

Lesson 63: God the Father, Part 2

Memory Verse: Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God. Psalm 90:1,2

1. What was God's admonition to Joshua? **Joshua 1:8,9** "This book of the _____ shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt _____ therein day and night, that thou mayest _____ to do according to _____ that is written therein: for _____ thou shalt make thy way _____, and _____ thou shalt have good _____. Have not I commanded thee? Be _____ and of a good _____; be not _____, neither be thou _____: for the _____ thy _____ is _____ thee whithersoever thou _____."

This admonition is good for all of us. When we learn from Him what His ways are and align our lives with them, then we will have true success according to God's measure of success. The promise is that God will be with you!

2. What does Jesus say about what the Father is like? How does He want us to be?

Matthew 5:43-48 Ye have _____ that it hath been said, Thou shalt _____ thy neighbour, and _____ thine enemy.

44) But I say unto you, _____ your enemies, _____ them that curse you, do _____ to them that hate you, and _____ for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;

45) That ye may be the _____ of your _____ which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the _____ and on the _____, and sendeth rain on the _____ and on the _____. "He came to show that His gift of mercy and love is as unconfined as the air, the light, or the showers of rain that refresh the earth." FLB 65.4

46) For if ye _____ them which love _____, what _____ have ye? do not even the _____ the same?

47) And if ye _____ your brethren _____, what do ye _____ than others? do not even the _____ so?

48) Be ye therefore _____, even as your _____ which is in heaven is _____.

Note: "God is our **Father** and **Governor**. ... The **principles** which rule in **heaven** should rule upon **earth**, the **same love** that animates the angels, the **same purity and holiness** that reign in heaven, **should, as far as possible, be reproduced upon earth.**" FLB 65.6

"**If you call God your Father, you acknowledge yourselves His children**, to be **guided** by His wisdom and to be **obedient** in all things, knowing that His love is changeless. You will accept His plan for your life. **As children of God, you will hold His honor, His character, His family, His work, as the objects of your highest interest.** It will be your **joy** to recognize and honor your **relation** to your Father and to every member of His family. **You will rejoice to do any act, however humble, that will tend to His glory or to the well-being of your kindred.**" FLB 65.7

"The **perception of God's love** works the renunciation of selfishness. In calling God our **Father**, we recognize **all** His children as our **brethren**. We are all a part of the great web of humanity, all members of one family. **No distinction** on account of nationality, race, or caste, is recognized by God. He is the **Maker** of **all** mankind. All men are of one family by **creation**, and all are one through **redemption**. Christ came to demolish every wall of partition, to throw open every compartment of the temple courts, that **every soul may have free access to God.**" FLB 65.2,3

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3. How can we become more like our Father in heaven? **Luke 16:10**

“He that is _____ in that which is _____ is _____ also in _____:
and he that is _____ in the _____ is _____ also in _____.”

Note: **God's work is perfect as a whole because it is perfect in every part**, however minute. He fashions the tiny spear of grass with as much care as He would exercise in making a world. If we desire to be perfect, even as our Father in heaven is perfect, we must be faithful in doing little things. That which is worth doing at all is worth doing well.” FLB 44.2

“**God's ideal for His children** is higher than the highest human thought can reach. ... The plan of redemption contemplates our **complete recovery** from the power of Satan. **Christ always separates the contrite soul from sin.** He came to destroy the works of the devil, and He has made **provision that the Holy Spirit shall be imparted to every repentant soul, to keep him from sinning.**” FLB 44.3

“The **ideal** of Christian character is Christlikeness. **As the Son of man was perfect in His life, so His followers are to be perfect in their life.** ... He bids us **by faith in Him** attain to the glory of the **character** of God.” FLB 44.5

“A well-balanced **character** is **formed by single acts well performed.** One defect, cultivated instead of being **overcome**, makes the man **imperfect**, and closes against him the gate of the Holy City. ... In all the **redeemed** host not one defect will be seen.” FLB 44.6

Whatever your work may be, do it faithfully. ... As you work in **this way**, God will place **His approval** on you, and Christ will one day say to you. 'Well done, thou good and faithful servant.' Matt. 25:21.” FLB 44.7

4. By what name is He called in **Revelation 19:11**? “And I saw _____ opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called _____ and _____, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.”

“For I am the _____, I _____ not; _____ ye sons of Jacob are not _____.” **Malachi 3:6** It is because of His great mercy that He gives them a chance to turn from their evil ways and to choose to follow His instructions.

