

# What God means to me.

*“God as my Father and what that means to me.”*

## Outline Notes

(Pr Barry Silverback)

### 1. My heavenly Father **KNOWS** me.

- Not just about me but He is aware of me.
- He takes note of me.
- He is aware of my existence.
- I am not just someone in a crowd.
- I am noticed and not relegated to some forgotten corner of His memory.

### 2. My heavenly Father **NOTICES** me.

- But it is not because I stand out above others
- It is not because of some physical or spiritual stature.
- Nor is it because I am a different skin colour.

### 3. My heavenly Father **TREATS** me like an individual.

- He deals with me **PERSONALLY**.
- He knows everything about me – my temperament, my personality, my feelings and my emotions.
- To Him I am an **INDIVIDUAL**.

### 4. My heavenly Father knows **ALL** about me.

**2 Kings 19:27** (kjv) *But I know thy abode, and thy going out, and thy coming in, and thy rage against me.*

**Job 23:10** (tlb) *“But he knows every detail of what is happening to me; and when he has examined me, ....”!*

**Hebrews 4:13** (tlb) *He knows about everyone, everywhere. Everything about us is bare and wide open to the all-seeing eyes of our living God; nothing can be hidden from him to whom we must explain all that we have done.*

## He knows...

- What I do - Where I go - What I think!

## 5. My heavenly Father CARES for me.

- He really does care.

**1 Peter 5:7** (nlt) *Give all your worries and cares to God, for He cares about what happens to you.*

- I am His purchased possession.

**Ephesians 1:14** (tlb) *His presence within us is God's guarantee that He really will give us all that He promised; and the Spirit's seal upon us means that God has already purchased us and that He guarantees to bring us to Himself. This is just one more reason for us to praise our glorious God.*

- He bought me - through the death of His son on the Cross.
- His son (Jesus) paid a terrible price to purchase me.

**1 Corinthians 6:20** (tlb) *For God has bought you with a great price. So use every part of your body to give glory back to God because He owns it.*

- This was HIS public record that He 'cared' for me and you.
- We therefore **BELONG** to Him; we **ARE HIS!**

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- Therefore he takes care of what belongs to Him.

## I know He cares...

1. Because of the record of the Scriptures regarding His commitment to His children; and
2. Because I have personally experienced His care many times.

## 6. My heavenly Father PROVIDES for me.

- Daily He opens His hand to provide for me.
- Every day he satisfies through his provision.

**Psalms 132:15** (niv) *I will bless her with abundant provisions; her poor will I satisfy with food.*

**Psalms 145:15-16** (niv) *The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food at the proper time. You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing.*

- He provides all our needs (*not our wants*).

**Philippians 4:19** (nlt) *And this same God who takes care of me will supply all your needs from his glorious riches, which have been given to us in Christ Jesus.*

**1 Timothy 6:17** (niv) *Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.*

- He continually provides for His children
- As a true father he 'lays up' for his children.

**2 Corinthians 12:14-15** (nkjv) *Now for the third time I am ready to come to you. And I will not be burdensome to you; for I do not seek yours, but you. For the children ought not to lay up for the parents, but the parents for the children. And I will very gladly spend and be spent for your souls; though the more abundantly I love you, the less I am loved.*

- He only provides **GOOD** things – not things to harm.
- You can **TRUST** your heavenly father to **ONLY** do you good.

**Matthew 7:11**(niv) *If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask Him!*

## 7. My heavenly Father **PROTECTS** me.

**2 Chronicles 16:9** (tlb) *For the eyes of the Lord search back and forth across the whole earth, looking for people whose hearts are perfect toward Him, so that he can show His great power in helping them. .....*

**1 Peter 3:12** (tlb) *For the Lord is watching His children, listening to their prayers; .....*

- He protects me from my enemies.

**Psalms 61:3** (niv) *For you have been my refuge, a strong tower against the foe.*

- He protects my **HEART** and my **MIND**.

**Philippians 4:7** (niv) *And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

## **8. My heavenly Father is AWESOME to me.**

### **He is...**

- Breathtaking! - Awe-inspiring!
- Remarkable! - Powerful!
- Splendid! - Amazing!
- Wonderful in every respect!
- Altogether lovely!
  
- His words are sweet and fitting (*appropriate*).
- Everything about Him delights me!

**His person *INSPIRES* me to *PRAISE* and to be increasingly *THANKFUL*.**

**Colossians 3:15** (niv) *Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.*

**Ephesians 5:20** (niv) *Always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

**THIS IS MY HEAVENLY FATHER!**

Amen