NEW TESTAMENT QUOTES

GOD AS OUR FATHER

Note:

Actually, nowhere in the N. T. has Jesus given a formal instruction on the "Fatherhood of God". For Jesus, that God was a Loving Father was a fact of experience! It needed not explanation.

It was natural for Him to speak of God as of a Father. It was natural for Him, too, to pray to God and relate to Him as to a Father.

Below you will find a few N.T. quotes on the Fatherhood of God. Grouped into three chapters based on Jesus' teachings, his prayers and on ST. Paul's teachings.

Chapter 1 When Jesus speaks of God he always does it as of a Father

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| Mt: 5:43-48 | Jesus' teaching on loving our enemies |
| Mt: 6:1-4 | Jesus teachings about charity. |
| Lk 11:1-13 and Mt 6:5-15 | Jesus' teaching about prayer. |
| Mt 6:17-18 | Jesus teaching about fasting. |
| Mt 6: 25-33 | Jesus teaching about Gods providence. |
| Mt 7:7-11 | Ask, seek, knock. |
| Mt 16:16-17 | Peters' declaration about Jesus. |
| Mt 20:22-23 | Request of the mother of the sons of Zebedee. |
| Lk 12:32 | Riches in heaven |
| Jn 15:11-17 | Jesus the real vine |

Chapter 2. When Jesus prays or talks to God he does so as to a loving Father.

| Mt 11:25-27 | Jesus rejoices. |
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| Jn 17:1-26 | Jesus prays for his disciples |
| Mt 26:39-42 | Jesus before his Passion. Agony in the Garden. |
| Lk 23:44-46 | Death of Jesus, parting prayer of Jesus. |

Chapter 3. St Paul's teachings of God as our father.

| Rom 8:12-17 | We are Gods sons. We cry, Abba. Father! |
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| Gal: 3-26-28,4:6 | Through faith we are Gods children. The Spirit in our |
| | hearts makes us cry: "Abba Father". |
| Eph: 1:3-6 | God the Father Chose us to be his children in Christ even |
| | before the foundation of the world! |
| Eph3: 14-15 | All fatherhood comes from God. |
| Col 1:12-14 | The father has rescued us and brought us to the kingdom |
| | of his son. |

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GOD AS LORD, CREATOR, MASTER. SHEPHERD AND AND KING

- ✓ Brush strokes portraying who God is
- ✓ Useful for a short Talk, or a Prayer Session or a Holy Hour on the Image of God given to us in the Scriptures.

God is The Creator: (Psalm (104/5-8)

God fixed the earth and decked it with seas, mountains and valleys

<u>God is an Almighty King</u> (Psalm 24/10) Before him the nations of the earth tremble.

<u>God is an all-Seeng Judge.</u> (1 Sam. 16/7) Who looks not at the appearances but at what is in the heart.

<u>God is a Potter</u>: (Isaiah 64/7) Who shapes everything and everyone with his own hands.

<u>God is a Shepherd:</u> (Ezekiel 34/16) Who seeks us out when we are lost, binds us when we are injured, and nurses us back to health when we are sick.

God is a Gracious Host: (Psalm 23/5) who seats us at table, anoints us with oil, and spreads a banquet before us.

<u>God is a Mother Bird:</u> (Psalm 36/8) who gathers us under her wings and reassures us when we are lonely or frightened.

God is a Father: (Hosea al/1-4) who teaches us to walk, picks us up when we fall and lovigly presses us to his cheek.

God is The Holy One (Isaiah 6/3) Before whom the seraphim cover their faces and cry "holy, holy, holy"