

Jesus taught believers to relate to God in a new way. It was a new day. Believers would become brothers & sisters of Christ – co-heirs in the family of God, Our Father, in a way formerly unknown to mankind.

- WHAT JESUS TEACHES US ABOUT OUR RELATIONSHIP TO GOD " is frankly, almost too good to be true. BUT IT IS TRUE!

What does Christ teach us about OUR Father?

1. Matt.5:43-48 Love your enemies. Be children of your Father.
  - It may surprise us to hear that God wants us to love our enemies, but the truth behind this kind of action is very humbling. - Romans 5:6-8,10 God has the highest standards in mind for us, His children!
2. Matt.6:1-4,5-6,18 Our Father sees what we do in secret & will reward us.
  - There is no part of your lives that our Father is not aware of! God wants us to be aware that everything we do concerns heaven. Why? We are adding to our temporal-eternal investment.
  - 6:19-21 Where our treasure is our heart will be. All wealth on earth is going to perish. It is temporary.
3. Matt.6:7-8 Our Father knows what we need before we ask him.
4. Matt.6:25-26 - Our heavenly Father wants us to trust Him to meet our basic, daily needs.
  - We are not to WORRY. God never forgets we are His children. PAUL – Phil.4:11-13,19.
  - Every one of us has needs that are similar and needs that are particular to us. GOD – knows *all* our needs.
5. Matt.6:31-34 Your heavenly Father knows & will meet your needs.
  - But seek first his kingdom & his righteousness, & these things will be given to you as well. DON'T GET SIDETRACKED! – Matt.13:22. Live by faith in your "unseen Father" & He will meet your seen needs.
  - It is NOT that, as His child, you will have no needs. All creation was designed to be dependent upon God.
6. Matt.7:7-11 Our Father in heaven will give good gifts (Luke 11:13 = the Holy Spirit) to those who ask him!
  - God gives every Christian, EVERY spiritual blessing, in Christ. Every Christian is "Co-Heir" & sealed with HS.
7. Matt.10:28-30 Not one sparrow falls to the ground without our Father's consent
  - Don't be afraid of persecution or even death. Remember, as you live for God, He knows your circumstance.
8. Matt.10:32-33 "Whoever acknowledges me before others, I will also acknowledge before my Father."
9. Matt.11:25-30 Our Father gives rest to everyone who comes to Him.
10. Matt.12:46-50 "Whoever does will of my Father in heaven is my brother."
11. Matt.13:37-43; 16:27 The day will come when Christ returns & we will experience joy in the k'dom of God.
12. Matt.18:10 God has given us angels who see face of our Father. Guardian angels? Heb.1:14
13. Matt.24:36 The Father knows the exact time history will end!
  - "Our Father in heaven" controls time & history to the very day & hour. There is not a thing man can change
14. Matt.26:27-29 Christ tells us specifically to anticipate His coming.