

Experiencing God as your Father

How to enjoy God as our Heavenly Father by seeing ourselves as precious, enjoying our time and partnership with Him and having a good picture of God. We delight God greatly when we expect more from Him.

Matthew 6:9 "This, then, is how you should pray: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, ..."

Most unique names – seldom hear of such name in other Entire OT – 7 times – this 10 Mat 6

This chap alone – 10

Jesus told us call – 70 x - gospels

In the Old Testament God is only called "Father" seven times. In this chapter alone, Jesus calls Him Father over ten times. And Jesus called God Father and told us to call God Father over seventy times in the Gospels. God wants you to know Him like a Father.

Prob: Father – sometimes - bring up **bad memories** – painful and hurting

Drunken man – irresponsible; **angry** – all time; **dorm** and unapproachable

No thanks

Neglect – never around – never home – hiding behind TV or newspaper - distant – unapproachable

Abusive, always angry, Then you go to Sunday School and the teacher says, "God is like your father." No thanks, God! If that's the way God is, I'm not interested!

Jesus – heavenly father – not where

Jesus: Heavenly father is very different from earthly father –

not **place**, char – **nat** - heavenly
What does it mean – know God as Heavenly Father

1. You are always **precious** in His eyes

Many peo sitting in – in **gloom** and **doom**

Oh - **MADE** so many **mistakes**
Mess up **studies** – didn't finish college, messed my **ma, fam** - didn't spent enough time w kids, mess up business – bad choices - **IF ONLY**

Think not much of **fut** - **miss best**

Precious – still has great plan
Made mistakes – **dare** not go to God – **mad** – think got to **pay** for mistakes

Way we do it – **give** up on dreams – **depress** – **defeated**

Good news – debt already paid
1 Peter 1:18-19

18 For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were **redeemed** from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, 19 but with the **precious** blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.

We know how **precious** – item

Redeemed – bought back what lost

Time – **youth** – **rel** - **opport** – **business** – **anything**

Made **mistakes** – God not surprised – plan not dependant on us not making mistakes - **comebacks** for every setbacks – still **precious**

God is **like** the **GPS** – wrong dir - recalculation

Even - go off course 100 km - **GPS** – don't **yell**

– what on earth are you doing – told you – turn left - You ruined

your plan – your prob – take of it yourself

Moment off course – recalculating – few sec – turn right – 6 km – U turn
Same way – you are on my side even when I was wrong.

How does seeing ourselves as precious help us overcome sin?

Despite our sins – still **Precious** –

Amazing story Luke 15

Luke 15:11 There was a man who had two sons. 12 The younger one said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them.

Younger son – wasted – wild living – got a job feeding pigs – don't even get to eat pig food

How the prodigal got the **courage** to go back to father

How many of my father's ser have food even to spare – realise still son!

Luke 15:17

17 "When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired men have food to spare, and here I am starving to death!

– realise – still son

Luke 15:20

20 So he got up and **went** to his father. "But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he **ran** to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.

You take **one** step – father – run

1 Chron 28:9

9 "And Solomon, my son, get to **know** the God of your ancestors. Worship and serve him with your whole heart and with a willing mind. For the LORD sees every heart and understands and knows every plan and thought. If you seek him, you will find him. ... NLT

Sin? Still God's children – peo sin **more?** – there will always be peo **abusing anything** - \$ – You can do that - **not enjoy** his blessings

May be – son ask – **how** come – **didn't enjoy** blessing – when even **ser** – gets – overflowing supply of food

Just when he tempted to think – like **many** – oh – didn't enjoy God's blessings – so God don't exist

Oh – didn't enjoy my father's blessings – so such thing as fathers don't exist

Realise – didn't enjoy - **far** country – **come back**

2. You can come to Him **freely** and **enjoy** His presence

He **may** be the all powerful God – but he is also your Father

Now **suppose** you father – PM – Judge – don't add – Tan Sri – Dad

Public – of course honor – but in private – freely come to him

How many talk to your father like this – **reading** from a piece of paper

Oh thou most reverent benefactor of Yee family, thou who art the awesome ruler of our home who doest supremely control our allowance

We beseech thee for a bountiful blessing of cash that we may goeth to see the movie - Toy Story – Prince of Persia

These kids **grab** me by the legs

De – I want to go for **show**

Ultimately God is not just a power

– **person**

Rev 3:20

20 Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him

and dine with him, and he with Me. NKJV

Why is it imp't to spend time in His presence?

