

Scripture: Philippians 2:12-30
Singing: 378:1-3 – 90:1-5 – 330:1-4 – 425:1-2

The First Petition in Our Prayers

I. What is to remind us of? II. What is asks?

I. What does the *first petition* Jesus places upon our lips remind off?

A. It is to remind us of what we are existing for God's purpose

1. We are the unique result of an individual act of God's creation: Ps. 139:16

2. We are not a random event but a purpose-made person: Is. 42:8; Rev. 4:11

B. First petition is 'first' to reminded us daily of our purpose

1. Meaning of *hallowing* God's Name

2. How answer question 'Is there anything we can pray for you?'

a. typical answer

b. Biblical priority: 1 Cor. 10:31 & Col. 3:17

C. First petition is very conviction: *do we miss our purpose?*

1. This extends over our very existence: Acts 17:25, 28

2. This truth should not only make us blush

II. What does the first petition ask?

A. In 1st petition we seek God's enabling grace to 'show off His glory'

1. The first part of this grace is *having the right knowledge of God*

2. What happens when we *get to know Him personally – intimately?*

a. Ex. 34:29; Ps. 34:5; Acts 4:13

3. What happens when you reflect God's glory? (Matt. 5:10-12)

B. In 1st petition we pray for His grace of *transformation* (2 Cor. 3:18)

1. *Thoughts* (locomotive) flow into *words and actions* (box carts)

2. To blaspheme God is far more than cursing Him

C. In 1st we pray for grace to *shew forth His attributes*: 1 Peter 1:15-15; 2:9-10

1. To hallow God's Name is your lifestyle

2. The details of this lifestyle is every verse on life of Christ or sanctification

Reflection: What is the most beautiful and most satisfying life to live?

TRUTHS ABOUT HAPPINESS

Superficial happiness without spiritual holiness is one of hells' major lies.

Man wishes to be happy even when he lives so as to make happiness impossible.

The way of holiness that leads to happiness is a narrow way. There is but just room enough for a holy God and a holy soul to walk together. (T. Brooks)

A happy man is one that knows the world and cares not for it. (J. Hall)

My true happiness is to go and sin no more. (R. M. M'Cheyne)

Happiness is never within us only or outside of us. It is in the union of ourselves with God. (B. Pascal)

Searching for happiness in a godless-living life is like wanting to live on the sun.

There is no happiness while living apart from God.