

God, Our Father

A. Fatherhood and Family

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2. Having God as our Father is a great privilege! 1 John 3:1a
3. Application
 - a. Let us not minimize the importance of fathers and families.
 - b. When a society disdains fathers and devalues families, it spits in the face of God.

B. God as Father

1. He is a compassionate Father. Ps. 103:13-14
2. He is a Father who loves His enemies. Matt. 5:44-45
3. He is a merciful Father. Luke 6:35-36
4. He is a Father who knows what we need. Luke 12:29-30
5. He is a Father who gives us good gifts. Matt. 7:9-11
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 - b. Let us seek to imitate our Father.

C. Praying to the Father. Matthew 6:9-13

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 - b. Ask that people everywhere will understand and

honor God. 6:9.

(See Exodus 34:5-7 for the meaning of the Name of God.)

- c. Ask that God's kingdom may come here on earth. 6:10

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 - a. Ask for daily provision of food and other needs. 6:11
 - b. Ask for forgiveness comparable to our own. 6:12
 - c. Ask for deliverance from Evil. 6:13
 - d. (The added ending.) 6:13
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