

Love of God 1

One of the most important things that we must understand as Christians is God's Love. The purpose of this series of DAH is to delve deeper on this subject.

Matthew 6:9

Let's start getting closer to God. Jesus thought us that we should see God as a father. This is where we might find the first problem. If our image of what a father is, is damaged it's possible that we will fear getting close to God. Many times, we think "the thing is that I did this or that and I'm not worthy of getting close". That's the point, none of us was worthy to get close, but His love is so big that through Jesus and His grace we can get close without fear. Let's keep reading.

Matthew 6: 10 – 13

God invites us to sit with Him at the table and eat even if we have failed. Notice Jesus mentions in the prayer "Give us today our daily bread." And then it mentions "And forgive us our debts". Imagine this situation. A small kid is playing. He hears when his father calls him for dinner. The kid gets distracted and suddenly a porcelain figure falls and breaks. The most common reaction is that the kid will try to fix the figurine or hide it so that his dad doesn't find out.

His father keeps calling him for dinner and finally the kid goes, facedown and crying. The father asks "what happened?" and the kid just looks at the floor and doesn't want to answer. This is the point where you

probably have the image of a father getting up from the table and asking the kid unceasingly “What did you do?” or “You won’t eat until you tell me what did you do!”. But that’s not the kind of father that we see in Jesus prayer. The father that we see is one that gets close, hugs the kid and tells him “it doesn’t matter what has happen, eat, calm down and we will talk about it”. The kid full of fear takes some bread and starts eating while he starts to calm down. Suddenly the kid speaks and tells his father what happened and the father says to him “bring me the figurine that got broken”. Even though it’s broken, and it is an expensive figurine his love as father forgives him and they even make it a weekend project and try to fix the figurine together.

That’s how we are, we try to fix lives mishaps by ourselves or to hide them because we get afraid of God’s reaction. We shouldn’t fear getting close to God and we should see Him like that loving father. We will fail, He already knows that, but you can go with confidence that you will first eat and then we’ll talk about the mishaps and together we will work on them.

Verse to memorize

Matthew 7:11 NIV

If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!