

IF GOD SHOULD SPEAK

"Our Father who art in heaven..."

YES

Don't interrupt me. I'm praying.

BUT YOU CALLED ME.

Called you? I didn't call you. I'm praying. "Our Father who art in heaven..."

THERE, YOU DID IT AGAIN.

Did what?

CALLED ME. YOU SAID, "OUR FATHER WHO ART IN HEAVEN." HERE I AM..WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?

But I didn't mean anything by it. I was, you know, just saying my prayer for the day. I always say the Lord's Prayer. It makes me feel good kind of like getting a duty done.

ALL RIGHT. GO ON...

Hallowed by thy name..."

HOLD IT. WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT?

By what?

BY "HALLOWED BE THY NAME."

It means...It means...Good grief. I don't know what it means. How should I know? It's just part of the prayer. By the way, what does it mean?

IT MEANS WONDERFUL, HONORED, HOLY.

Hey, that makes sense. I never thought of what "hallowed" meant before. "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."

DO YOU REALLY MEAN THAT?

Sure, why not?

WHAT ARE YOU DOING ABOUT IT?

Doing? Nothing, I guess. I just think it would be kind of neat if you got control of everything down here like you have up there.

HAVE I GOT CONTROL OF YOU?

Well, I go to church.

THAT ISN'T WHAT I ASKED YOU. WHAT ABOUT YOUR BAD TEMPER? YOU'VE REALLY GOT A PROBLEM THERE, YOU KNOW. AND THEN THERE'S THE WAY YOU SPEND YOUR MONEY...ALL ON YOURSELF. AND WHAT ABOUT THE KIND OF BOOKS YOU READ?

Stop picking on me! I'm just as good as some of the rest of those phonies at church!

EXCUSE ME. I THOUGHT YOUR WERE PRAYING FOR MY WILL TO BE DONE. IF THAT'S TO HAPPEN IT WILL HAVE TO START WITH THE ONES WHO ARE PRAYING FOR IT. LIKE YOU, FOR EXAMPLE.

Oh, all right. I guess I do have some hang-ups. Now that you mention it, I could probably name some others.

SO COULD I.

I haven't thought about it very much until now, but I really would like to cut out some of those things. I would like to, you know, be really free.

GOOD. NOW WE'RE GETTING SOMEWHERE WE'LL WORK TOGETHER, YOU AND I. SOME VICTORIES CAN TRULY BE WON. I'M PROUD OF YOU.

Look, Lord. I need to finish up here. This is taking a lot longer than it usually does. "Give us this day our daily bread."

YOU NEED TO CUT OUT THE BREAD. YOU ARE OVERWEIGHT AS IT IS.

Hey, wait a minute! What is this, "Criticize me day?" Here I was doing my religious duty, and all of a sudden you break in and remind me of all my hang-ups.