James 1:17 “Every _____ gift and every _____ gift is from _____, and cometh down from the _____ of lights, with whom is no _____, neither _____ of _____.” The Father gives everything good and only the good. **He never changes.**

Hebrews 13:8 “Jesus Christ the _____ yesterday, and to day, and _____.” Jesus Christ, who is **One** with the Father, **never changes** either.

Jeremiah 29:11 “For I know the _____ that I think toward _____, saith the _____, thoughts of _____, and not of _____, to give you an expected end.” God's thoughts for us are **always** good, **never** evil. His **purpose** is **always** to **prepare** us for heaven. The psalmist declares in **Psalms 90:2**:

“B_____ the mountains were brought _____, or ever thou hadst _____ the earth and the world, even from _____ to _____, thou art _____.”

Note: “God always has been. He is the great I AM. ... He is the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity. 'I am the Lord, I **change** not,' He declares. With Him there is **no variability**, neither shadow of turning. He is 'the same yesterday, and to day and for ever.' Heb. 13:8. He is **infinite** and **omnipresent**. No words of ours can describe His **greatness** and **majesty.**” FLB 42.3

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“Above the distractions of the earth He sits enthroned; all things are open to His divine survey; and from His great and calm eternity He orders that which His providence sees best.” FLB 42.4

“God does not propose to be called to account for His ways and works. It is for His glory to conceal His purposes now; but by and by they will be revealed in their true importance. But He has not concealed His great love, which lies at the foundation of all His dealings with His children.” FLB 42.5

“The rainbow about the throne is an assurance that God is true. ... We have sinned against Him and are undeserving of His favor; yet He Himself has put into our lips that most wonderful of pleas: 'Do not _____ us, for thy _____ sake, do not _____ the _____ of thy _____: remember, break _____ thy _____ with us.' Jeremiah 14:21.

He has pledged Himself to give heed to our cry when we come to Him confessing our unworthiness and sin. The honor of His throne is staked for the fulfillment of His Word to us.” FLB 42.6

The token which God put in the sky for all to see is the rainbow which reminds us of His beautiful character of Love – the full spectrum from Mercy to Justice. He is faithful to the promises which He has made and one of those promises is found in 1 John 1:9:

“If we _____ our _____, he is _____ and _____ to _____ us our sins, and to _____ us from _____ unrighteousness.” What aspects of God's character do you see in this verse? _____

Note: “His love is so broad, so deep, so full, that it penetrates everywhere. It lifts out of Satan's influence those who have been deluded by his deceptions, and places them within reach of the throne of God, the throne encircled by the rainbow of promise.” FLB 65.5

5. God is infinitely wise and we may safely trust His wisdom because His love is also infinite. One of the ways we can see His wisdom is given in **Jeremiah 51:15**

“He hath _____ the _____ by his _____, he hath established the _____ by his _____, and hath stretched out the _____ by his _____.”

No one but God has the **wisdom** or the **power** to create the heavens and the earth.

6. What should be the foundation of our faith? **1 Corinthians 2:5** Our faith should not be founded in the wisdom of _____, but in the _____ of God. Why?

1 Corinthians 3:19 “For the _____ of this _____ is _____ with God. For it is written, He taketh the wise in their own craftiness.”

7. There is a contrast between God's wisdom and man's wisdom.

1 Corinthians 2:5-8 “That your _____ should not stand in the _____ of _____, but in the power of _____. Howbeit we speak _____ among them that are perfect: yet _____ the wisdom of this _____, nor of the _____ of this world, that come to _____: _____ we speak the _____ of _____ in a mystery, even the _____ wisdom, which _____ ordained _____ the world unto our glory: Which _____ of the _____ of this world _____: for had they _____ it, they would _____ have _____ the _____ of glory.” The wisdom of the world caused them to crucify Jesus!

8. So where is true wisdom found? **Job 36:5** “Behold, _____ is mighty, and despiseth not any: he is mighty in _____ and _____.”

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Romans 11:33 "O the _____ of the riches both of the _____ and _____ of God! how _____ are his judgments, and his _____ past finding out!"

Colossians 2:3 "In whom are hid _____ the treasures of _____ and _____."

