

- (2) The meanness of ingratitude?
- (3) The wickedness of hypocrisy?
- (4) The prosperity of the wicked?

Prove from Scripture

That flattery is powerful.

For Special Study

(To be assigned the Sabbath previous.)

1. The character of Absalom.
2. Hebron.
3. Duties of children to parents.

The Catechism

By the Associate Editor

[For Examination in Doctrine in the General Assembly's Teacher Training Course.]

Ques. 100. *The Lord's Prayer*—its preface.

In the preface to the Lord's Prayer three thoughts are prominent:

1. *The Fatherhood of God.* Even the heathen had some dim notion of God as a Father in the sense of His being our Maker, the One to whom we owe our existence. In his address on Mars Hill, Paul reminded the Athenians that this truth was taught by some of their own poets, Acts 17: 28.

In the Old Testament, God is more clearly revealed as a Father, but chiefly in relation to the nation rather than the individual, and in the character of Maker, Protector and

Ruler, Num. 11: 12; Dent. 32: 6; Jer. 31: 9; Mal. 1: 6; 2: 10. Such passages as Ps. 68: 5 and Ps. 103: 13 come nearer to the idea of divine Fatherhood found in the New Testament.

Coming to the New Testament, a "chief feature of the teaching of the Gospels is contained in the word 'Father.'" Three points may be noted in the teaching of Jesus regarding the Fatherhood of God. (1) It is addressed to His disciples as such, Luke 12: 32. (2) The consciousness of this Fatherhood is awakened by hearing His Word, Matt. 11: 27. (3) The right to enjoy and feel this relation depends on receiving Him and believing in Him, John 1: 12.

The Epistles state the doctrine of the believer's sonship in a fuller form, and state more explicitly its ground in the work of Christ (Gal. 4: 3-5), and the means through which it is enjoyed, 1 John 5: 1. Besides, they exhibit this truth as it appears in the experience of the Christian, Rom. 8: 16, 17.

2. *The Greatness of God.* He is "in heaven" while we are on the earth. This means that He is infinitely exalted and is to be approached with reverence, Ps. 11: 4; 123: 1.

3. *The Unity of Believers.* This is suggested by the word "our." Those who call God, "Father," must regard one another as brethren, Matt. 23: 89.

FOR TEACHERS OF THE LITTLE ONES

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Introduction — Tell a story showing the meanness of a boy who does underhand things—a sneak. Build a throne of blocks (or outline on the board).

What is a throne for? Name the king who sang that glad song because God had forgiven him his sin. Draw the crown symbol and print DAVID.

Lesson Subject—God showing His love by teaching parental respect.

Lesson—King David had several little sons, and they grew to be big men. We are to hear about one of them named Absalom. How pleased fathers are to watch their little boys and girls growing to be men and women! How they hope their boys will be good men!