Our Father loves our fellowship
Most amazing, astounding truth
Gen 3:8

8 Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. 9 But the LORD God called to the man, "Where are you?"

Came to **Adam** - everyday – one day – ever since

He came to Adam and Eve, everyday

One day – not found – hiding

Ever since, **searching** father

Prob – we too busy – God I only had 7 min with you – now this is plans – good idea – do together – need fine tuning – in your car

Lord, only 7 minutes

You submit business plans

Yes, good idea, let's do it together

Your plan needs some fine planning

But you already out – in your car

Times I feel drawn into God's presence – felt such hunger – wondered why

Lord: any spiritual war to battle and travail

Anyone in **need**, what thing I need to **do** – silence - dawn

The answer is silence – after a while it dawn on me that God just desires our fellowship

3. You can ALWAYS count on Him for all your needs

There is **no son** – didn't enjoy – tho in the house all the time

Luke 15:29-30

29 But he answered his father, 'Look! All these years I've been **slaving** for you and never disobeyed

your **orders**. Yet you never gave me even a young **goat** so I could celebrate with my friends. 30 But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the **fattened** calf for him!"

Why **couldn't** exp his goodness?

Why does the eldest son not enjoy the blessings of his father?

Bad picture of father – don't even give **goat**

Result see himself – slave – focus what he does

Focus on law (honor law but God does not want to relate to us based on law) – receiving **orders**, rather than rel

Result – what don't have – have – complaining all the time

Same way ...

Luke 15:31

"My son,' the father said, 'you are always with me, and **everything** I have is yours.

Not **enjoying** – wrong pict

How much blessing – enjoy? – **kind** of pict you have of God

Prob – we fathers sometimes give **wrong** pict – like the **eldest** son

Kids – ask something overwhelming – Porsche: crazy are you – money so easily **earned** ah – **drop** from heaven

Great - son – let's see how our heavenly Father can provide – if God want us to have it

Heaven's **best** – 3 **split** – not even for angels – I am washed

What happened when we have a good picture of God?

When you have a good picture of God, you can expect more from Him

It makes God '**proud**' of Himself - happy - **overheard**
Dads – if **overhead** – kids boasting about you – what **feel** – great – make you want to **live up** to that

how does that make you feel?

Top of world – rise up to the occasion

3 boys boasting – doc – 100; lawyer – 500 – pas – bags of money

Fact - really - honour

We have a God who really can do anything. When we expect Him to do those things in our lives it is an incredible honor to Him.

Gal 4:7

We are no longer slaves but God's Own sons and since we are His sons we are heirs and everything He has belongs to us and He will give you all that He has for that is what way God **planned**. JY

1 Peter 5:7 "Cast all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you!"

Why is worry an insult to God as your Father?

Worry – insulting God

– if I **overhead** – kids **worried** – enough to **eat** – felt - failure
"I am worried – not enough to eat"

I consider it my **personal** failure

Every hair numbered – days?
Days **numbered?** – not **limited** in life span - **impt** – great plan

God cares for every detail of your life- **does**
– health – house payment – grades – success? – life partner – if earthly father is concern

Does God care about your **health?** Yes. **House** payment – grades – success or failure

The ans is yes!

God is in control - soln and ans
Bef Prob – God has the **soln** and **ans** already – but I **didn't** see anything

Just becos we **didn't** see – don't mean – God not working

Phil 2:13

For it is God Who is all the while effectually at work in you ... AMP

Joel Osteen – new building needed
10 votes – city – got exactly -one pull out last minute

Last minute – one Jewish guy – against project – last minute changed

– why change?

Jewish lady – called – you must vote Thou of people called

What do you need - protection