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ON SPEAKING TERMS WITH GOD

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This month, our free resource is Dr. McGee’s booklet, “Let Us Pray,” in which Dr. McGee unpacks what we call “The Lord’s Prayer.” The following is an excerpt from it on what it means to pray, “hallowed be Your name...” We pray it helps you pray and live according to Jesus’ invitation.

HALLOWED BE YOUR NAME

Let us turn to the last great statement made in the introduction of the prayer: “Hallowed be Your name.”

More correctly translated, it should read, “Let Your name be made holy.” The name of God stands for all that God is. When the Lord was leading the children of Israel out of Egypt through the wilderness, He sent His Angel and told them, “I want you to obey Him; do what He tells you because My name is in Him” (see Exodus 23:21). Who is this Angel? Undoubtedly, it’s “the Angel of the Lord.” (Other Scriptures shed light on the answer; see also Joshua 5:13-15 and 1 Corinthians 10:4, 9-10.) It is the Lord Jesus whom they were to obey. He is definitely the one in view here. That means all that God is—all that God stands for—is in His name.



The name of God was so reverent, so sacred to the children of Israel, they dared not even pronounce it. Today, there is such a familiarity with the name of God, even in conservative circles, that ought not to be. We've become too familiar with things that are sacred and holy, and we need to be very careful in this. Certainly, it's tragic when someone out on the street takes God's name in vain, but more tragic is the blasphemy of the sanctuary. I continually remind myself of this. We who walk into the pulpit do so with such frequency that we become familiar with it. We brush against holy and sacred things so constantly that they can become commonplace. And you who come to the pew—you do well to be reverent in His presence in the house that has been dedicated to Him. God, deliver us from treating as commonplace the things that are sacred before You!

How can we make God's name holy? Can we add to that which is already infinitely holy? Certainly not. Then what did our Lord mean by the statement, "Hallowed be Your name"? He meant that by our lives we are to make God's name holy.

We meet two men in Genesis: One was a disgrace to the name of God, and the other commended the name of God. These two men had one characteristic in common—they always built an altar where

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they chose to dwell. When Abraham went into Canaan, a Canaanite passing by observed that they had a new neighbor for he had seen his altar. Everywhere Abraham went, he built an altar to God. And Abraham began to do business with the Canaanites, who found him to be honest. Everything Abraham said invited their confidence. Finally, they reached the conclusion that the God whom Abraham worshiped was a holy God, and surely the name of God was made holy in Canaan because of the life of Abraham.

But when Jacob started out, he could not be trusted. Do not attempt to explain away the first part of his life, for it held only dishonor. Two things always marked the path over which he had gone: He had built an altar and he had defrauded someone. One day God met him as he was en route—he was alone, and God led him down by the brook Jabbok. God told Jacob he could not continue conducting himself in that manner, for God’s name must be made holy. And God caused the socket of Jacob’s leg to be dislocated. I believe God will do that today for anyone of His children who is bringing dishonor to His name.

Paul said to his people in that day, “The name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you...” (Romans 2:24). My friend, let us go to the top of yonder mountain where He gave the Sermon on the Mount—we need to go there. We must have men and women who name the name of God and whose lives correspond to it!

I commented to a friend of mine, “If I ever leave the ministry—and there are times when I am tempted to do it—it will not be due to a loss of faith in the Book.” There was a time when I had doubts about the Bible, but today I do not have a single doubt; I am willing to stake the eternal destiny of my soul upon the accuracy of the Bible. I believe



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it with all my heart. If I ever leave the ministry, it will be because of leaders who profess to know the name of God but blaspheme that name in their living. Go to the top of the mountain and listen as He reveals His will.

We are not saved by the Sermon on the Mount, but you and I can make His name holy by reading it and abiding therein. I know it is a ministry of condemnation, but it will cause us to flee to Jesus for refuge, for salvation, deliverance, and power; and we will become God's child by faith in Jesus Christ that we might be enabled to make His name holy in our living. Are you hallowing God's name in your daily life?

MY TURN

- 1 **Do you know "The Lord's Prayer" by heart?** Make that your goal this month.
- 2 **Next time you face a lifestyle choice, ask yourself how the outcome will bring honor to God's name.** People are watching your life to see how what you believe impacts what you do and say.
- 3 **Is there some choice that needs to change? Or a behavior you need to add?** Let your life bring honor to God's name.

OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN,

Hallowed be Your name.

YOUR KINGDOM COME.

Your will be done

ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN.

GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD.

AND FORGIVE US OUR DEBTS,

As we forgive **OUR DEBTORS.**

**AND DO NOT LEAD US INTO TEMPTATION,
BUT DELIVER US FROM THE EVIL ONE.**

**FOR YOURS IS THE KINGDOM AND THE POWER
AND THE GLORY FOREVER. *Amen.***

MATTHEW 6:9-13

NEW RUSSIAN LOVE STORIES

WHAT IF GLOBAL NATIONS WHO OPPOSE THE GOSPEL SHUT DOWN CHRISTIAN RADIO IN THEIR COUNTRIES? YES, IT HAPPENS.

