



# Hardest Prayer You'll Ever Pray...

## WEEK 3 • "What is so hard about a name?" • Matthew 6:5-15, ESV

<sup>5</sup>"And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. <sup>6</sup>But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you. <sup>7</sup>"And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words. <sup>8</sup>Do not be like them, for

your Father knows what you need before you ask him. <sup>9</sup>Pray then like this: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. <sup>10</sup>Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. <sup>11</sup>Give us this day our daily bread, <sup>12</sup>and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. <sup>13</sup>And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. <sup>14</sup>For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, <sup>15</sup>but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

REVIEW: Hard praying isn't \_\_\_\_\_ praying like the hypocrites and pagans do. Hard prayers are directed, NOT to a deity or an unapproachable tyrant, but to a \_\_\_\_\_!

*If the hypocrites and pagans showed they didn't know the Father by the way they approached Him with formality and ritual, then the \_\_\_\_\_ shows they don't know him either— but by approaching him with \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_!  
God IS your \_\_\_\_\_, but God is NOT your \_\_\_\_\_!*

### EXODUS 20:7

KING JAMES VERSION- "Thou shalt not \_\_\_\_\_ the name of the Lord thy God in \_\_\_\_\_; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain."

### 2 KEY WORDS:

Nacah—\_\_\_\_\_

Shav—\_\_\_\_\_

AUTHORIZED LARROUX TRANSLATION- "You shalt not \_\_\_\_\_ the name of the Lord your God \_\_\_\_\_; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that takes up His name without \_\_\_\_\_."

Cavod—\_\_\_\_\_

**WE SHALL NOT TAKE THE NAME OF THE LORD GOD UPON US WITH  
EMPTINESS OF SPEECH AND THAT INCLUDES, IN PRAYER, IN THE  
LORD'S PRAYER— BECAUSE HIS NAME, LIKE HIM, IS HOLY.**

## REMEMBER, I'M STILL YOUR DAD.

The \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ approached God like a faceless, nameless deity and Jesus said, "NO, He is your Father. His name is Holy!" We \_\_\_\_\_ approach God like a T-shirt slogan, crowd-cheering, Christian mascot and Jesus says, "No, He is your Father. His name is Holy!"

IF YOU REMOVE \_\_\_\_\_ FROM THE FATHER, THEN THE FATHER CEASES TO BE DIFFERENT, SET APART AND SOVEREIGN. YOU LOSE ALL BASIS FOR CONTRAST AND CONTINUITY.

IF THE FATHER IS NOT \_\_\_\_\_; THEN THE FATHER IS NOT \_\_\_\_\_.

As modern 20th Century, post-Elvis, iPhone, Westerners we automatically assume that if something is not answerable to us, controllable by us or manageable by us then it can't be good.

We may have missed the entire point...

Maybe it is the God's \_\_\_\_\_ ;  
His \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ that makes Him TRULY GOOD!

Maybe we've made little of His \_\_\_\_\_ because we've made little of His \_\_\_\_\_!

Good without \_\_\_\_\_ is simply aspirational affection.

Perhaps instead of hating our earthly fathers for NOT being perfect, might it be that Christ is pointing us to a Holy Father in Heaven BECAUSE there are no perfect fathers on earth?

THE HYPOCRITES AND PAGANS MADE THE MISTAKE OF APPROACHING THE KING OF HEAVEN AS GOD, BUT FORGETTING HE IS A \_\_\_\_\_.

WE, EVANGELICALS MAKE THE MISTAKE OF APPROACHING THE KING OF HEAVEN AS FATHER, BUT FORGETTING HE IS \_\_\_\_\_.

What is so hard about this?

REMEMBERING IT.

God is not our 'buddy.'

He is our Holy, Heavenly Father. He is unlike any father you know.

His ways are not your ways. His thoughts are not your thoughts. What a relief!

WHEN YOU PRAY, DO NOT 'TAKE UP HIS NAME' IN 'EMPTINESS OF SPEECH'. TAKE IT UP WITH ALL THE CAVOD and SIGNIFICANCE and AWE A CHILD HAS FOR HIS 'ABBA' FATHER.