

minder of the relation which He bore to God and of the fact that the higher relation must rule His life. Flashing forth in such sweet, spontaneous fashion from His boyhood's consciousness of God, this word "Father" entered the soul of Mary with the light of a new revelation. It became for her, henceforth, "the master-light" of all her seeing.

And this word "Father" proved to be the master-word of all Christ's teaching. By this He made known the essence of God's character as a God of love. Every great doctrine which He expounded had its roots in this fundamental conception. Not only so, but they were all distinctly stated in terms of the divine Fatherhood.

Consider His doctrine of Providence. The kernel of it all lies in the words, "Be ye not therefore anxious, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? For your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things."

Take His doctrine of Prayer. Both the obligation and the encouragement to pray are grounded in the fact of the Fatherhood. "After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven." "If ye then,