Note: "God is the source of all wisdom. He is **infinitely** wise and just and good. Apart from Christ, the wisest men that ever lived cannot comprehend Him. ... If men could see for a moment beyond the range of **finite vision**, if they could **catch a glimpse of the Eternal**, every mouth would be stopped in its boasting. Men living in this little atom of a world are **finite**; God has **unnumbered worlds** that are **obedient** to His laws, and are **conducted with reference to His glory**." FLB 61.2

9. If the wisdom of the world is foolishness with God, we need to look for the wisdom of God instead. How can we get true wisdom? **Proverbs 2:6** For the _____ giveth _____: out of his _____ cometh _____ and _____. If it comes out of His **mouth**, it is His **words**. Where can you find them? His words are found in the _____. How will you get this wisdom and knowledge and understanding? **Proverbs 2:1-4**

You must receive His _____.

You must hide His _____ in your heart and mind.

You must _____ your ear to wisdom.

You must _____ your heart to understanding.

You must _____ after knowledge.

You must lift up your _____ for understanding.

You must _____ it as silver.

You must _____ for it as for hid treasures.

You must want it very much so that you will put effort into finding it.

If you put this effort into it, what will happen? **Proverbs 2:5**

"Then shalt thou _____ the fear of the Lord, and _____ the knowledge of God."

"In God's word is found **wisdom unquestionable, inexhaustible** – wisdom that originated, not in the finite, but in the **infinite** mind. But much of that which God has revealed in His word is dark to men, because **the jewels of truth are buried beneath the rubbish of human wisdom and tradition**. To many the treasures of the word remain hidden, because they have not been **searched for with earnest perseverance until the golden precepts were understood**. The word must be **searched** in order to purify and **prepare** those who receive it to become members of the royal family, children of the heavenly King." 6T 132.2

10. Can we get this wisdom from His word on our own? YES NO

James 1:5 "If any of you lack _____, let him _____ of _____, that giveth to _____ men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it _____ be _____ him."

Note: "**Never** should the Bible be studied without prayer. Before opening its pages we should **ask** for the **enlightenment of the Holy Spirit**, and it will be given. ... And Jesus will see us also in the secret places of prayer if we will seek Him for light that we may know what is truth. **Angels** from the world of light will be with those **who in humility of heart seek for divine guidance**." SC 91.1

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“The Bible should never be studied without prayer. The Holy Spirit alone can cause us to feel the **importance** of those things **easy** to be understood, or **prevent us from wresting truths difficult of comprehension**.

It is the office of heavenly angels to **prepare** the heart so to comprehend God's word that we shall be **charmed** with its beauty, **admonished** by its warnings, or **animated** and **strengthened** by its promises.

We should make the psalmist's petition our own: 'O _____ Thou mine _____, that I may _____ wondrous things out of Thy _____.' Psalm 119:18.

Temptations often **appear irresistible** because, **through neglect of prayer and the study of the Bible**, the tempted one **cannot readily remember God's promises** and meet Satan with the **Scripture weapons**. But **angels** are round about those who are **willing to be taught in divine things**; and in the time of great **necessity** they will bring to their **remembrance the very truths which are needed**. Thus 'when the _____ shall come in like a _____, the _____ of the Lord shall lift up a _____ against him.' Isaiah 59:19." GC 599.3

11. When God gives us wisdom, what will we understand? **Ephesians 1:17-21**

“That the _____ of our Lord Jesus Christ, the _____ of glory, may _____ unto you the spirit of _____ and revelation in the _____ of him: The eyes of your _____ being enlightened; that ye may _____ what is the _____ of his calling, and what the _____ of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, And what is the exceeding _____ of his _____ to us-ward who _____, according to the _____ of his mighty _____, Which he _____ in Christ, _____ he raised him from the _____, and _____ him at his own right hand in the _____ places, Far _____ principality, and power, and might, and _____, and every _____ that is named, not _____ in this world, but also in that which is to come.”

Note: “**Nothing** can happen in any part of the universe without the knowledge of Him who is omnipresent. Not a single event of human life is **unknown** to our Maker. **While Satan is constantly devising evil, the Lord our God overrules all, so that it will not harm His obedient, trusting children**. The same **power** that controls the boisterous waves of the ocean **can hold in check all the power of rebellion and of crime**. God says to one as to the other, 'Thus far shalt thou go, and **no** farther.' “ FLB 61.3

12. When we get wisdom from God, will it make us proud or self-important? **Yes** **No**
Proverbs 15:33 The _____ of the LORD is the _____ of _____; and before honour is _____.

Note: “What **lessons of humility and faith** may we not learn as we trace the dealings of God with His creatures. The Lord can do but little for the children of men, **because they are so full of pride and vain glory**. They exalt self, magnifying their own strength, learning, and wisdom. It is **necessary** for God to **disappoint** their hopes and **frustrate** their plans, that they may learn to trust in Him alone. **All our powers are from God; we can do nothing independent of the strength which He has given us**.

