

JESUS - HIS FATHER AND OUR FATHER

Matthew 7:9-11, Luke 11:11-13; 12:32 (June 2, 2024)

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³² “Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom.

JESUS’ MAIN TEACHING ON THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN GOD AND US: GOD IS OUR FATHER.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN TO US?

1. There is incredible _____ that comes from knowing God as our Father.

Matthew 7:9-11

9 “Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone?

10 Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake?

11 If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!

2. God being our loving Father does not guarantee that His children are going to have any _____ protection all the time in this world.

John 16:3

33 “I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”

(The promise of certainty in life for God’s children: All things will work _____ for the good of those who _____ God and are called according to His _____ for them.)

THE CONFLICT: LIVING INSIDE AND OUTSIDE FATHER’S LOVE

1 John 2:15-17

15 Do not love this world nor the things it offers you, for when you love the world, you do not have the love of the Father in you.

16 For the world offers only a craving for physical pleasure, a craving for everything we see, and pride in our achievements and possessions. These are not from the Father, but are from this world.

17 And this world is fading away, along with everything that people crave. But anyone who does what pleases God will live forever.

Luke 14:15-20

15 Hearing this, a man sitting at the table with Jesus exclaimed, “What a blessing it will be to attend a banquet in the Kingdom of God!”

16 Jesus replied with this story: “A man prepared a great feast and sent out many invitations.

17 When the banquet was ready, he sent his servant to tell the guests, ‘Come, the banquet is ready.’

18 But they all began making excuses. One said, ‘I have just bought a field and must inspect it. Please excuse me.’

19 Another said, ‘I have just bought five pairs of oxen, and I want to try them out. Please excuse me.’

20 Another said, ‘I just got married, so I can’t come.’

BLESSING AND HONOR

Matthew 6:24

24 No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and be enslaved to money.

LOVE IS _____.

John 14:15

15 If you love me, obey my commandments.

Questions for discussion

1. Which word best describes God for your relationship with Him and why?
2. Jesus taught us that God is our Father. What’s the first image that comes to your mind when you think of God as your Father?
3. Does the image of God as Father make a difference in your perception of God? If so, then what difference?
4. What would be the major attitude difference in a Christian’s life between living inside and outside Father’s love?
5. Why didn’t the people accept the man’s invitation in Luke 14:15-20?
6. **(Personal application)** Jesus said if we love God, we will obey what He commands. What commandment of Jesus am I willing to obey this week?

I AM INTERESTED IN TAKING A CLASS FOR MY SPIRITUAL GROWTH.

- Membership 101
- Maturity 201
- Ministry 301
- Mission/Evangelism 401

OTHER CLASSES

- Foundations for basic Christian doctrines
- Fresh Start for starting my faith in Christ
- How to do daily Quiet Time with God

NEED TO TALK TO A PASTOR?

- I would like to talk with a pastor to understand the biblical view on a subject.
- I would like to know what it means to be a member of MBF (NVCCC)

ANY OTHER QUESTION? LET US KNOW, PLEASE.
