

Fathers & Their Families, & God

(Scripture - Matt. 7:13-27)

1) Fa(s) Day - and what a wond.
I am list of thgs we wd have if
runn-g ev. boy and girl here to-day
w. a sign wrote down just why they love
"Fa's Day" thr dads..
& holdg Cf. one boy in ano. commun. who
hand of wrote "I like my Daddy bec.
a man w. he has big ears." He went on
big ears to say that his fa. was alw.
ready to listen to his side
of t. story even when he dis-
agreed with his son...

Boysa and girls like listg fas.
There was lit. Ikey who came
to tell his fa. of somethg he
was very proud of that he had
done, and his fa. tht it was
very gd, but cd have bn better
"Oh Father, what do you know
abt this - I ran all. t. way...")

2) In If boys and girls shd mk a
zoo, back list of what they value most
of hippo in fas. it wd be this - taking
a boy time to be with thr children/
stds up Cf. "I like my fa. bec. he
makg a list takes time to be MY Dad.
on t. wall He is a very bisy man, but
-& then alw. finds time for me. He
below it is kind to my frds and alw.
"F" & "A" shows that he loves me. We
.... go fishing tog. often, and
I wdn't trade him for t.
world."

THE WORD FATHER BEGINS W. "F"

*AND SOME MAKE THAT GRADE

*F. FOR FAILURE * BUT T. SEC.

LETTER IN "FATHER" IS "A".
AND A FA. WHO HAS BN MAKG F
CD SOME OF THESE DAYS MK
A IF HE WD ASK GOD'S HELP
AND THEN DO HIS BEST-

Many a child feels abt his fa. as
him t. apos. Paul felt abt some who
3) were dear to him when he wrote
Under "I desire not yrs but you"- It
tree is not just thgs his fa. gives
sits him - food & cothg and shltar,
Apos. and toys and games and sports
Paul equipmt, but t. father himself
writ- that he wants. Thk of that boy,
ing that girl, to-day writing you an
"I de-epistle like Paul in his epos. &
sire s y-g "I deskre not yrs but you."
not yrs
but you."

But somethg else ev. father
~~whom the child must bear in mind~~
4) - that he repr- to his chil.
At door what God is like. For when J.
of S&W ~~sayin~~ calls God our Father that
std means to a child that God is
Moses like a father - his father -
& NOW WHAT IF THAT CHILD'S FATHER
Aaron IS A PROFANE, GODLESS, DRUNKEN
OR CRUEL PERSON * SWIFTLESS &
utt. UNDEPENABLE * HOW CAN HIS
CHILD BE DRAWN TO GOD?

In the OT God says to Moses
~~man~~ man wi ref. to ano. man
"thou shalt be to him instd
of God." He says that to
ev/father to-day....

AND I ASK YOU TO*DAY *WHAT SOE
OF BEING DOES YR CHILD THK OF
GOD AS BEING WHEN HE REFLECTS
THAT HE IS LIKE YOU?

Oh it is an insprig that that it

freedom

indivisible

inseparable

innumerable

hard-headed

heard
spkg

5) On

hive

sits a

wkgman

lstg wd

to PB

who

stds

in the

d'st.

spkg.

(wkgman

in over-

alls)

is pos.to make good in this re-
gard -to attain a grade much
nearer A than F. a man whom he

A man wrote once to/

"I cannot listen to

you for five minutes witht

forgettg all abt you and

thkg only abt God....And I

cannot thk of God exc.as of

you magnif.infin.in ev.way"

lstg wd that not fill yr cup to over-

flowing if your chil.cd feel

that way abt you?

And that does not mean

just gd-

nat.treatmt that calls itself

love but is rather laz. It

means devot.that has disci-

pline in it. Love that lks

ahead -that ^{uses} even sev.

when sev.is called for...as

t.faithf.surgeon does not al-

low some malig. thg to

grow in but op-s in mercy...

Now no chast-g for t. ^{present} seem-

eth to be joyous, but griev.

-nev.aft.it yieldeh t.peaceabl.

fruit of ri.unto them wh. are

ex.thereby.....

What a wond.mem.a father leaves to

his son when he leayes mem-s of

a truly God-like char.- love,

there, deep intense concern for

his elfare, coupled with wisdom

and a firmly hand in guiding

that boy or girl over t.trobuld

ways of life/

A boy of none was lying very

ill, with a high fever; it was

in the dead of night, and he

7) In

skies

(heav.)

is t.wd

"mem."

was half awake, half asleep..
Sid.his fa.came into t.room
softly to see how he was doing.

8) On gate sits a man w. match
lighted - cupped betw.his hands)
He quietly struck a match
and cupping it in his hds
std at t.foot of t.bed, lkr
down. T.fire of t.match lit
up his face -and t.expres.
his son saw there was one of
t.most beaut,sights ~~in his son~~ he
was ever to see.

Yrs aft., when he had a sick son
of his own, that scene came
beck to him and he wrote a
poem abt it -

"Across t.yrs he cd recall
His fa.one way best of all.

