

“Daddy”
The Lord’s Prayer Part 1
Matthew 6:9
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In order to grow in our relationship with God, we must grasp the impact of three phrases found in Matthew 6:9.

Phrase 1: “Our Father”
(John 1:12; Galatians 4:4-7; Ephesians 1:5;
Matthew 7:9-11)

Phrase 2: “in heaven”
(1 Chronicles 29:11-12; 2 Chronicles 20:6;
Psalm 93:1-2; Psalm 145:3-4; Isaiah 40:25-26)

“Today, vast stress is laid on the thought that God is *personal*, but this truth is so stated as to leave the impression that God is a person of the same sort as we are—weak, inadequate, ineffective, a little pathetic. But this is not the God of the Bible! Our personal life is a finite thing: it is limited in every direction, in space, in time, in knowledge, in power. But God is not so limited. He is eternal, infinite and almighty. He has us in his hands; we never have him in ours. Like us, he is personal; but unlike us he is *great*. In all its constant stress on the reality of God’s personal concern for his people, and on the gentleness, tenderness, sympathy, patience and yearning compassion that he shows toward them, the Bible never lets us lose sight of his majesty and his unlimited dominion over all his creatures.”

J.I. Packer, *Knowing God*, Intervarsity Press,
Downers Grove, IL, 1973, p. 83.

“In our day we must begin to recover a sense of awe and profound reverence for God. We must begin to view Him once again in the infinite majesty that alone belongs to Him who is the Creator and Supreme Ruler of the entire universe. There is an infinite gap in worth and dignity between God the Creator and man the creature, even though man has been created in the image of God.

Jerry Bridges, *The Practice of Godliness*, Navpress, Colorado Springs, CO, 1983, p. 22, 23.

Phrase 3: **“hallowed be Your name”**
(Psalm 115:1; I Corinthians 10:31)

“‘Man’s chief end,’ says the Shorter Catechism magnificently, ‘is to glorify God, and to enjoy him for ever. ‘End,’ note, not ‘ends’; for the two activities are one. God’s chief end, purposed in all that he does, is his glory (and what higher end could he have?), and he has so made us that we find our own deepest fulfillment and highest joy in hallowing his name by praise, submission, and service...

To give oneself to hallowing God’s name as one’s life-task means that living, though never a joyride, will become increasingly a joy *road*. Can you believe that? Well, the proof of the pudding is in the eating! Try it, and you will see.”

J.I. Packer, *Praying the Lord’s Prayer*, Crossway Books, Wheaton IL, 2007, p. 46.