

Our Heavenly Father

Selected Scriptures

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Introduction

I. Our Heavenly Father _____ Us

II. Our Heavenly Father _____ For Us

III. Our Heavenly Father _____ For Us

IV. Our Heavenly Father _____ Us

V. Our Heavenly Father _____ Us

So What?

Discussion & Application

1. Why do you think J.I. Packer underlines the importance of knowing God as our Father when he said, *"If you want to judge how well a person understands Christianity, find out how much he makes of the thought of being God's child, and having God as his Father. If this is not the thought that prompts and controls his worship and prayers and his whole outlook on life, it means that he does not understand Christianity very well at all."* Do you agree or disagree with him? Why or why not?
2. Do you find it difficult to relate to God as your Heavenly Father? Why or why not?
3. How has today's sermon changed your perspective on God and how He relates to you as your Heavenly Father? What effect do you think it will have on your relationship with Him?
4. *What impact does it have on you knowing that your Heavenly Father sacrificially loves a wretch like you?* How often do you think of the gospel? How does meditation on God's sacrificial love change your outlook on God, yourself, life and other people? What is your reaction knowing that God will never stop loving you even when you sin and mess up?
5. *What impact does it have on you knowing that your Heavenly Father deeply cares for you and knows what you need, whether spiritually, emotionally or physically?* Do you tend to worry? Why or why not? Read Matthew 6:25-34 and talk about what Jesus taught about worrying.
6. *What impact does it have on you knowing that your Heavenly Father generously provides for you?* What do you need? Have you prayed, asking your Father for it? Have you ever prayed for something God didn't give you? What happened? How did you see God's wisdom in not giving you what you prayed for? When did God answer your prayers last time? Spend time praying for each other and lay your needs before your Heavenly Father.
7. *What impact does it have on you knowing that your Heavenly Father wisely guides you and speaks directly to you through His Word?* How does this truth impact your perspective on your daily Bible reading/study? When you pick up your Bible for your daily devotion, do you ever stop to think about what is about to take place? Do you consciously believe and think about the fact that your Heavenly Father is speaking directly to you through His Word? Why or why not?
8. *What impact does it have on you knowing that your Heavenly Father lovingly disciplines you?* Can you think of a time when God disciplined you? What happened? What was the outcome of the time of discipline? Does the fear of God's discipline keep you from sin?
9. What was your main takeaway from the sermon?