

“But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking. Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father Knoweth What Things Ye Have Need Of, Before Ye Ask Him.” Matthew 6:7-8 KJV



Take a moment and ponder this: Who designed, fashioned, and purposed man? *“God created man in His Own Image, in the Image of God created He him; male and female created He them. For whom He did Foreknow, He also did Predestinate to be conformed to the Image of his Son, that He might be the Firstborn among many brethren.*

Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is. For there are Three that bear record in Heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and THESE THREE ARE ONE.” Dear Believer, all that you should be, need, and desire are products of a Divine Plan conceived in the Mind of God in Eternity past *“before the foundations of the world”* for you. There is absolutely nothing about you or your life which Father has not anticipated and planned. He knew before He formed the first dust particle He was creating a form He Himself would don for eternity; so don't you suppose He would take special interest in how and why it would function? God wanted us to be like Himself, so we could think alike and have common interests and goals. When we allow ourselves to be deceived by the temporal carnal pleasures of sin, we rob ourselves of the resplendent Majesty of the Eternal Love of God! It is recorded in His Word that He has Loved us with *“Everlasting Love.”* Always remember that He chose to suffer and die for our Eternal Redemption from death and hell, so we could blissfully co-exist forever! Any hardships or trials you now experience are just preparation for the Eternal Joy that is to come! *“The sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the Glory which shall be revealed in us. But seek ye FIRST the Kingdom of God, and His Righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.”* If you truly need something, ask for it. Father has already made provision for all your true needs; physical, mental, and spiritual, if you follow Him.

Your Father knows your ev'ry need,
For with your care He is well pleased,
He gave His Love with dying Deed,
That you from death might be set free! –CGP

Do you reward your children when they rebel and disobey, even if you love them? Do you give them rules to protect or to hurt them? Do you think your Heavenly Father is any less inclined? Men are not in hell, because God sent them there; they are there, because they chose it! *“In [Christ] was Life; and the Life was the Light of men. And this is the condemnation, that Light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than Light, because their deeds were evil.”* Do you honestly believe the devil's lie that God doesn't care about you? Dad had one rule: Do what I tell you when I tell you. It had to be so, because he was responsible for our safety in the middle of the Amazon Jungle! Punishment was swift and severe to keep us safe from the fatal consequences of disobedience! Sometimes a whuppin was just what we needed! God has warned men since Creation of the dangers of hell and death, so if He chastises you for disobedience, know that it is to prevent your eternal death! *“For whom the Lord Loveth He Chasteneth, and Scourgeth every son whom He receiveth. He that spared not His Own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?”* If you don't have it, you don't need it. Father always knows best!

“Every Good Gift and every Perfect Gift is from Above, and cometh down from the Father of Lights, with Whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.” James 1:17 KJV