



Lesson 4: The Father Heart of God

The Goal: In this lesson, our prayer is that you gain a Biblical understanding of how God desires to relate to humanity. The “Father Heart of God” speaks of how God views and interacts with those who are saved by grace through faith in Jesus’ death and resurrection. This week, **memorize Romans 10:9,10** along with your daily S.O.A.P. studies and **review the memory verses** for the past lessons.

Part 1: How Jesus Relates to God

S: Luke 11:2, 12:32 _____ John 20:17 _____
John 17:1–3 _____

O: How does Jesus refer to and relate to God? How does He teach us to refer to and relate to God? Fill in the blanks above and then summarize what you learn.

A: Ask the Lord for application of your time in His Word today. Allow Him to go deeper than simply impressing thoughts in your mind—to the place of creating real heart change. Write the application He provides.

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Part 2: The Character of God — The Perfect Father

S: Psalm 86:5,15 _____ Luke 15:17–24 _____
Matthew 6:31-33 _____

O: What is revealed about the character of God, the Father, through these verses? Fill in the blanks above and then summarize what you have learned.

A: Ask God to give you a practical application from your time in His Word today. Record what He says.

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Part 3: The Perfect Father’s Training for His Children

S: Proverbs 4:1,2 _____ Hebrews 12:5,6,9 _____
Proverbs 4:20–23 _____

O: What do we learn about God’s heart for training His children through these verses? Fill in the blanks above and then summarize here:

A: Ask God to renew your mind and establish His foundation in your heart. Ask Him to provide you with a specific application.

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Part 4: The Heavenly Father's Perfect Love

S: Lamentations 3:22,23 _____ 1 John 4:16-18 _____
Romans 8:38,39 _____



O: What do you learn about your Heavenly Father's love in these passages? Fill in the blanks above and summarize.

A: Ask God what change He desires to see in your heart and what application He has for you.

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Part 5: The Father's Love Is a Gift, Not Earned

S: Ephesians 2:4-10 _____ 1 Peter 1:3-6 _____
Romans 8:15,16 _____ John 3:16,17 _____

O: How do these verses demonstrate that the Father's love is a gift to His children? Fill in the blanks above and then summarize here:

A: Ask God for personal application from these passages. Intentionally shut off every other competing voice or distraction and listen specifically to God for a few moments. Record the application He provides.

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Part 6: Freedom To Know Your Perfect Heavenly Father

S: Galatians 4:6,7 _____ Ephesians 1:17,18 _____

O: Through what means do these verses say that we come to know the Father? Fill in the blanks and summarize.

A: Ask God to guide you in this exercise. First, underline the phrases below that describe your earthly father. Next, circle those that apply to your Heavenly Father. Be prepared to discuss in Life Group or discipleship.

Distant and disinterested
Kind and compassionate
Passive and cold
Nitpicking or perfectionist
Warm and accepting

Slow to anger
Impatient and harsh
Too busy for me
Faithful to protect and guide
Disciplines because of love

Wants to help me
Condemning and unforgiving
Full of grace when I fail
Lets me do whatever I want
Unconditionally loves me

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Action Steps

Review what you have learned in this lesson. What has God taught you about your relationship with Him?

Memorize Romans 10:9,10 this week and review the previous memory verses. Keep in mind you are learning how to share God's story (His Good News for humanity) through the memorization of these verses.

Continue to pray that God would give you an opportunity to share both your story and God's story.