

CHATTING WITH GOD ADORING HIM



Memory verse: Matthew 6:9a (ESV)

'This, then, is how you should pray:

"Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,"

Key passage: Matthew 6:9-13 ESV

BIG QUESTION: WHO'S THE CHATTIEST?

Primary school was a struggle for me, I had trouble reading and it made me anxious so when my Dad dropped me off he would stay until I was comfortable. I have a memory of climbing up into His arms amidst all my fears and suddenly feeling safe and secure because I was with my Dad. Somebody said that 'When Christians pray, they are climbing into the lap of their Father' this is the sense you get from the first line of the Lord's Prayer. A sense of climbing up into the lap of your Father, in fact the Greek word there is Abba, which is actually more like Daddy. So Jesus was saying when you pray start with 'Our Daddy God in heaven'. There's a deep comfort that can only be found by climbing into the lap of your Daddy God and adoring Him. Not for what He can do for you, but just because of who He is. For the next six weeks we're going to be learning how to pray and luckily we've actually got some instructions from Jesus on how to do it. It's called the Lord's Prayer and it's like a method for praying. So we're going to be learning what that method is and the first part of the method is this: Start by adoring Our Daddy God.



SOMETHING TO DO

As it's Fathers day why don't you write a card to 'Daddy God'? You might even want to write down a short prayer to Him.

Prayer is chatting with God; it's about a relationship with Him. If I never chatted with my wife we wouldn't have much of a relationship in fact it would be a bit awkward. So through this series we're going to learn how to chat with God. Through our key verse Jesus is saying that the place to start is to adore God and remember who He is. We are accepted into the family of the Daddy God. Whose address is the control centre of the universe, heaven, and whose name is hallowed. hallowed means holy, set-apart, or even treasured. His name has so much more authority, so much more power than anyone else's in the world. This is why the psalmist said 'Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of His holiness' (Psalm 29:2, NIV).



SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT

- How does it make you feel to know He is your Daddy God?
- What does it mean to be Holy?

PRAYER

Our Father, You are above any problem that I face. You have more authority than the highest judge. I think you are awesome! Amen.

