

# Our Father in Heaven!

*KJV Matthew 6:9 After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.*

Jesus instructing His disciples in how to pray directs their attention to God as **Our Father in Heaven**.

The first word in the prayer is the word “**our**”!

This **immediately** tells us God is not just **Creator**, but our Father!

That we have brothers and sisters and **God is family oriented!**

It is **impossible** to be Godly without being **family oriented!**

If we seek to be like God we must be family oriented and fathers must **provide** (have what’s needed before hand) for their families.

*KJV 1 Timothy 5:8 But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel.*

An **infidel** is the opposite of a man of God!

An **infidel** is faithless, thankless, an opposer of God and all that is good!

In 2 Tim 3 Paul tells Timothy in The Last Days people will be **unthankful and unholy**.

People will become **infidels** who care only for themselves and nothing for the children they bring into the world!

Loving themselves more than they love Their Heavenly Father and if they care nothing for God how they properly care for their own!

Today our society is moving so fast and far away from Godly order.

The order of man and woman, husband and wife and father and mother have been greatly perverted and distorted.

God our Heavenly Father set **man, husband and father** as the head!

Have you noticed they put Gay Pride Month in the same month as **Father's Day**?

**Our fathers gave us life and our mothers gave us birth!**

There could be **no** birth if there were no specific genders in The Garden!

Have you noticed how the world is **downplaying masculinity** and **over emphasizing femininity**?

**This is a direct assault against God and His established order!**

**Every time this happened in scripture there was a global event that forever changed the world, e.g. The Great Flood, The Tower of Babel and Sodom and Gomorrah!**

**Jehovah God is our Heavenly Father; to change the nature of God and His divine order is to deny God's right to be God!**

**How insane is it for people to demand the right to be who they chose and deny God your creator His right to be who He is? (Rom 1:21)**

**Jesus said when we pray, we are to remember our heavenly father's NAME, His nature, character & reputation is HOLY!**

God's Name, **(who He is and what He is known for)** is to be kept holy, other, separate, and unchangeable!

People can't change the sun, moon or stars! You can't change dirt, air or water they have been the same from creation!

**Father** is *Pater* in Greek and means "source, generator and head of the family."

Knowing God as Father reminds us, He is **our source and head!**

When a person is raised without the proper understanding of a father, it distorts their idea of their heavenly father being their **source and head**.

They'll think of themselves as the **source and the head**, nobody can tell them what to do and whatever they want they should have.

Everything we have comes from somewhere and somebody, it's not just a product of our own efforts; our Heavenly Father provided it.

We live in a world today where **manhood, husbands, and fathers** are under attack, **I say this boldly and without reservation!**

I say this as a **man, a father and a husband** who takes the role and responsibility seriously!

I am **not** a woman, so don't talk to me like I'm a woman!

**Don't treat me like a woman, because I promise you I'll talk to you like a man and respond to you as a man.**

If you're not used to hearing from a man and dealing with men, you might not understand how to deal with a real man.

**Our voices are deeper, our stature is larger, and our disposition is more aggressive by nature.**

**Fathers are the disciplinarians—the ones who give instruction, correction & punishment (discipline)!**

❖ **Removing fathers removes discipline from people's lives!**

*ESV Proverbs 22:15 Folly is bound up in the heart of a child, but the rod of discipline drives it far from him.*

**There's so much foolishness in people because they lack discipline!**

*Proverbs 13:24 Whoever refuses to spank his son hates him, but whoever loves his son disciplines him from early on.*

The short version is, “*spare the rod spoil the child.*”

*Heb 12:6 Everyone God loves He disciplines treating like a son!*

*Proverbs 19:18 Chasten thy son while there is hope and let not thy soul spare for his crying.*

Without **discipline** your child could become **hopelessly lost!**

**Fathers** produce, protect, and provide for their families!

❖ That means fathers **must** be strong!

*KJV John 14:28 Ye have heard how I said unto you, I go away, and come again unto you. If ye loved me, ye would rejoice, because I said, I go unto the Father: for my Father is greater than I.*

Our Heavenly Father is greater, wiser, and stronger than we are.

He **has to be** in order to protect and provide for us!

*KJV Exodus 20:12 Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.*

We are **commanded** to honor our father and mother, but notice **father** comes first then mother.

Honoring our fathers and mothers gives us longevity, dishonoring them shortens our life span.

*Proverbs 1:8 My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother:*

I remember being in my 30's on a job where a young man in his 20's asked his boss about his personal grooming.

The boss turned to him and said... *“stop asking me these personal questions and ask your father.”*

I remember saying to myself, *“what about children who grow up without a father, who can they ask and where do they get instruction?”*

**That sparked the idea for the book “The Fathering Spirit”!**

I realized growing up without a father to instruct me caused me to get most of my instruction from men on the streets!

This is happening today in greater measure because of the gender confusion and role reversal of men and women.

**This world is instructing boys today to dishonor women and have children they don't instruct or support!**

*KJV Malachi 1:6 A son honoureth his father, and a servant his master: if then I be a father, where is mine honour? and if I be a master, where is my fear? saith the LORD of hosts unto you, O priests, that despise my name. And ye say, Wherein have we despised thy name?*

**Honor and respect** are learned and then earned!

**Our Heavenly Father** deserves our love, honor & obedience!

*KJV Hebrews 12:9 Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto **The Father of spirits**, and live?*

God is our Heavenly Father and if we understand that fathers discipline their children, we won't misunderstand our heavenly Father's correction.

**Honoring** our fathers is allowing them to teach, train and discipline us!

**Honoring** our fathers means we sow into them as we grow stronger and they get older!

**Honoring** our fathers means we don't rebel against them!

*KJV Proverbs 23:24 The father of the righteous shall greatly rejoice: and he that begetteth a wise child shall have joy of him.*

In order to sufficiently honor our heavenly Father, we must learn what it means to be His children!

*ESV Isaiah 1:3 The ox knows its owner, and the donkey its master's crib, but Israel does not know, my people do not understand."*

**Our Heavenly Father** says even animals respect their owners and stubborn donkeys know who feeds them.

**Yet His own children** don't recognize Him as Father and don't respect Him as God learning all the great things He provides!