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HOW TO TALK WITH GOD, OUR FATHER

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The Bible says, "One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'when you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us. And lead us not into temptation.'" Luke 11: 1-4. Everyone feel during times of suffering the need to communicate with God, and we want to do it correctly so it will be effective. Not everyone knows how to talk to God, and we need to teach them. We can see that some of the Lord's disciples asked Him to teach them, and He gave them a model prayer. In prayer we address God as Father and Creator, the giver of everything good and perfect, and we talk to Him about what is in our heart.

There are different levels of prayer. Everyone asks for help from God according to the relationship developed with Him. Some are at the beginning level - spiritual children - others are already close to the end, and the rest are in between. During times of adversity the tendency is to seek for help. We, as Christians who know the Bible, go to God our Father, and pray in Jesus Christ's name, invoking the intercession of the Holy Spirit. But the journey back to God has challenges; and the stronger ones are asked to help, in charity and with love, the ones who are weaker. That is what love is all about. Love is translated into patience, tolerance, kindness, because it is the only way that those who are just starting out can learn. Let's not forget that we were also helped. There is no reason to boast. we need to help the others grow and reach their goal.

Those who are starting their journey have a list of things they need to ask of God. They believe they have enemies and want to feel love for them. They are afraid and worried about what is happening in their lives. Those who are a little more advanced are developing their trust in God. They believe the principle that God made in advance the provision for their future needs, and with thanksgiving, they ask God to tell them where the provision is, so they can receive it; this is done by faith. Spiritually mature individuals have lost awareness for material needs and no longer ask for them. They are happy and content with what they have. They don't perceive themselves among enemies, therefore, enjoy peace and love. They see prayer as a song of praise and thanksgiving to God. They know that the Father will take care of them. There are no worries or anguish, only the peace of God. "Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?" Matthew 6: 26-27. Just like the birds, they know their need will be provided.

When this level of growth is reached, the love with which God responds to His children takes the form of whatever need the individual might have. Praying for things is no longer necessary; the individual has risen above that. This information helps us to see our level of growth. We know that if we continue to grow, we will reach this level of maturity, which will be wonderful because it means we are reaching the goal! The way we are with our fellow men has a direct relationship to our spiritual growth and is reflected in the way we communicate with God. Lest not lose sight that we are on our journey towards God, and as we advance we will find persons who needs our help. The help we give should not cause us delay, nor delay to them. We will keep moving forward because there are others waiting for our help. Remember that the results belong to God. If someone wants to slow down, it is his decision; you keep going somebody else will come afterwards and give him further help.

"God's Son is indeed in need of comfort, for he knows not what he does, believing his will is not his own. The Kingdom is his, and yet he wanders homeless. At home in God he is lonely, and amid all his brothers he is friendless. Would God let this be real? O my child, if you knew what God wills for you, your joy would be complete!" T-11.iii.2

"The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all."
2 Corinthians 13:14

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