

NSD Notes

For though I be free from all men, yet have I made myself servant unto all, that I might gain the more. (1 Cor. 9:19)
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Services

Bible Study 10 a.m.
Morning Service.....11 a.m.
Evening Service.....6 p.m.
Wednesday Meeting.....7 p.m.

News @ NSD

WELCOME VISITORS!

TONIGHT IS SINGING NIGHT

Prayer List

- Please pray for **Sally Harper** - new baby is due soon.
- **Ernest Peeples** - deployed in Iraq.
- Jeanne Lynne - undergoing chemotherapy treatments.
- **Ken Holloway** – recovering from eye surgery.
- **Martha Holloway** - recurring back and heart condition.
- **Vicki Barton's** mother, Lisa - recovering from surgery.
- **Ken Holloway's** brother, Chuck.
- John Cappelletty (friend of Sally Harper's Mom) is declining in health and is awaiting a liver transplant. Please pray for John and his family.

Classes

Sunday Morning – 1 Timothy
Wednesday – Ecclesiastes

HOLY IS YOUR NAME

Mark Stinnett

*For He who is mighty has done great things for me,
and holy is His name.*

Luke 1:49

Many passages talk about the holiness of God. These days, however, holiness is more of a religious term. Its basic meaning is: *set apart, or separate*. So, something that is set apart, is separated from common things, is holy. It is holy because it is different. However, the idea of being different is not simply that it is not like other things, but that there is value or character that makes it separate. In a literal sense we could say that museum artifacts are holy, that is, they have been separated from common objects. The artifacts have been separated because of their value as a piece of history or for the purpose of providing some sort of enlightenment to the viewer. These special objects are guarded from casual contact; protected from the elements; and given a place of honor in a museum. Visitors are expected to give the artifacts proper respect.

God is holy. He is deserving of honor and respect (awe). We show our honor, not by admiring God as an artifact as in a museum, but by our worship and dedication to his ways. He is holy, not because of his place in history, but because he is, by his very nature, separate from mankind. He is holy; man is common. He is righteous; man is unrighteous. He is eternal; man is finite. He is creator; man is created. Many more contrasts could be made to illustrate his holiness.

When Jesus taught his disciples to pray, he taught them that the name of God is holy (hallowed). It is not enough to accept that God himself is holy; his name, also, is holy. At some point in their history the Jews decided to stop saying the name of God. They reasoned that if they did not say God's name then they would not break the command: *"You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not leave him unpunished who takes His name in vain."* **(Exodus 20:7)**

At some point, the Jews put God's name up on a shelf as if it were an artifact. That was not God's intent. →

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All are welcome to our worship
and study meetings!

... singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs with
thankfulness in your hearts to God. Col 3:16

Our soul
waits for the LORD;
He is our help and our
shield.
For our heart shall rejoice in
Him,
Because we have trusted in
His holy name.

Psalm 33:20-22

Holy
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Holy is the Lord
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Holy is the Lord
Holy is the Father
Holy is the Son
Holy is the Spirit
Blessed Three in One

Franz Schubert

[Holy is Your Name]

When God's name was spoken to Israel for the first time, it meant something. God told Moses to tell the Israelites that the God of Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob was about to deliver them from Egypt. He is The One Who Is: "I AM Who I AM." You may have seen the English representation of the Hebrew letters that comprise the name of God: YHWH. (No one knows what the vowel sounds are since they were not written. Some have suggested Yehweh or Yahweh as likely pronunciations for God's name.)

God expected his name to be spoken, but with reverence and honor. His name is not to be like the names of false or foreign gods. His name is above them, because he is above all others. His name is not a common name like that of any man or woman throughout history. His name is not for jokes or riddles or other humor. His name was not reserved for exclamations as an idle expression of surprise; or to be shouted when experiencing sharp pain or anger.

God's name has meaning and it uniquely identifies God as deity; one who is self-sufficient, eternal in existence, and changeless. No other single descriptor is capable of encompassing his identity. His is not a "name that must not be spoken" but one that must be revered, because the name can only be attributed to God himself, for no man can make such a claim as does the name of God: I AM.

Our Father in heaven . . . HOLY IS YOUR NAME.

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SHINE THE LIGHT

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



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