Recently, THRU the BIBLE president Gregg Harris interviewed Victor Akhterov, Director of Russian ministries with Far East Broadcasting Company, on a Zoom call.

Here's Victor's story of what they did when the Russian government shut down the Christian stations.



VICTOR AKHTEROV

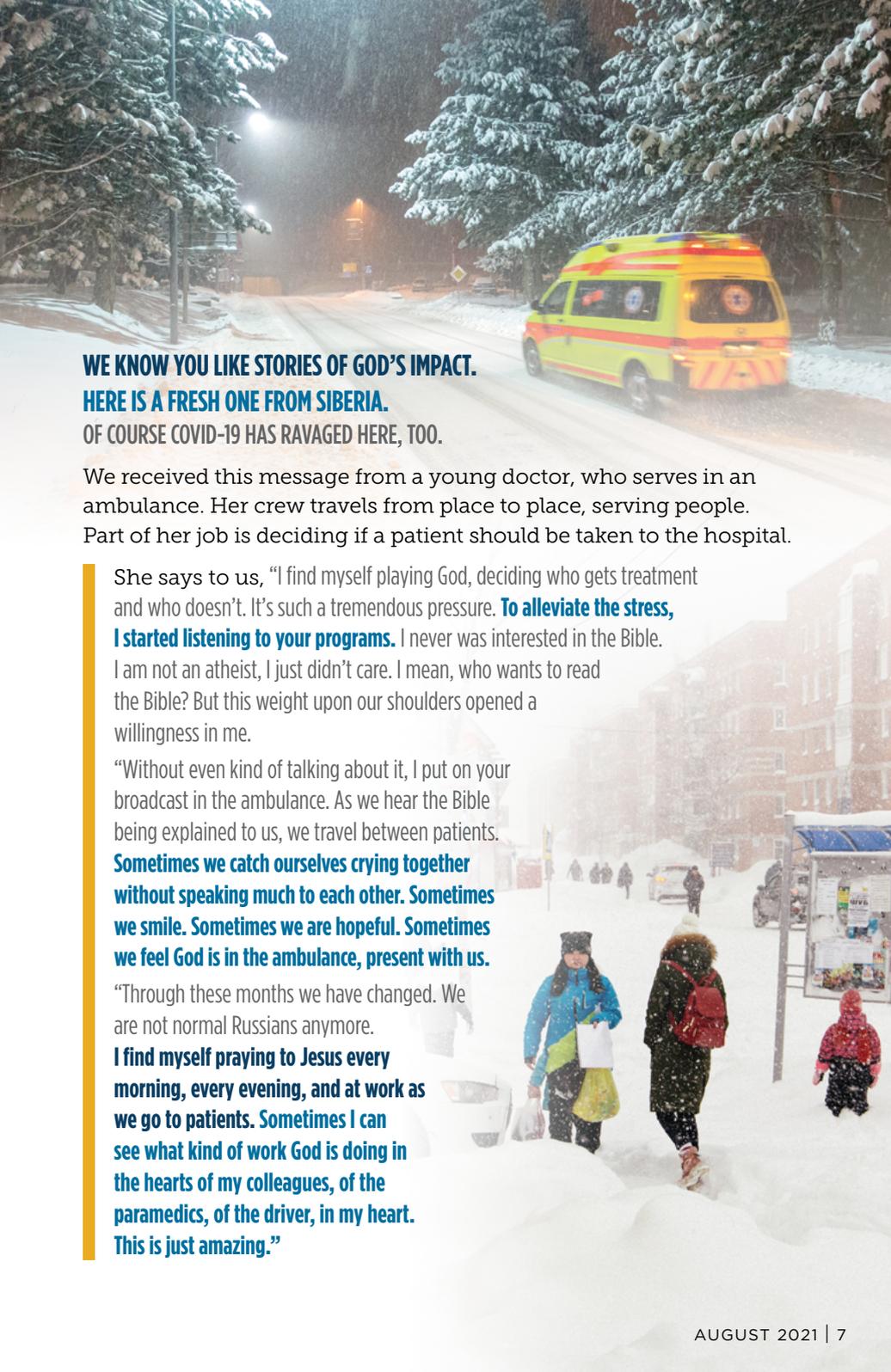


GREGG HARRIS

“A few years ago, our Russian team decided that in light of this possibility we would slowly switch from a radio broadcast to digital in Russia. Then the next year, without warning, the government shut down our stations. We knew what to do, but it was a difficult time. I am forever grateful for THRU the BIBLE sticking with us, telling us, ‘Let’s go do this together. Let’s use new tools to explore a bit, too.’

“You gave us some breathing time and, today, praise the Lord, we have at least 10 million listeners a month via our new digital outlets. **We never had this many listeners before. It is amazing what God is doing, drawing together new audiences and old.**

We work hard, yes, but it’s obvious that the Lord’s hand is on this. **His plan is so much better than ours. So now we try to adjust our plans to His, and it is wonderful to see how many souls are receiving the Word of God. We are depending on God, knowing the Word will do its work.”**



**WE KNOW YOU LIKE STORIES OF GOD'S IMPACT.
HERE IS A FRESH ONE FROM SIBERIA.
OF COURSE COVID-19 HAS RAVAGED HERE, TOO.**

We received this message from a young doctor, who serves in an ambulance. Her crew travels from place to place, serving people. Part of her job is deciding if a patient should be taken to the hospital.

