

**Father, Glorify Thine Own Self**

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*Hello! This is Dorothy -*

You know, the Lord Jesus told His disciples to be concerned with the glory of the Father. In **Matthew 6:13**, we read the prayer that Jesus taught His disciples to pray. . . . **For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever.** Over in **John 16:15**, Jesus declared, **All things that the Father hath are mine.** . . . - *what is that? That is including the glory.* In **John 17:5**, the Lord Jesus was also concerned with the glory of the Father: . . . **O Father, glorify . . . thine own self.**

When He prayed for the glory of the Father, Jesus also prayed: **Father, glorify thou me with thine own self which I had with thee before the world was.** You see, Jesus recognized that the glory of the Father, of necessity, was to reflect His own glory as He Himself was part of the triune Godhead. Hence, because of His identity and equality with God, the glory was not only the Father's glory, but it was His glory as God the Son.

If we have been converted to Jesus Christ, we are so privileged to be able to use the same expression our Lord Jesus Christ used when He approached the Father. Yes, because of our new family relationship with the Father, we come in prayer into the Holy of Holies in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ and say, **Father.**

In **Matthew 7:9 to 11**, we read verses you probably have heard.

**9 Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone?**

**10 Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent?**

**11 If ye then, being evil. . . - that is, evil fathers or fathers being stricken by the sin of selfishness of Adam - . . . know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?** Oh, that we might understand the relationship of coming to the Father in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and His graciousness towards us because of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Perhaps you are one of these people who is very worried about whether all your supplies are going to dry up. Oh, you know God took care of you yesterday, but you are terribly worried about, “Well, what happens when I get old or when I get sick or if I have to go there?” Somehow or other, you are very hesitant to let the money of God go through your hands to help others, because you are always worried about what you are going to need for tomorrow. God in Christ has said to you . . . **your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. Matthew 6:32.** The word *need* are not wish lists or wants. Notice : ***your heavenly Father knoweth ye have need of all these things.*** We have our own little ideas of what we think we want, because we are greedy in our wants. Isn't that true? Therefore, we

become very worried about whether God is going to take care of us; whether our supply will really be there when we need it. In **Luke 12:32**, we read: **Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.** When He is your heavenly Father, He promises to give good things to them that ask. And He will, He will, He will supply your every need on earth! Have we lost faith in the faithful provision of His Fatherhood? Have we rather just greedily wanted more? Somehow, we have totally misunderstood His love for us and His relationship toward us. Whether you have needs, and those needs are physical or spiritual, let us remember the Father gave His Son and in Him, Jesus, He freely gives you all things in order that you may have personal access to His Father's Heart.

Have you a personal consciousness of your Father in Heaven? Will you approach Him in the Name of Jesus, God the Son, today? Will you say, *Oh God, I have had my life all so mixed up. It has all been about me. I felt I had to attain; I had to reach a certain position; I had to have a job; I had to be recognized; I had to bring this food in. And all the time, I have insulted You! Forgive me, Lord. I want to live today and the remainder of my days according to Your plan, Your provision. I want to see that whatever you put in my hands is something to be shared. It is not mine. It is only there, because it came through You. In Jesus' Name, as I turn to You right now, I praise and thank You that I trust You to be my Provider and You will get the glory.*

*In the lovely Name of Him Who is my life, Jesus Christ. Amen.*