

Series: Sermon on the Mount
Message – “Our Father in Heaven”

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Matthew 6:9

The Big Idea: Come to God in prayer with the boldness of a child coming to their father; but we also come with a sense of awe, for he is the God of all creation.

I. Review

A. The right QUESTION

B. The right PATTERN

C. The right PERSPECTIVE

II. First things first

A. The FATHERHOOD of God

1. What it MEANS

- In one sense we're all...GOD'S CHILDREN

- In another sense ONLY those by faith in Christ...

2. What we can SAY

- It's a term of ENDEARMENT

- It's a term of intimacy, but not CASUALNESS

➤ God is a Father to US

➤ God is infinitely ABOVE us

B. The HEART of God and prayer

1. Pray because God COMMANDS us to

2. Pray because it's an AWESOME privilege

3. Pray because God himself HEARS you

4. Pray ALONE in your room, pray with your FAMILY, and pray with OTHERS

5. Pray ANYTIME, ANYWHERE and about EVERYTHING

III. What we take away...

Starting with God is not just a good way to begin praying, it's good theology as well. It puts our focus where it should be, on the glory of God.