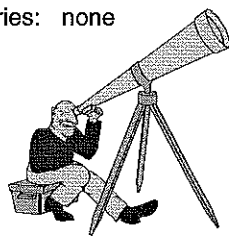


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Earthly & Heavenly Fathers

A Reexamination of Our View of God

1. Do You View Your Heavenly Father as a _____ ?
Matthew 6:9

2. Do You View Your Heavenly Father as a _____ ?
Matthew 7:9-11

3. Do You View Your Heavenly Father as a _____ ?
Hebrews 12:5-11

4. Do You View Your Heavenly Father as a _____ ?
Psalms 10:12-14



Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's message. It is recommended that you take time this week to write out your response to each of these questions. This will help to drive home the point of today's message and will help you apply the principles to your life situation. These questions are also used as the basis of discussion for many of our small group studies that meet throughout the week. For times and locations of PCC's small group gatherings call the church office (949-489-2600).

1. A. W. Tozer once wrote, "True religion confronts earth with heaven and brings eternity to bear upon time." Such was the case when God first used the word "Father" to describe himself to his people. It is truly humbling for every Dad who ponders the fact that Christians are to be known as God's "children"—especially when our earthbound experiences are so far beneath the ideal. But this God-ordained analogy can be comforting as well as challenging. ~~Let's begin by recalling a few attributes of the one that God enlisted to serve as your earthly father that you believe accurately reflect some attributes of our heavenly Father.~~
2. God is an awesome God who deserves our utmost respect and admiration. It is important to note that the Bible does not see intimacy with God and respect for God as mutually exclusive. Explain as best you can how extreme closeness and deep respect can go hand-in-hand. Use a human example and then describe how well you are doing at pursuing both of these in your own relationship with God.

Read Malachi 1:6 and write a response to it (be sure to take in the context).

3. How is your prayer life? What is the level of expectation you bring to your prayer time?

How can Matthew 7:9-11 help when your prayers go unanswered?

4. Identify a recent incident in your life that you believe was God's discipline. How well do you cope with God's hand of discipline in your life?

How can you improve your response to God's discipline in light of Hebrews 12:5-11?

5. Write out a prayer to God response to the truths expressed in Isaiah 41:13-14.