

Teach Us To Pray

Message 4: Prayer Begins With Worship (2)

I. Review: Prayer begins with a proper focus on the Nature of God:

- A. Our Father: The **IMMINENCE** of God
- B. In Heaven: The **TRANSCENDENCE** of God
- C. Hallowed Be Your Name: The **SOVEREIGNTY** of God.

II. OUR FATHER: The **Imminence of God**

III. IN HEAVEN: The **Transcendence** of God

- A. Transcendent: Very excellent, _____ or supreme in excellence, surpassing all others.
- B. Although we have the awesome privilege of having intimate fellowship with God as our Father, we must always respect and understand His Transcendence – His “_____”. God is high and lifted up, Holy, completely separate from sinners.

- 1. Hebrews 7:26
- 2. Isaiah 40:25
- 3. Isaiah 55:8-9
- 4. Isaiah 6:1-4
- 5. Revelation 1:12-17

IV. HALLOWED BE THY NAME: The **Sovereignty** of God

- A. Hallowed: “*hagiazō*” – to sanctify, to _____, declare holy.
 - 1. God’s name is equivalent to His nature.

2. The Name of God is the sum total of all God is, and is summed up in the word **Sovereign**: Hebrews 11:6

B. Sovereign: Supreme or highest in power, superior to all others, _____ of, and _____ by any other.

- 1. In other words - _____ alone is _____!
- 2. Romans 9:14-21
- 3. Jeremiah 18:5-6
- 4. Daniel 2:20-22
- 5. Daniel 4:34-35

C. The heart’s response to a proper understanding of the Nature of God is _____!

1. Worship:

- a. Hebrew: To prostrate oneself, to bow in homage.
- b. Greek: To kiss the hand, in token of reverence.
- c. Worship is recognizing, affirming, and submitting to the **Transcendence** and **Sovereignty** of God.
- d. As we humble ourselves through worship, the Lord moves toward us in His **Imminence** and **HE lifts us up, HE cleanses our hearts, HE places us on His lap, and we experience the Glory of God!** James 4:6-10; I Peter 5:5-11

2. True revival will begin when the church recaptures its focus upon the **Holiness of God!**

V. Conclusion: The relationship between worship and prayer:

- A. Our _____ will only rise to the level of our understanding of the Nature of God.
- B. Our _____ will only rise to the level of our worship.