~~In t.stillest hour of night~~

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The boy awak.to a light
Half in his dreams he saw his ^{fire} ~~son~~
W/his grt hds full of fire ~~in his~~

T.man had struck a match to see
If his son slept peacefully

Spark
He held his ~~own~~ palms ea.side t/
His love had kindled in t.dark

His two hds were curved apart
In t.semblance of a heart

It shpwed a lk upon his face
Too tender for t.day to grace

But one other thg a fa.shd do
for his child is to lead him
to see that fa.and mo., home
and kindred, prec.as they
all are to us, are not to be
gvn first place in our lives -
Listen to Jesus "He that loveth
fa.or mo.more than me is...."

9) Under

vine

sits

Jesus

say-g

"He that

loveth

fa.or

mo.

more...."

Hard doctr., you say - yes it is
-but it is t.doc.Jesus plainly
set forth, and no father is
faithf.to his duty and to his
Lord if he does not preach it
to his children....

WELL IF EVERY FA.WD READ THRU T.
GOSPELS TO SEE HOW OFTEN AND
HOW EMPHATIC JESUS MAKES THIS.

Here one day was a yg man He inv.
to join His lit.band of disc-s
-and the youth sd "I will but
let me first go and bury my fa."
And Jesus replies in wds that seem
lackg in t.symp.we shd have exp.
"Let the dead bury thr dead..."
Did it mean He was not in fav.of
chil.love thr par-s. No, but it
was just His ^{vivid} way of saying that
love for Him must come first....
WHY JESUS SAID THAT IF A PERSON WAS
FAITHF.TO HIM HE WD SOMET.MAKE
ENEMIES OF IN HIS OWN FAMILY.
"And a man's foes shall..."

10)

In
the
den in
center
is wd
God

HERE AS T.GRT TRUTH HE WAS TRYING
TO MAKE PLAIN * that the center
of our lives is not to be our
families prec.as they are,
but God's kingdom....and that
absol.ev.must gv place to that

11) Stop & thk a moment - is it not
On el. true that for mult-s of people
rides modern Xty is tht of as exist^g
Mrs. mainly for t.family's sake -
Wesley to give us peace of mind, and
w. liv. cordice to our happiness, thru
w. l. v. ~~minibummaesymtatum~~ whole some
behind) recr., thru ri.mar-s thru frds
who wl ~~hainwankumma~~ rally rd us.
thru pricn-s that will brg us
suc.in the bus.world, thru ideas
hat will he:p to kp us well..?

THE CHURCH AND ALL THAT GOES W.IT
11) IS HERE IN T.WORLD TO ~~MMMM~~ MAKE
On el. T.FAMILY STRONG * there wd be
is a few who wd not subscr.to that
lit. statemt -
church BUT JESUS WD BE ONE OF THE FEW.
ch.

HE D SAY *"YOU GOT IT BACKW.*
YOU OUGHT TO SAY "THE FAM.IS
HERE TO MAKE T.CHURCH, ~~MMMMMM~~
STRONG, AND TO MAKE T.CAUSE OF
THE KINGDOM FLOURISH....

Seek ye first t.kgdom - he that
hateth not his own .ife cannot.
.....dsiciple..

12) Cf/Wesley family. Can you imag.
On the fa.and mo.saying -"Now what
shelf is t.ch.going to do to enable
is bk this one to be happy and contente
abt -and that one to have a well rded
Mrs. pers.and the other one to attain
Wesley suc.in his business...

NO - but you can imag.them saying
What can we do to help ~~hm~~ t.grt
cause of Christ....?"

Cf.Livingstone -saying "All that I am
or have I shall consider only...

13) ~~amazing~~

- 7 -

Thr: sty

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water

The amazing result - fam-s that
~~around~~ have a far more
substantial suc., lasting sat-
isfaction - that amt so somethg
because they have gotten them-
selves off thr hands....

NOT THKG ABT PSYCHOLAND PEACE OF
MIND, AND WORRING ELVES INTO
COMPLEXES BUT THKG ABOUT DO*
ING THE WILL OF GOD. AND FINDG
IN HIS WILL THR PEACE AND POWER AND
PLENTY

T.wds coming ~~in~~ true "He that
loseth his life for my sake.."

What of soc.life in t.ch. of
recr., of pers.counseling -
am I opposed to them? By no
means - I am heartily in favor
of them- But a danger -they must
be tht of as means - and t.family
itself if we are to have X's
pt of view to be tht of as a means
to a grt end - and that end is
the establ.of God's kingdom

15) The wds of Paul -if we can say
Paul them -grt will be our basir of
joy thru time and et.-"The thgs
is that hap.to me...."and it will
liftg not mean too much whether they
his were what t.world calls
adv.or prosp."The thgs wh.hap.
voice ~~may~~ unto me have fallen out for
says- t.furth.of the Gospel...
I thgs
wh.hap....."

"Not every one -but some, thnk
God, that saith unto me....
shall enter into t.kgdom of
heaven but he that doeth
t.will.....

A beaut.weddg in this ch.-the
singing of the Lord -rayer -
and a sudden flash of insi.
"Our father,as it in
heaven." If that is takg pl.
in our homes, if we are ~~human~~
emablg that to be, whether we be
fas or mos.sons or d-s,
then all is well -and heaven for
us has begun.