

Morning Lesson

“OUR FATHER WHO ART IN HEAVEN...”

Matt. 6:9

INTRO:

1. God is not addressed as our judge, but as our father.
2. What does it mean for God to be a father?
3. Father's day.
 - a. Mrs. John Bruce Dodd in 1910 in Spokane, Washington.
 - b. In 1936 a National Father's Day Committee formed in New York City.

I. THE FATHER IN THE PRODIGAL SON PARABLE.

Luke 15:11-32

- A. He did not disown his son.
- B. He was not overcome with despair.
- C. He did not chase his son.
- D. He did not withhold material goods from his son.
- E. He never gave up hope.
- F. He did not say “I told you so!”
- G. He involved others in his son's return.

II. ILLUSTRATION ABOUT FATHERS.

- A. “The Greatest Gift You Can Give Your Children.”

Prov. 22:6

- B. “The Loss and Recapitulation of a Father's Image.”

Luke 11:11-13

- C. “Walk a Little Plainer Daddy” Eph. 6:4

CONC:

1. God wants to be your father.
2. The qualities of a good father are perfected in God.
3. We can be safe in the hands of God.

John 10:27-29