

# The Lords Prayer Part 1

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#### Hebraic Insight

"*Avinu*." Before you can begin to pray as Jesus intended, you must settle the question of whether God is your Father, and you are His child. Nothing is more important. Are you a child of God? Are you part of His family, His *mishpachah*? Just as you were born physically into an earthly family, so Jesus said you must be reborn spiritually into a spiritual family (John 1:12, 3:3). This happens by faith — by believing that God loves you as a Father and cares for you as His child.

"*Shebashamayim*." Your Father is "in heaven." He inhabits eternity and is enthroned above the highest reach of the cosmos (Deuteronomy 26:15, 1 Kings 8:30). But though He is exalted over all things, as Creator and LORD He knows the number of hairs on your head (Matthew 10:30) and what things you have need of before you ask Him (Matthew 6:8). Your Father's greatness spans all the cosmos and yet is conscious of the smallest details of your life. God cares for you as His child.

"*Yitkadash sh'mekha*." You are to understand that your Father's Name is to be "hallowed" or set apart as sacred. Among other things, this means that you trust the Father by obeying His commandments and making daily choices in the light of His reality.

You do not "profane" your Father's Name by witnessing to the world around you that He is not who He really is — the LORD to whom every knee shall bow and every tongue confess. You are to bear witness to His Name by sanctifying it, by honoring it, and by living in the awe of God every moment of your time of sojourn here on earth. When you truly understand yourself as the Father's child, your life will be conformed into the image of His Son (Romans 8:29).

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Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name  
(Matthew 6:9 KJV).

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