



Imitating the Father as a father

JOHN 14:7 – 9

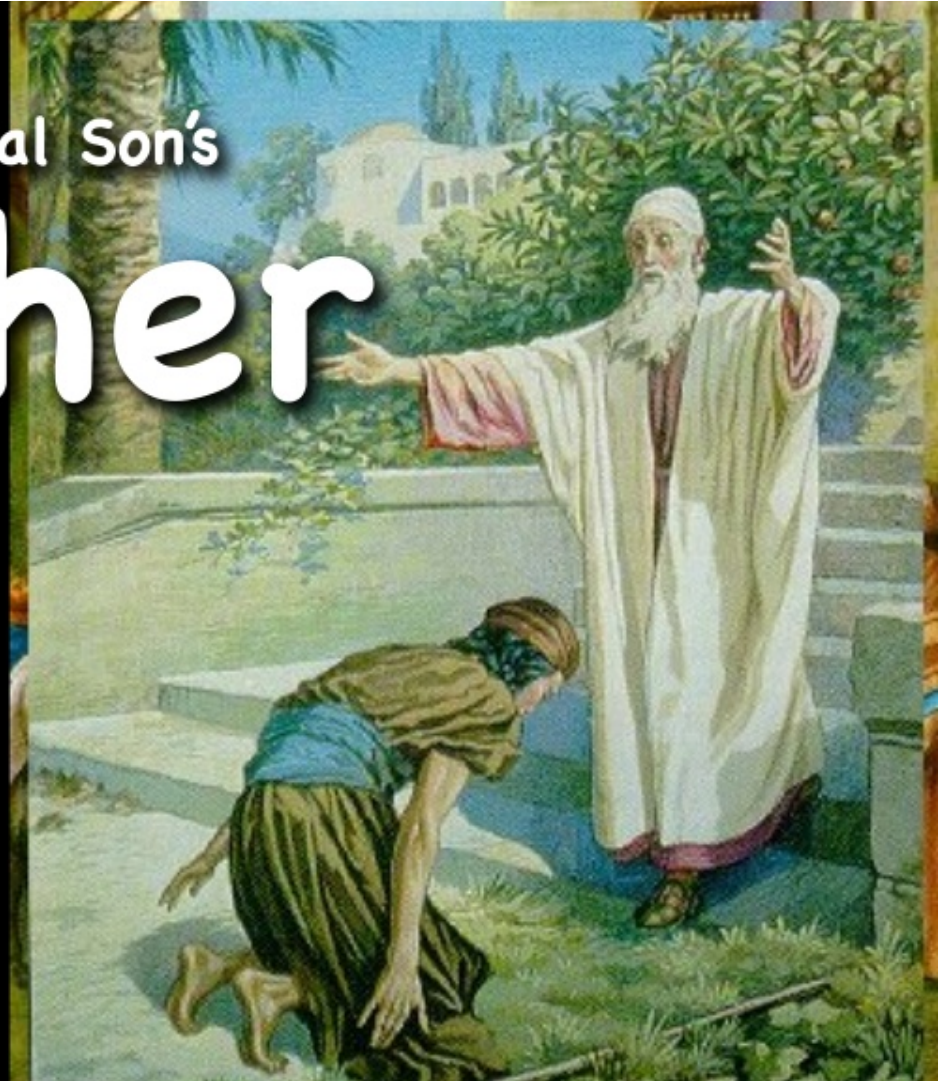
The Fatherhood of God

- The teaching of the Fatherhood of God takes a decided turn with Jesus, for "Father" was his favorite term for addressing God.
- It appears on his lips some sixty-five times in the Synoptic Gospels and over one hundred times in John.
- John 14:7 – 9



Luke 15:11 – 32

The Prodigal Son's Father



Looking unto God, the Father

- ▶ **See the Resources of the Father**

- ▶ v. 25

- ▶ v. 17

- ▶ v. 22 – 23

- ▶ Matthew 6:28

Looking unto God, the Father

- ▶ **See the Resources of the Father**
- ▶ **See the Watchfulness of the Father**
 - ▶ v. 20
 - ▶ Luke 15:1 – 7

Looking unto God, the Father

- ▶ **See the Resources of the Father**
- ▶ **See the Watchfulness of the Father**
- ▶ **See the Mercy of the Father**
 - ▶ v. 20
 - ▶ v. 21, 24
 - ▶ Ephesians 6:4; Colossians 3:21
 - ▶ Numbers 14:18
 - ▶ Psalms 86:5
 - ▶ Psalms 86:15

Looking unto God, the Father

- ▶ **See the Resources of the Father**
- ▶ **See the Watchfulness of the Father**
- ▶ **See the Mercy of the Father**
- ▶ **See the Love of the Father**
 - ▶ v. 20
 - ▶ v. 24
 - ▶ v. 31

See the Love of the Father

- ▶ Charles Spurgeon, in a sermon entitled “Prodigal Love For The Prodigal Son”, wrote: “See the contrast. There is the son, scarcely daring to think of embracing his father, yet his father has scarcely seen him before he has fallen on his neck. The condescension of God towards penitent sinners is very great. He seems to stoop from His throne of glory to fall upon the neck of a repentant sinner. God on the neck of a sinner! What a wonderful picture! Can you conceive it? I do not think you can; but if you cannot imagine it, I hope that you will realize it. When God’s arm is about our neck, and His lips are on our cheek, kissing us much, then we understand more than preachers or books can ever tell us of His condescending love.” (<http://www.spurgeon.org/sermons/2236.htm>)
- ▶ Charles Hodge: “The robe, the shoes, the ring, They are all for me, an unworthy son, But the greatest of these, the most wonderful thing, My father ran to meet me, I SAW GOD RUN!” (Will God Run?, by Charles Hodge, p. 45)

Looking unto God, the Father

- ▶ **See the Resources of the Father**
- ▶ **See the Watchfulness of the Father**
- ▶ **See the Mercy of the Father**
- ▶ **See the Love of the Father**
- ▶ **See the Lavishness of the Father**
 - ▶ v. 22 – 23
 - ▶ v. 25
 - ▶ v. 31



Have you experienced
the love of the Father by
obeying the Gospel?