

"Hallowed Be Thy Name"

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Matthew 6:9b (KJV) "...Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name."

It is said that in ancient Jewish culture the name of God "YHWH" - later pronounced as "Yahweh", was so revered, revered and admired that the Jewish people would not even speak His name. In this passage of scripture we see Jesus teaching His disciples to pray and not only was Jesus teaching His disciples the form of prayer, He was teaching them to honor and to reverence the holy name of God.

It was a pure and fiery passion for this name lodged deep within the hearts of the forefathers of our nation that set them sailing across dark and dangerous waters to this land we now call America. They were willing to risk their lives as well as the lives of their own families to come to a land where they could reverence and worship this hallowed name of God.

These determined men and women of God yearned so deeply for these freedoms that they were willing to die for them. In fact many men, women and children did give their lives to establish and to protect these freedoms. But somewhere down the line in the grand scheme of things something has gone terribly wrong! The glow of our passion's fire in this nation for the holy name of God began to wane and diminish.

In the early 1960's our nation began to take a turn away from its godly heritage when we heard the voice of our Supreme Court speak and say: "God is not welcome in our schools"! From that point on it has been illegal to invoke the very principle that our forefathers fought and died to establish.

Now we are witnessing another slap in the face of God unfolding in the Alabama court system. The court has ruled that a monument commemorating the Ten Commandments that sits within the courthouse lobby must be removed with the court citing: "It's unconstitutional." Mind you that our declaration of independence mentions the hallowed name of God not once but four distinct times!

I believe it is very evident that our courts as well as our government are making rulings and decrees that are very inconsistent not only with the views of our forefathers but with the current beliefs of its citizens.

In the 1963 case, *Abington v. Schempp*, the court reported that only 3 percent of the nation professed no belief in religion - no belief in God. Ninety-seven percent of the nation believed in God; that prayer was consistent with the beliefs of 97 percent.

America has always been and still remains to be a Christian nation. The vast majority of the citizens of this nation profess the Christian faith - the very Christian faith the founders of this nation embraced. So the question that faces us is why are our courts making rulings that are inconsistent with the moral climate of our nation and the beliefs of its people?

It is very grievous to witness the hallowed name of God trampled underneath the foot of our nation's courts! Their rulings and judgments have seemingly exalted themselves up against the very power as well as the Word of God. The hallowedness and sacred beauties of the name of God has become smeared and desecrated in the lower courts of this earth and beloved we must understand the Supreme Justice of the heavenlies holds the gavel of true justice in His hand - and His judgments are imminent!

God's glorious Word declares: *Hebrews 10:29 (NLT) Think how much more terrible the punishment will be for those who have trampled on the Son of God and have treated the blood of the covenant as if it were common and unholy. Such people have insulted and enraged the Holy Spirit who brings God's mercy to his people.*

How long will God's people remain silent with such injustices crying aloud from our nation's courts? Our silence and apathetic stance inadvertently joins us in agreement with these deplorable rulings! The hallowed name of my Lord and Savior is being tainted and defamed - how can I remain silent?

Beloved, this present judicial system is a dark and wicked asylum of injustice that rules favoring the minority while manipulating and controlling the majority. Just as Isaiah cried:

Isaiah 59:14-15 (NLT) ¹⁴ Our courts oppose people who are righteous, and justice is nowhere to be found. Truth falls dead in the streets, and fairness has been outlawed. ¹⁵ Yes, truth is gone, and anyone who tries to live a godly life is soon attacked.

The next verse states that the Lord was displeased to find that there was no justice! It continues to say that He was amazed to see that no one intervened to help the oppressed. The next verse gives me hope: So He Himself stepped in to save them with His mighty power and justice.

It is my cry to entice Christians near and far to cry out to our Lord in deep intercession to step down into the furnace of this world's injustices and save the oppressed with His mighty power and justice! Our silence and lethargic response is only proof that our alliance lies with the judgments of this demented atheistic system.

I urge every true born-again believer to write their Senators and Congressmen to share your dissatisfaction and grief over the corruptness and disgrace of our courts rulings. Share with them how you feel about the "hallowed" name of God being mentioned in our government, courts and schools.

The reason the moral climate of our nation has become darkened and perverse is because we have been silenced. The majority has become silent while the minority has spoken aloud. How long will the church of our Lord Jesus Christ sit in silence? The tide of this nation's moral climate can and must be changed if America is to continue in her freedom.

These wicked judges must be ousted from their seemingly untouchable positions - and the benches filled with righteous men and women that can rule with justice! The Ten Commandments belong in our courts - not only as icons that commemorate the past - but principles that govern the present! Oh Lord - my heart and voice cry out - HALLOWED BE THY NAME!