

**Psalm 138; Lord's Day 47**  
**HALLOWED BE THY NAME**

- I. God's name.
  - A. God is unknowable because He is invisible and so Wholly Other, so far above any and all creature; He is infinite.
    - 1. God reveals Himself on a level the creature can understand: this is His "name."
    - 2. God's "name" is anything that reveals Him and thus man knows about Him and knows Him.
  - B. God's name is seen in many places.
- II. This petition asks the Father so to work in us so that we may correctly know Him and then praise Him in every way all the time.
  - A. "Hallowed" is to identify something as holy (separate from others and dedicated to the highest good), as reverend, honorable.
  - B. Only those gifted with faith can know God (not just about Him), know Him to be holy and worthy of praise.
  - C. May His Spirit work in our minds and hearts that we may more and more see Him and His glory in all things.
  - D. And vindicate Thy name of all dishonor (Psalm 83).
- III. What is the reason our Lord Jesus wants us to pray this petition and to pray it first?
  - A. His transcendent glory makes Him worthy to be hallowed.
  - B. This is to be our greatest desire; with nothing more important to us.
  - C. Only when we love Him, are we able and willing to pray this petition.