

# Family

## God's name tells of God's nature

The Lord's Prayer in Matthew 6:9 begins with "Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name."

Last month I began a series on the Lord's Prayer. I believe each phrase of the Lord's Prayer is the answer to a basic life problem. In other words, if we take all the problems we have ever had or ever will have, we can categorize every single problem in one of seven categories of the Lord's Prayer.

The Lord's Prayer is God's answer to our basic needs. Last month, we looked at "Our Father;" this month we will be examining the phrase "hallowed be Thy name."

One of the first decisions parents have to make regarding their children is: "What are we going to name them?" Sometimes naming a new child is frustrating, and at times parents disagree on names because names can produce a strong reaction.

Paul is a common name for a boy, but we'll name our dog Caesar. In Matthew 6:9 it says that when we ask for our needs, we are to remember and to reflect on God's Name: "Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name."

I heard the story of a little boy who thought the phrase was, "Howard be your name." What is so special about God's name? Why are we to hallow it? Yet why do some people use God's name to curse?

Have you ever heard anyone say, "Oh Buddha!" or "Oh Mohammed!" as a curse word? It seems the phrase "Oh, God" is such a popular phrase today. God's name is supposed to be a blessing and



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not a curse. It is not to be used flip-pantly. It is interesting that people who seem to know God the least use His name the most.

The Hebrew people attached great significance to God's name. This is taught throughout the book of Psalms. In the Old Testament there are many different names for God. For example, in Genesis 1:1 ("in the beginning God"), the Hebrew word for God here is Elohim. This word implies that there is a plurality within God. In the church era, the trinity – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – is articulated. This is done because no single name can describe God. We see the word God in English, but in the Hebrew text, many times the word God is an actual description of God.

Several years ago it became popular to go through the Old Testament and take the Hebrew name for God and learn what that name tells us about the character of God. Several books were written on this subject. We do not have time to go through all those names here, but I want to examine several and see what they tell us about God and how He answers our needs.

In Genesis 22:14, the name God in Hebrew is Jehovah Jireh, meaning God is my provider. Philippians 4:19 tells us, "whatever your need is, consider asking God because 'He will supply all your

needs.'"

What need has God promised to meet in your life? The Bible says "all needs." Also read 2 Peter 1:3. Perhaps right now, you are thinking about a need in your life. God wants us to see Him as the source of all of our needs being met. Jehovah Jireh (God is my provider) wants to supply our needs because of who He is; that is His nature.

In Jeremiah 3:6, the name of God is Tiskenu, meaning God is my righteousness. Many people today walk around with guilt. A magazine article, "Learning to Live with a Past that Failed," discusses how guilt leads people to struggle under condemnation, defeat and discouragement.

The fact is, God has good news when people feel guilty. Isaiah 43:25 tells us "I, even I, am He who blots out your transgressions for My own sake."

Why does God forgive? Because we deserve or earn it? No, it is because He is Jehovah Tiskenu (God is my righteousness). God loves to forgive. Please read 1 John 1:9.

When we start to get down on ourselves because of past misdeeds, there are two things we need to remember. Conviction is from God; condemnation is from Satan. Conviction points the way to change; condemnation just makes us feel bad. Conviction always leads to action to change; it leads to confession, repentance and forgiveness. Condemnation leads to a feeling of self-worthlessness.

We have only looked at two names; there are many more. In-

stead of God's name being a curse, He wants it to be a blessing to our lives. We should never use God's name carelessly or as an expression of anger. Psalms 9:10 says, "Those who know Your Name will trust in You."

The greatest name for God is found in Philippians 2:9-11. The greatest name for God is Jesus. The Jehovah of the Old Testament is the Jesus of the New Testament. Jesus Christ tells us that we are to pray, "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name." This phrase means, "God before I ask You for anything, I want to remember who You are and You are all I need so I am looking to You as the source for everything."

If we do this, we have God's promise that all of our needs will be met.

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### Corrections

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### Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day	Hi-Plains Co-op
Wheat (bushel)	\$4.50
Corn (bushel)	\$3.33
Milo (hundredweight)	\$5.48
Soybeans (bushel)	\$9.11

### On the Beat

**COLBY POLICE**  
**Wednesday**  
12:07 a.m. – Three puppies at Cedar and Franklin taken to Colby Animal Clinic.  
2:49 a.m. – Closed doors on building at Meadow Lakes.  
4:53 p.m. – Vehicle blocking exit at Community Building. Found owner; vehicle moved.

10:17 p.m. – Walk-through at B-Hive.

**THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF**  
**Wednesday**  
10:20 p.m. – Horses loose at County Rd. R and U.S. 24. Owner found.  
10:40 p.m. – Report filed on incident at U.S. 83 mile 173.

## Blood drive results good

The blood drive last week in Colby exceeded its goal despite the late harvest and the start of family vacation season.

Bev Vaughn, Red Cross blood drive coordinator, said the goal was to have 103 people donate. Often, she said, June and July drives do not meet goals because people are busy with harvest and vacations, but 117 people donated July 8. Not only did this exceed

the goal, she said, but eight first-time donors showed up when the agency might expect one or two.

A special thanks to all those who donated, Vaughn said.

The next Colby drive will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 2, at the Community Building.

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