

THE MODEL PRAYER - Part II

“Our Father in heaven...”

Reference: **Matthew 6:9-13**

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verse nine, *“In this manner, therefore, pray: **Our Father** in heaven...”*

ONE is that there is a God in heaven who is a spiritual _____

One of the names attributed to God that helps us better understand how God relates to us as a father is the word “_____.”

Reference: **Mark 14:36**, *“and He (Jesus) said, ‘**Abba, Father...**’”*

Paul referenced God using the term Abba in two different passages: **Romans 8:15** and **Galatians 4:6**

TWO is through receiving Jesus we can have a personal _____ with that God as our Father

Reference: **John 1:11-13**

verse eleven, *“He (Jesus) came to His own (His own people the Jewish people) and His own (Jewish people) did not receive Him.”*

verse twelve, *“But as many as received Him (Jesus), to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:”*

verse thirteen, *“who were born, not of blood (normal birth), nor of the will of the flesh (normal birth), nor of the will of man (a planned birth), but of God.”*

God is a creative father to all people.

Reference: **Malachi 2:10a**, *“Have we not all one Father? Has not one **God created us?**”*

The point is that we are all God’s creation but not all God’s children. God is not everyone’s spiritual Father, and we are not all God’s spiritual children.

There are two separate spiritual families: _____ and _____.

Notice what Jesus said about those Pharisees in **John chapter 8:42 and 44a**

verse forty-two, “Jesus said to them, ‘If God were your Father, you would love Me, for I proceeded forth and came from God; nor have I come of Myself, but He sent Me.’”

verse forty-four a, “**You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do...**”

Reference: **Galatians 4:6** and **7**

verse six, “And because **you are sons**, God hath sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, ‘**Abba, Father!**’”

verse seven, “Therefore you are no longer a slave but **a son**, and if **a son**, then an heir of God through Christ.”

Question: why is it this passage doesn't read “sons and daughters of God?”

Answer: because Paul was emphasizing that females are not _____ to males as God's children.

THREE is that our God is a _____ father!

Some people in a subconscious sense transfer all the negative baggage from their genetic father onto their perspective on God. The result is a distortion of who God the Father actually is. But God is unlike most human fathers; God is a perfect Father and that means at least four basic things:

- It means He _____
Reference: **Psalms 103:13**, “As a father pities his children, so the LORD pities those who fear Him.”
Reference: **I Peter 5:7**, “casting all your care upon Him (God), for **He** (God) **cares for you.**”

- It means He's _____
Reference: **James 1:17**, “Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from **the Father of lights, with whom** (the Father) **there is no variation or shadow of turning.**”
- It means He's _____
Reference: **Hebrews 13:5b**, “For He (God) Himself has said, ‘**I will never leave you nor forsake you.**’”
- It means He's _____
Reference: **Matthew 19:26**, Jesus said, “...with men this is impossible, but with God (that includes God the Father) **all things are possible.**”

Mr. Austin L. Sorensen made this thought-provoking statement: a child is not likely to find a father in _____ unless he finds something of God in his _____.”