

## The Weapon Of Prayer – Part 2

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It is said that Andrew Bonar, a great man of prayer, had three rules:

- (1) Not to speak to any man before speaking to Jesus.
- (2) Not to do anything with his hands until he had been on his knees.
- (3) Not to read the papers until he had read his Bible.

**1 Timothy 4:7** “Discipline yourself for the purpose of godliness.”

**James 5:16** “The earnest, heartfelt, continued prayer of a righteous man makes tremendous power available, dynamic in its working.” (Amp)

**1 John 5:14-15** “Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.”

### #1 Our Father is Personal:

Jesus described God in two words: Our Father. God is a person not just a power. I can relate to Him, love Him and get to know Him.

**Matthew 6:9** “Our Father...”

- There are other Fathers.

The Lord’s Prayer is prayed in plural, not singular. 8 plural pronouns.

- Our Father...Give us...Our daily bread...Forgive us...

### Why is the example plural?

- Jesus is answering the group.
- It reminds us that we are part of a family, we belong and work together. It takes the selfishness out of our prayers when we combine other people’s needs with our own.

**Ephesians 3:14-15** The Father of OUR Lord Jesus Christ, from whom the whole family ...is named.

**Matthew 18:19** If two of you agree on earth... it will be done by my Father in heaven.

- Jesus is telling us that we have the same Father. He is beside us when we pray.

**John 20:17** “Jesus said to her, “...but go to My brethren and say to them, ‘I am ascending to **My Father and your Father**, and to My God and your God.’”

- He is saying “my Father and your Father = Our Father!”

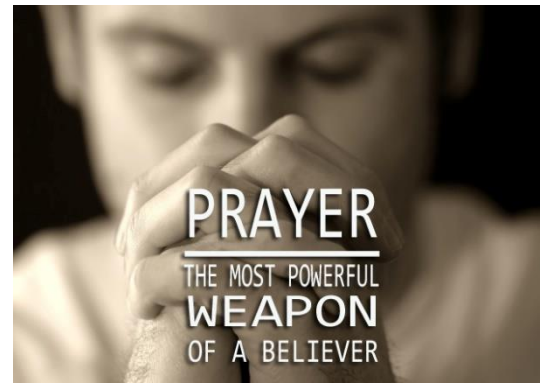
**Isaiah 43:1** “I have called you by name.”

### #2 Our Father is Paternal:

God was only called Father seven times in the Old Testament. Jesus calls God His Father 10 times just in Matthew 6 alone. Jesus refers to God as Father more than 70 times in His prayers.

1. God is OUR Father. There are two Fathers in the earth. One is good the other is evil.
2. Satan is the evil father.

- **John 8:38-44** (NLT) “I am telling you what I saw when I was with my Father. But you are following the advice of your father. “Our father is Abraham!” they declared. “No,” Jesus replied, “for if you



*“God has given us the privilege of making supernatural changes in natural circumstances.”*  
~ Lynne Hammond



were really the children of Abraham, you would follow his example. Instead, you are trying to kill me because I told you the truth, which I heard from God. Abraham never did such a thing. No, you are imitating your real father.” They replied, “We aren’t illegitimate children! God himself is our true Father.” Jesus told them, “If God were your Father, you would love me, because I have come to you from God. I am not here on my own, but he sent me. Why can’t you understand what I am saying? It’s because you can’t even hear me! For you are the children of your father the devil, and you love to do the evil things he does. He was a murderer from the beginning. He has always hated the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, it is consistent with his character; for he is a liar and the father of lies.”

- **John 10:10** Steal, Kill, Destroy
- He is a liar and there is no truth in him. He cannot speak the truth.

3. God is the good Father.

- **James 1:13-17** (NLT) “Remember, when you are being tempted, do not say, “God is tempting me.” God is never tempted to do wrong, and He never tempts anyone else. Temptation comes from our own desires, which entice us and drag us away. These desires give birth to sinful actions. And when sin is allowed to grow, it gives birth to death. So, don’t be misled, my dear brothers and sisters. Whatever is good and perfect is a gift coming down to us from God our Father, who created all the lights in the heavens. He never changes or casts a shifting shadow.”
  - No variation of change... not even the possibility.
- There is nothing deceitful in God, nothing two-faced, nothing fickle. (MSG)
- **Psalms 119:68** “You are good and do good.”
- **1 Corinthians 10:13** “God *is* faithful, with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.

The Foundation of our Theology:

- God Good
- Satan Bad

**Galatians 4:6** (NLT) “Because we are his children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, prompting us to call out, “Abba, Father.”

**Romans 8:15** (NLT) So you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God’s Spirit when he adopted you as his own children. Now we call him, “Abba, Father.”

“Abba”: personal, total trust, Daddy  
 “Father”: function/relationship

**#3 Our Father is Powerful:**

- **Psalms 50:10-11** (NKJV) “For every beast of the forest *is* Mine, *And* the cattle on a thousand hills. I know all the birds of the mountains, *And* the wild beasts of the field *are* Mine.”
- **Haggai 2:8** “The silver *is* Mine, and the gold *is* Mine,’ says the LORD of hosts.”
- **Psalms 24:1** “The earth *is* the LORD’s, and all its fullness, The world and those who dwell therein.”
- **Leviticus 3:16** “The priest shall burn them on the altar *as* food, an offering made by fire for a sweet aroma; all the fat *is* the LORD’s.”
- **Daniel 2:20** “Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, For wisdom and might are His.”
- **2 Chronicles 20:6** “Are You not God in heaven, and do You not rule over all the kingdoms of the nations, and in Your hand is there not power and might, so that no one is able to withstand You?”

**#4 Our Father is Perfect:**

In Heaven. He is above all, looks out over all... I can relax. He’s watching out for me.

Jesus was referring to more than just a place. The term “In Heaven” means “to be lifted up” or “up lifted”.

Heaven is the perfect place... no sin, no sickness, no pain.

**Psalms 18:30** “God’s way is perfect. All the Lord’s promises prove true. He is a shield for all who look to him for protection.”

**Matthew 5:48** “Be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.”

Complete: finished, whole, perfect, absolute.