Where is the man or woman or child that God does not sustain? Where is the desolate place which God does not fill? Where is the want that any but God can supply?” We are as **ignorant** of God as little children, but **as little children we may love and obey Him**. ...” FLB 61.4,5

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13. What else has God revealed about Himself in the Scriptures?

Deuteronomy 33:27 The eternal God is thy _____, and underneath are the everlasting _____: and he shall thrust out the _____ from before thee; and shall say, Destroy them.

2 Samuel 22:31-33 As for God, his way is _____; the word of the LORD is tried: he is a _____ to all them that _____ in him. For who is God, save the _____? and who is a _____, save our God? God is my _____ and _____: and he maketh _____ way perfect.

Psalms 3:2,3 Many there be which say of my soul, There is no _____ for him in _____. But thou, O LORD, art a _____ for me; my _____, and the lifter _____ of mine head.”

Psalms 18:2 “The LORD is my _____, and my _____, and my _____; my God, my _____, in whom I will _____; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower.”

Psalms 46:1-3 “God is our _____ and _____, a very present _____ in trouble. Therefore will not we _____, though the earth be _____, and though the _____ be carried into the midst of the _____; Though the waters thereof _____ and be troubled, though the mountains _____ with the swelling thereof.”

Let's summarize what we learned of God in these verses: God is our R_____. He is our D_____, our S_____ and B_____. He is our S_____ and P_____. How strong is He? He is compared to a R_____ and a F_____ and a High _____. Can we trust Him and depend on Him? Many say there is no H_____ for us in God, but God is our very P_____ H_____ in trouble He is the horn of our S_____. He lifts _____ our head and He makes our way P_____. Therefore it is perfectly safe to put our T_____ in Him.

14. We can see an example of this in the life of Daniel and his friends.

a. In Daniel 2 the king had a dream which he could not remember. His wise men could not help him, but God revealed it to Daniel in answer to prayer.

What did the king say? **Daniel 2:47** “The king answered unto Daniel, and said, Of a _____ it is, that your _____ is a _____ of gods, and a _____ of kings, and a _____ of secrets, seeing thou couldst reveal this _____.”

b. In Daniel 3 the king wanted everyone to bow to his big image of gold. Daniel's friends did not bow to it.

What did they say to the king? **Daniel 3:17,18** “If it be so, our _____ whom we _____ is _____ to _____ us from the burning _____ furnace, and he _____ deliver us out of thine _____, O king. But if _____, be it _____ unto thee, O king, that we will _____ serve thy _____, nor _____ the golden image which thou hast set up.”

What was Nebuchadnezzar's response when the fire did not burn them up? **Daniel 3:28**

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“Then Nebuchadnezzar spake, and said, Blessed be the _____ of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who hath sent his _____, and delivered his servants that _____ in him, and have changed the king's word, and _____ their _____, that they might _____ serve nor worship any _____, except their own _____.”

c. Again in Daniel 6, because of jealousy, “the presidents and princes sought to find occasion _____ Daniel concerning the _____; but they could find _____ occasion nor _____; forasmuch as he was _____, neither was there any error or _____ found in him.” **Daniel 6:4**

As you know they decided to get the king to make a decree that whoever prayed to any god or man other than the king must be thrown into the den of lions. What did Daniel do?

Daniel 6:10 “Now when Daniel _____ that the writing was _____, he went into his house; and his windows being _____ in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he _____ upon his knees _____ times a day, and _____, and gave _____ before his _____, as he did _____.” For this he was put into the lion's den.

The next morning when the king went to the lion's den to see if Daniel was still alive, what was Daniel's reply? **Daniel 6:22** “My _____ hath sent his _____, and hath _____ the lions' _____, that they have not _____ me: forasmuch as before him _____ was found in me; and also before _____, O king, have I done _____ hurt.

What was the king's response? **Daniel 6:23**

“Then was the king exceeding _____ for him, and commanded that they should _____ Daniel up _____ of the den. So Daniel was taken _____ out of the den, and no manner of _____ was found upon him, because he _____ in his _____.”

What did the king say? **Daniel 6:26,27** “I make a _____, That in every dominion of my kingdom men _____ and fear before the _____ of Daniel: for he is the _____ God, and _____ for ever, and his _____ that which shall _____ be destroyed, and his _____ shall be even unto the _____. He _____ and _____, and he worketh _____ and _____ in heaven and in earth, who hath _____ Daniel from the power of the _____.”

