

“On Earth as It Is in Heaven” Matthew 6:1-13

“Hallowed be Your name.” Hallowed – not a word we use very often. In its essence the word simply means “holy” - “Holy! Holy! Holy!” Fully and completely holy. He is fully and completely holy – in Him there is no room for unholiness. Unholiness exists in the world, but there is not any unholiness in Him.

He is unique, uncommon, set apart, different. And that is good news – to make a difference you have to be different. Adam life cannot make a difference in Adam life. The “earthly” cannot make a difference on earth. But God life, heavenly life, holy life can!

This certainly makes Him transcendent, holy and wholly other. Our God is an awesome God. He is not to be trifled with, disrespected, mocked (Ga 6:7). He is the Source of all uncommon sense for living differently in a senseless world. He alone can bring uncommon meaningfulness into any meaningless moment. He offers uncommon forgiveness for a sinful world and uncommon life for a lifeless world. It is easy to see then, isn't it, that our wholeness and wellness on earth cannot be separated from His holiness and hallowedness in heaven. If we want to be whole, to be well, to be fully integrated selves on earth, we must learn to derive all these from the Holy, Holy, Holy God of heaven.

Then, just as His holiness distinguishes Him, His holiness will distinguish us – “As obedient children, do not be conformed to the former lusts which were yours in your (unholy) ignorance, but according to the Holy One Who called you, be holy yourselves in all your behavior, because it is written, ‘You shall be holy for I am holy.’” Whoever receives His Holy Spirit receives all that is necessary to live and move and have our being in uncommon fashion on earth. “Holy” becomes our name – “saints, holy ones” – for in the Kingdom of God we become what we receive.

Why is that critical? Only saints, only holy ones can call for the holiness of heaven to come to earth! We remember the Name(s) of our Heavenly and Holy God – Way, Truth, Life, Door, Shepherd, Bread, Water, Provider, Forgiver, Healer - and count on uncommon supplies from above for every common need here below. To the praise of His glory!



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Greetings


During what we call "The Christmas Season", Christians are invited to celebrate the truth of heaven coming to earth in human form. The Holy comes to the unholy. The Uncommon comes to the common man. "God's will" comes to declare war on "my will." By the "say so" of the King of Kings, heavenly life - life by Divine direction - comes to earth.


In Jesus, God's passions and purposes (not the world's) lead the way to demonstrate that the reign and rule of God can be received and released through a human person. Through the one willing to depend upon and derive from the God of heaven all that is necessary to live as God intended man to live, the reality of "on earth as it is in heaven" can be experienced and expressed... before we die!


I'm not sure what the people on our gift-giving lists need or even want from below, but I'm certain each of them needs something from above - acceptance, grace, forgiveness, patience, compassion, truth, peace (you get the point, yes?). Maybe the very best gift we can give to anyone is a gift to our Father - "on earth as it is in heaven. Live this life, bring heavenly gifts to bear on earthly others... through this willing vessel."


Jesus demonstrated once and for all that heaven can, indeed, come to earth. How about we invite Him to do so again... and again... and again...?

Praise & Prayer

 Free and unhindered release of every gift from above

 A richer understanding for all God's children of His passions and purposes

 To our holy, holy, holy God

 Heavenly gifts in our earthly vessels

Calendar

DECEMBER

5	Ocala Study
12	Alachua Study



Florida Retreat



February 23-25, 2024

Alachua Florida

"On Earth as It Is in Heaven"

Jesus simply teaches His disciples to ask God to bring Who He is to where we are. Receive Jesus Christ and He will take us to heaven. Receive His Supplied Life in the dailiness of our lives and He will bring Heaven to us.

Come join us as we celebrate heavenly gifts for earthly moments!

Cost:

\$330/couple

\$175/single (2 to room)

\$275 single (1 to room)

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