She says to us, "I find myself playing God, deciding who gets treatment and who doesn't. It's such a tremendous pressure. **To alleviate the stress, I started listening to your programs.** I never was interested in the Bible. I am not an atheist, I just didn't care. I mean, who wants to read the Bible? But this weight upon our shoulders opened a willingness in me.

"Without even kind of talking about it, I put on your broadcast in the ambulance. As we hear the Bible being explained to us, we travel between patients.

Sometimes we catch ourselves crying together without speaking much to each other. Sometimes we smile. Sometimes we are hopeful. Sometimes we feel God is in the ambulance, present with us.

"Through these months we have changed. We are not normal Russians anymore.

I find myself praying to Jesus every morning, every evening, and at work as we go to patients. Sometimes I can see what kind of work God is doing in the hearts of my colleagues, of the paramedics, of the driver, in my heart. This is just amazing."



PRAYING FOR ATHEISTS IN AFRICA

I have set the Lord always before me; because He is at my right hand I shall not be moved.

-Psalm 16:8

"For a long time, I was an atheist, and did not believe in the existence of God."

That's what we hear from a listener in Equatorial Guinea as we travel through Africa this week. But his story is just beginning, here is the rest:

"However, when the problems of life became too large and I had nowhere to turn for support, I began reading the Bible and listening to your programs. The more I studied, the more I could no longer deny Him, and I believe He has changed my heart. I am a new man. I have chosen to believe in God and trust Him with my troubles. He is the one I look to for guidance, and He is the one who protects me."

More than 150 million people in the world today say they don't believe God exists. Ask God to draw them to Himself. As He does, pray each one realizes God's love for them and experiences His undeniable presence in their lives. May His truth overcome any doubts and intellectual hurdles that keep them from laying down their pride and accepting Him as Lord of their lives.

This is an example of the email our World Prayer Team receives every weekday. Together, we are traveling the world on our knees, interceding for one country at a time. We invite you to join us in covering the entire earth with prayer every year.

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Did you have a garage sale yet?

That's what summertime is for ... garage sales. Out with the old, make room for the new.

The older I get, the clearer it is to me that we don't take any stuff out of this life. **The temporal-ness of our possessions only serves to remind us of all we have to look forward to in the permanent joy and eternal presence with God.**

I encourage you to let this truth sink in today. Let it set you free from the pointless pursuit of seeking your joy and security in gaining more stuff. Instead, learn the joy of contentment with what you have, and the freedom that gives.

Thanks for your partnership with THRU the BIBLE and the investment of your gifts of prayer and support. **As you give freely and sacrificially from what God has entrusted you with, you are investing in what He is doing in our generation. You are getting your heart ready for eternity.**

Looking forward to that day,

Gregg Harris
THRU the BIBLE, President

WHY STUDY EXODUS?

Join in the studies on *Thru the Bible* **AUGUST 26—OCTOBER 14**
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Exodus means “the way out” and tells the story of God’s redemption of Israel by blood and by power. The Exodus, when God delivered Israel out of Egypt, is an important foundation to understanding the rest of the Bible.

KEYVERSE

“I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.” –Exodus 20:2

70 souls of Jacob's family entered Egypt
AND **MORE THAN 2 MILLION LEFT EGYPT** IN THE EXODUS.

EXODUS IS ESSENTIALLY MOSES' STORY:

40 YEARS

...IN PHARAOH'S PALACE IN EGYPT

...IN THE DESERT IN MIDIAN

...IN THE WILDERNESS AS LEADER OF ISRAEL

LET MY PEOPLE GO: *“The ten plagues were God’s battle with the gods of Egypt. Each plague was directed against a particular god in Egypt (Exodus 12:12). God wanted to reveal to His own people that He, the Lord, was far greater than any god of Egypt and that He had power to deliver them.”* –Dr. J. Vernon McGee

The Exodus from Egypt over 3,300 years ago was so remarkable and significant for Jewish people that it has been celebrated ever since, even to this day, as the Feast of Passover.

EXODUS IN OTHER BOOKS

Exodus is the 3rd most quoted Old Testament book in the New Testament:

Hebrews 11:23-29 | Galatians | 2 Timothy 3:8



WHY DO YOU

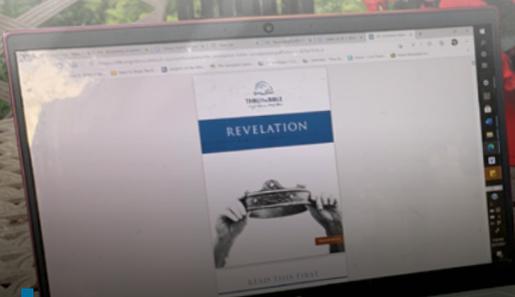
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