

## The True Nature of God Session 6 – The Good Father

### I. Review

#### A. Session 1 – Knowing God vs Knowing About God

#### B. Session 2 – God’s Nature of Goodness

#### C. Session 3 – The Nature of God Revealed in Jesus

#### D. Session 4 – Old Testament/New Testament Differences

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### II. The Good Father

#### A. The Comparison of God as Father

1. **Psalm 103:13 (KJV)** – *Like as a father pitieth his children, so the LORD pitieth them that fear him.*
  - a. **Pitieth** – to love deeply, have mercy upon, to be compassionate toward, to have tender affection for.
  - b. **Psalm 103:13 (NIV)** – *As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him;*
2. **2 Corinthians 6:18 (KJV)** – *“And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.”*

#### B. What does God as “GOOD FATHER” mean to us?

##### *What is His Function as Father?*

1. **Matthew 7:11 (KJV)** – *If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?*

- a. God desires good things for His children just as you desire good things for your children.
- b. The Father Deficiency  
*One of the issues in today's society is the lack of knowing a good earthly father.*

2. **The Prodigal – Story found in Luke 15:11-32**

- a. The parable reveals the compassion of God as a Father.
- b. He is Loving – *He never stopped loving the son.*
- c. He is Forgiving – *He forgave the son without hesitance.*
- d. He is Restoring – *He restored the son completely.*

3. **The Good Father provides everything that His children needs.**

**Matthew 6:25-34 (KJV)** – <sup>25</sup>Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment? <sup>26</sup>Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they? <sup>27</sup>Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature? <sup>28</sup>And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: <sup>29</sup>And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

<sup>30</sup>Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith? <sup>31</sup>Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? <sup>32</sup>(For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) **for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.**

<sup>33</sup>But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. <sup>34</sup>Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.

4. **It is the Good Father's Pleasure to give you the Kingdom.**

**Luke 12:32 (KJV)** – *Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.*

- a. The Kingdom represents every good thing that God has made available to us through Jesus.
- b. It is his PLEASURE for me to have it.  
*I don't have to beg for it.*

5. **Romans 8:15 (KJV)** – *For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.*

**Abba Father** = *denotes personal intimacy in a relationship*

*We have a personal relationship with God – just as we have a personal relationship with our earthly father.*

- *It is not "Daddy" in the sense that many think.*
- *It does refer to personal intimacy.*
- *It also refers to obedience because of personal intimacy.*
- *Because of our intimate relationship, I will honor and respect you.*
- *Because I have a personal relationship with "Father God", I will be an obedient son.*