsudhathi-The LORD ... My Fortress (Ps. 18:2).  
Jehovah Mishgabbi-The LORD My High Tower (Ps. 18:2).  
Jehovah Moshiekh-The LORD Your Savior (Isa. 49:26; 60:16).  
Jehovah-nissi-The LORD My Banner (Exod. 17:15).  
Jehovah Ori-The LORD My Light (Ps. 27:1).  
Jehovah Uzzi-The LORD My Strength (Ps. 28:7).  
Jehovah Rophe-The LORD [Our] Healer (Exod. 15:26).  
Jehovah Roi-The LORD My Shepherd (Ps. 23:1).  
Jehovah Sabaoth (Tsebaoth)-The LORD of Hosts (1 Sam. 1:3).  
Jehovah Sali-The LORD My Rock (Ps. 18:2).  
Jehovah Shalom-The LORD [Our] Peace Oudg. 6:24).  
Jehovah Shammah-The LORD Is There (Ezek. 48:35).  
Jehovah Tsidkenu The LORD Our Righteousness Gen. 23:6).  
Jehovah Tsur-O LORD My Strength (Ps. 19:14).

**Discuss:** Pastor Brian talked about four ways that we can revere God's name today. They were:

- 1) Obey the Third Commandment (Exodus 20:7)
- 2) Revere God's Name In Worship
- 3) Revere God's Name By Seeking and Knowing Him (Jeremiah 9:23-24)
- 4) Revere God's Name By Living a Life That Honors Him

Which of these is most difficult for you? What would you have added to Pastor Brian's list?

**Pray:** Ask God to help you live a life that honors Him. As you close as a group, pray this as part of your prayer time – "Dear Heavenly Father, let Your name be holy and revered on earth as it already is in heaven. May Your name be given the unique reverence that is due Your character and nature as the Heavenly Father." If you are comfortable doing so, pray to God using some of the other names that He is referred to in Scripture.