

Coming to the Father

Overview: For believers, there are three relationships which can be measured as we mature spiritually. These are our relationship to the Word of God, our relationship to God as our Father and our relationship to the world. These three flow from and are a reflection of our maturity in understanding righteousness.

A. Coming to God without Jesus.

Joh 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: **no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.**

Act 10:1 There was a certain man in Caesarea called Cornelius, a centurion of the band called the Italian [band],

Act 10:2 [A] devout [man], and one that feared God with all his house, which gave much alms to the people, and prayed to God always.

Act 10:3 He saw in a vision evidently about the ninth hour of the day an angel of God coming in to him, and saying unto him, Cornelius.

Act 10:4 And when he looked on him, he was afraid, and said, What is it, Lord? And he said unto him, Thy prayers and thine alms are come up for a memorial before God.

Act 10:34 Then Peter opened [his] mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons:

Act 10:35 But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him.

B. Coming to the Father as Children.

1. Relationship to the Word.

Heb 5:13 For every one that useth milk [is] unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe.

1Pe 2:2 As newborn babes, desire the sincere **milk** of the word, **that ye may grow** thereby:

2. Relationship to our Father.

Gal 4:1 Now I say, [That] the heir, as long as he is a child, differeth nothing from a servant, though he be lord of all;

Gal 4:2 But is under tutors and governors until the time appointed of the father.

3. Relationship to the world.

Gal 4:3 Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world:

C. Coming to the Father as Adults.

1. Relationship to the Word.

1Co 3:2 I have fed you with milk, and not with **meat:** for hitherto ye were not able [to bear it], neither yet now are ye able.

2. Relationship to our Father.

Joh 1:12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, [even] to them that believe on his name:

1Jo 3:1 Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.

Rom 8:14 **For as many as are led by the Spirit of God**, they are the sons of God.

Phi 2:15 That ye may be blameless and harmless (*i.e., innocent*), the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world;

1Jo 3:2 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.

3. Relationship to the world.

Rom 8:19 For the earnest expectation of the creature (*i.e., creation*) waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God.

D. Coming to the Father as Overcomers.

1. Relationship to the Word.

Heb 5:12 For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which [be] the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of **strong meat**.

Heb 5:13 For every one that useth milk [is] unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe.

Heb 5:14 But **strong meat** belongeth to them that are of full age, [even] those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

2. Relationship to our Father.

Heb 5:8 Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered;

Heb 5:9 And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him;

Heb 10:14 For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.

Rev 21:7 He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.

3. Relationship to the world.

Rev 11:6 These have power to shut heaven, that it rain not in the days of their prophecy: and have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they will.