

Our Father in Heaven

Matt. 6:9

Introduction:

- A. Jesus often began prayer with “Father” (Lk. 22:42; 23:34, 46)
- B. Jesus gives disciples this right (Mt. 6:1, 6-9)
- C. Jesus gives all God’s children that right.
 - 1. Those born again are children (John 1:12,13; 3:5).
 - 2. Those baptized are children (cf. Gal. 3:26, 27)
 - 3. Those who keep commandments children (1 John 3:10)
- D. Many who call God, “Father” have no right (cf. John 8:42-44)
- E. We need to get to know “our Father” - His attributes and His attitudes.

Discussion:

I. Some *Attributes* of “Our Father”.

- A. One of three persons in Godhead or Deity. (2 Cor. 13:14; Matt. 3:16-17).
 - 1. Each distinctive. (John 14:16,17,26).
 - 2. Each is God. (John 1:14; 20:17,28; Acts 5:3,4).
- B. He is infinite. (1 Kings. 8:27).
 - 1. In Power (Jer. 32:17,27).
 - 2. In Knowledge. (1 Jn. 3:20).
 - 3. In Presence. (Psa. 139:7-12).
- C. He is eternal. (Is. 57:15).
- D. He is sovereign. (John 19:11; Acts 17:24-26).

II. Some *Attitudes* of “Our Father”.

- A. He loves. (Rom. 5:8; 1 John 4:8,16).
- B. He hates. (Psa. 5:5,6).
- C. He is jealous. (Ex. 34:14; Deut. 32:16; 1 Cor. 10:22).
- D. He is long-suffering. (2 Pet. 3:9).
- E. He is forgiving. (Heb. 8:12).
- F. He is impartial. (Rom. 2:6; Col. 3:25; 1 Pet. 1:17).
- G. He is wrathful. (Rom. 1:18; 2:5).

Conclusion:

- A. Let us get to know “our Father”. (cf. Jno. 14:8-9).
- B. Let us worship and obey “our Father”. (1 John 2:3,4).
- C. Let us talk to “our Father” in prayer often.
- D. Let us let “our Father” talk to us through his word often.