So we see that God is able to turn the plans and devices of the enemies of His people upside-down. **Psalm 33:10** “The _____ bringeth the _____ of the heathen to _____: he _____ the _____ of the people of _____ effect.”

Note: “It **God's purpose to remove by toil the evil** which man brought into the world by disobedience. **By toil the temptations of Satan might be made ineffectual**, and the tide of evil be stayed. The Son of God was given to the world, by His death to make atonement for the sins of the world, by His life to teach men how the plans of the enemy were to be thwarted. Taking upon Himself the nature of man, Christ entered into the sympathies and interests of His brethren, and by a life of untiring labor **taught how men might become laborers together with God** in the building up of His kingdom in the world.” FE 513.1

“The **plans of the enemies** of His work may **seem to be well laid and firmly established, but God can overthrow the strongest of these**. And this He does **in His own time and way**, when He sees that the **faith** of His servants has been sufficiently tested.” PK 164.2

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15. Study and memorize **Psalm 91**. This psalm is full of rich assurances of God's care. The place to be is in the _____ place of the most _____ and to _____ under the shadow of the _____. (verse 1)

What is God for us? He is our _____ and _____. Therefore we can _____ in Him. (verse 2) What will be our protection (our shield and buckler)? His _____.

What figure does it use that shows how he protects us? (verse 4) He shall _____ thee with his _____, and under his _____ shalt thou _____. Jesus used this figure also in **Luke 13:34** where He said: "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, which killest the _____, and _____ them that are _____ unto thee; how often would I have _____ thy _____ together, as a _____ doth gather her _____ under her _____, and ye would _____!" It's like having all these promises from God and yet refusing to abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

From what does He want to deliver us? the _____ of the fowler; the noisome _____; the _____ by night; the _____ that flieth by day; the _____ that walketh in darkness; the _____ that wasteth at noonday (verses 3,5,6); any _____; L_____; A_____; D_____ (verse 10,13)

What are some of the promises? Even though a _____ fall at your side or _____ thousand at your right hand, you will only _____ it with your _____ but it will not come _____ thee. What is it talking about? The _____ of the _____. (verse 7,8)

So we must not be part of "the wicked" for this promise to be fulfilled for us.

It promises His _____ to watch over us to _____ us. (verse 11)

It promises that when we _____ upon Him, He will _____ us. He will be _____ us in _____ and _____ us and honour us. He will give us _____ life and show us His _____. (verse 15,16) Why can we claim these promises?

Because thou hast made the _____, which is my refuge, even the most _____, thy _____; and **Because** he hath set his _____ upon _____, **therefore** will I _____ him: I will set him on _____, **because** he hath _____ my _____.

(verse 9,14) His Name = His Character. **Knowing** it is more than intellectual knowledge.

16. When Jesus was here on earth, He taught many things about God's character and He demonstrated the character of God in His own life. In **Matthew 6:24-33** He teaches us some good principles to follow in our daily life.

24) "No man can serve _____ masters: for either he will _____ the one, and _____ the other; or else he will _____ to the one, and _____ the other. **Ye _____ serve _____ and _____.**" You must **choose** whom you will serve, one or the other.

25) Therefore I say unto you, Take no _____ [don't be anxious, worried] for your life, what ye shall _____, or what ye shall _____; nor yet for your body, what ye shall _____. Is not the life _____ than meat, and the body than _____?

So we are not to be anxious or worried about our temporal life because there is something more important. Jesus gives a nature object lesson to show us how to relate to this.

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26) "Behold the _____ of the air: for they _____ not, neither do they _____, nor gather into barns; yet **your heavenly** _____ **them**. Are ye not _____ better than they?" So the _____ are provided their food by our heavenly _____.

If we choose Him for our Master, can we **trust** Him to provide our daily food? Y N

Does that mean we should not do our part of sowing and reaping? YES NO

What about clothing? What object lesson does He give about clothing?

27) "Which of you by taking _____ can add _____ cubit unto his _____?"

Can you make yourself taller by thinking about it or being anxious? YES NO

28-30) "And why take ye thought for _____? Consider the _____ of the field, how they _____; they _____ not, neither do they _____: And yet I say unto you, That even _____ in all his _____ was not _____ like one of these. Wherefore, if _____ so _____ the _____ of the field, which to day _____, and to morrow is cast into the _____, shall he not _____ more _____ you, O ye of little _____?"

