

Catechetical Sermon, June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 47** "Hallowed Be Thy Name"

Scripture Lessons: Psalm 8; Isaiah 6:1-7

<b>Lesson Aim</b>	To understand what it is to hallow God's name what this means for our sanctification.
<b>Steps to Learning</b>	Read the <a href="#">Heidelberg Catechism Lord's Day 47</a> and <a href="#">Psalm 8 and Isaiah 6:1-7</a> . Discuss the sermon and the particulars of the lesson below. It may be best to work through the material over several days or sessions.
<b>Discuss</b>	<p><b>What is the first part of answer 122?</b></p> <p>First, to ask that God hallow His name is a request that we rightly know God and to sanctify, magnify and praise Him in all His works, in which His power, goodness, justice, mercy and truth shine forth.</p> <p><b>Do all people know God?</b></p> <p>Yes, but only in a general sense as Psalm 8 and Romans 1 argue. But this knowledge of God condemns all people outside of faith in Christ. Therefore, the Scriptures implore all people to know God rightly through true faith in Jesus Christ.</p> <p><b>After knowing God through true faith in Jesus, what does this mean for our prayer life?</b></p> <p>After truly knowing God through Christ, we can rightly pray, "Hallowed be thy name." This is to request that we rightly, that is, continue to know God rightly. For even as Christians we are still sinful and still are woefully short of knowing God as we should. Isaiah 6 helps us to see the need for us as Christians to continue to pray that we would know God. In that passage, Isaiah comes to realize the depth of his sin and the sin of his people in light of God's holiness. As we have the same realization, we have the right approach to God: we are humble, and God is holy.</p> <p><b>What is the second part of answer 122?</b></p> <p>To ask that God hallow his name, which is a request that we live a holy life in order that God be honored and praised. This means, according to Ursinus, the principle author of the Heidelberg, "In this prayer we desire that His name may be sanctified in us, and that He would regenerate us and make us more and more holy, so that in our whole life we may prevent His most holy name from being blasphemed, and may magnify and declare it with honor and praise in every conceivable way."</p>
<b>Bible Reading</b>	<a href="#">Romans 15 – 1 Corinthians 6</a> (Reading through the New Testament)