

# TOUCHING THE INVISIBLE

## Part 1 – Connecting With Our Father Matthew 6:9

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### INTRODUCTION

The invisible aspect of God is called transcendence, meaning, he is beyond the limits of His creation.

Part of the reason Jesus came was to show us by His life and words who God is and how we might touch the invisible and powerful God.

### I. THINK OF GOD AS YOUR FATHER.

The Bible never teaches that God is everyone's father.

1. John 8:44 *You are of your father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father.*
2. John 1:12 *But as many as received Jesus, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name...*

The only ones who can legitimately say, "Our Father" are those who have accepted Jesus Christ as Savior.

### II. EMBRACE THE GIFTS YOUR FATHER OFFERS YOU.

A. Our Heavenly Father offers His approachability.

1. God created us to **know** us and us to know Him.

Genesis 1:27 *So God created man in his own **image**, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. (NKJV)*

2. Hebrews 10:19, 22 *And so, dear brothers and sisters, we can boldly enter heaven's Most Holy Place because of the blood of Jesus. <sup>22</sup> let us go right into the **Presence** of God with sincere hearts fully trusting Him. For our guilty consciences have been sprinkled with Christ's blood to make us clean, and our bodies have been washed with pure water. (NLT)*

B. Our Heavenly Father offers His **love**.

1. Psalm 104:13 *As a father has compassion on His children, so the Lord has compassion on those who honor Him...*
2. 1 Peter 5:7 *Cast all your anxiety on Him, because He **cares** for you!*
3. God is never too **busy** for you.

Psalm 145:18 *The Lord is **near** to all who call on Him.*

C. Our Heavenly Father offers His **consistency**.

1. James 1:17 *Every good and perfect gift is from the Father who does **not change** like shifting shadows.*
2. 2 Timothy 2:13 *Even if we are faithless, He remains **faithful**, for He cannot disown Himself.*
3. Malachi 3:6 *I the Lord, do not change.*

D. Our Heavenly Father requires our **obedience**.

1. Hebrews 12:7, 9 *Who ever heard of a child who is never disciplined by its father? <sup>9</sup> Since we respected our earthly fathers who disciplined us, shouldn't we submit even more to the discipline of the Father of our spirits, and live forever? (NLT)*
2. Hebrews 12:6, 8, 11 *For the LORD disciplines those He loves, and He punishes each one He accepts as his child." <sup>8</sup> If God doesn't discipline you as He does all of his children, it means that you are illegitimate and are not really His children at all. <sup>11</sup> No discipline is enjoyable while it is happening—it's painful! But afterward there will be a peaceful harvest of right living for those who are trained in this way. (NLT)*
3. God deserves my obedience. When I obey I am showing Him **honor** and I am only helping myself.