Who clothes the flowers? _____ Who makes them beautiful? _____

Even _____ could not make himself more beautiful than the _____ which God made B_____. So who makes **you** beautiful? _____ Can you make yourself more beautiful by adding fancy clothes, paint, or jewels to yourself? YES NO

So how does Jesus tell us to think about these things?

31) "Therefore take no _____ [don't be A_____ or W_____], saying, What shall we _____? or, What shall we _____? or, Wherewithal shall we be _____?"

Why should be not get worried about our food, drink, or clothes?

32) "(For after _____ things [food, drink, _____] do the _____ seek:) **for your heavenly _____ knoweth that ye have _____ of _____ these things.**"

So it is the G_____ who are anxious and worried about their _____ or drink or _____ because they have chosen to serve the wrong Master, not the heavenly _____.

But if you choose your heavenly _____ for your Master, do you have to worry about what you will eat, drink, or wear? YES NO Why? Because Our heavenly _____ **knows** we _____ these things and He **loves** us and **cares** for us. SO ...

33) "But [instead of worrying about these things] _____ **ye _____ the kingdom of _____**, and his _____; and all these _____ shall be _____ unto you."

17. What are we invited to do in **1 Peter 5:7**? Casting _____ your _____ upon _____; for he _____ for _____."

Note: "Some are always **anticipating** evil or **magnifying** the difficulties that really exist, so that their eyes are **blinded** to the many **blessings** which demand their **gratitude**. The **obstacles** they encounter, **instead of leading them to seek help from God**, the only Source of strength, **separate them from Him**, because they awaken **unrest** and **repining**." PP 293.2

"**Do we well to be thus unbelieving?** Why should we be ungrateful and distrustful? Jesus is our **friend**; all heaven is **interested** in our welfare; and **our anxiety and fear grieve the Holy Spirit of God**. We should not indulge in a solicitude that **only frets and wears us**, but does not help us to bear trials." PP 294.1

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"The Lord's care is over all His creatures. He loves them all and makes no difference, except that He has the most tender pity for those who are called to bear life's heaviest burdens. God's children must meet trials and difficulties. But they should accept their lot with a cheerful spirit, remembering that for all that the world neglects to bestow, God Himself will make up to them in the best of favors." {MH 199.3}

"It is when we come into difficult places that He reveals His power and wisdom in answer to humble prayer. Have confidence in Him as a prayer-hearing, prayer-answering God. He will reveal Himself to you as One who can help in every emergency. He who created man, who gave him his wonderful physical, mental, and spiritual faculties, will not withhold that which is necessary to sustain the life He has given. He who has given us His word – the leaves of the tree of life – will not withhold from us a knowledge of how to provide food for His needy children." MH 199.4

"He invites the weary and care-laden, 'Come unto _____, all ye that labor and are heavy-laden, and I will give you _____. 'Lay off the yoke of anxiety and worldly care that you have placed on your own neck, and 'take _____ yoke upon you, and _____ of Me; for I am _____ and lowly in heart: and ye _____ find _____ unto your souls.' Matthew 11:28, 29. We may find rest and peace in God, casting all our _____ upon Him; for He _____ for us. See 1 Peter 5:7." PP 294.1

18. At the end of His life, just before He was crucified, Jesus talked to His disciples about the Father. What did He say? John 14:7 "If ye had _____, ye should have _____ my _____ also: and from henceforth ye _____ him, and have _____ him."

Philip didn't think that he had ever seen God the Father. What did he say? John 14:8

"Philip saith unto him, Lord, _____ us the _____, and it _____ us."

How did Jesus answer Philip's request? John 14:9 Jesus saith unto him, Have _____ been so _____ time _____ you, and yet hast thou not _____, Philip? he that hath _____ hath seen the _____; and how sayest thou then, _____ us the _____?"

What had Jesus been doing all during His life on earth? He had been S_____ to the people the C_____ of the F_____. He had told them in John 10:30 "I and my _____ are _____." So when they saw the C_____ of J_____, they were also seeing the C_____ of the F_____.

Note: "Amazed at his dullness of comprehension, Christ asked with pained surprise, 'Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known Me, Philip?' Is it possible that you do not see the Father in the works He does through Me? Do you not believe that I came to testify of the Father? 'How sayest thou then, Show us the Father?' 'He that hath seen Me hath seen the Father.' Christ had not ceased to be God when He became man. Though He had humbled Himself to humanity, the Godhead was still His own. Christ alone could represent the Father to humanity, and this representation the disciples had been privileged to behold for over three years." DA 663.5

In our next lesson we will begin to study about God's revelation of Himself to us through Jesus, His Son.