

Wednesday: Day of Prayer and Fasting

Our Father who is in the heavens

Wednesday 9th June 2010

Matthew 6:9b

To call God our Father means that we possess an intimate relationship with Him. We are His Children and so our relationship is one of dependence upon Him. He 'The Father,' is the one we look to, He is the one to whom we submit, He is the one in whom we trust.

For many of us our view of 'Father' has been shaped by our personal experience with our earthly fathers. If our personal experience has been a negative one, then this could actually affect our appreciation of God the Father, producing within us an incorrect perception of Him. My dear brothers and sisters, whatever your experience, understand and embrace this fact, that God the Father genuinely loves you with a love that cannot be put into words and is completely trustworthy.

Bible readings

Romans 8:12-17; Galatians 4:6

Note - the Aramaic word 'Abba' is an intimate term for father which was used within the home.

Selah

- ◆ Consider today what it means to be a child of God and what it means to you to know that God is your Father?
- ◆ Do you think you always conduct yourself as a child of God?
- ◆ The fact that God is our Father whose location is in heaven is significant. Discuss with others what you consider that significance to be.
- ◆ Jesus is the perfect Son of God, what was His priority as Son to His Father? (John 5:30)
- ◆ How important is the family of God (Matthew 12:46-50; Mt 23:8; Luke 14:26-27; 1 John 3:10-17 Christians are called brothers)

Prayer points

- ◆ Pray for a new revelation of the Fatherhood of God (and meditate on this).
- ◆ Pray that the Father through His Spirit might enable you (His child) to copy the attitude Christ had in relation to His Father.
- ◆ Pray for a deeper intimacy; pray that the Lord stir up a passion within you for Him
- ◆ Pray for guidance regarding how you should function within the Family of God, what should your role be and how should you relate to your spiritual brothers and sisters?

May God be with you

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