

Thou Art My Father and the Rock of My Salvation

He will cry to Me, 'Thou art my Father,
My God, and the rock of my salvation.'

[Psalm 89:26](#)

In my Bible this psalm is titled “The Lord’s Covenant with David.” In verse 26 God declares that David will cry to Him “Thou art my Father, My God, and the rock of my salvation.” David knows that he is a child of the Father in heaven, and this is part of the covenant God has established with him. Likewise every believer is adopted into the heavenly family, and we are His sons and daughters.

When Jesus taught His disciples to pray, He said to them, “Pray, then, in this way: ‘Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name (Matthew 6:9).’” The Lord’s Prayer is a model for us to follow, and it is apparent from the Lord that we have the right to address God as our Father, and indeed He desires to have a father-child relationship with us.

See how great a love the Father has bestowed upon us, that we should be called children of God; and such we are.

[1 John 3:1a](#)

For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, "Abba! Father!"

[Romans 8:15](#)

The title *Abba* is used by Hebrew children, and essentially means *Daddy*. Picture a child walking beside his father, placing his little hand into the secure, strong hand of his father. The child looks up, and with his face filled with love and trust he says, “Daddy!” Now picture yourself as the child and God as the father. He wants you to be able to say to Him, “Daddy!,” with absolute trust. The awesome truth about God being our Father is that He will never fail in that role. God will never let us down or treat us unfairly. He will never go back on His promises or fail to provide for our needs. He will never abuse us or withdraw His love from us. No matter what negative experiences we may have had with our own fathers, our Father God will never make mistakes in His relationship with us. We can put our full trust in Him without hesitation, because He is fully trustworthy.

Ask, and it shall be given to you; seek, and you shall find; knock, and it shall be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it shall be opened. Or what man is there among you, when his son shall ask him for a loaf, will give him a stone? Or if he shall ask for a fish, he will not give him a snake, will he? If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more shall your Father who is in heaven give what is good to those who ask Him! Therefore, however you want people to treat you, so treat them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.

[Matthew 7:7-12](#)

The Father God wants us to come to Him in prayer, with praise for Him on our lips and in our hearts, and make request of Him for every sort of need. Looking again at the Lord’s Prayer (Matthew 6:9-13), we see that the Father wants us to come to Him with praise, to seek His will, and to ask for daily provision and forgiveness. He is intimately interested in every aspect of our lives. And, as recorded in Matthew 7, He will be faithful to answer our prayers in even greater ways than we could ever imagine. Keep in mind that

just as a father would not give his child everything he asked for, because his wisdom and experience tells him it would not be good for his child, God may not answer our prayers in the way that we would initially like. His answers, though, always bring *what is good* to us. Be patient, because sometimes it may take a while for God's divine wisdom to prove itself out before your eyes.

Several years ago my husband and I found ourselves being attacked by a man who held a position of leadership in another church in our city. His venomous accusations were very hurtful and unfounded, and we prayed for God to defend us and for Him to bring about justice in this situation. It was very tempting for us to take matters in our own hands, but we knew that we must rely on God as our defender. Fully three years later this man continued to sow discord in his church and to be contentious, and as a result he was finally asked to resign from his leadership position. We could see that this was God's way of providing justice for the righteous, and it was in His perfect timing. Had we tried to do anything ourselves while we were directly under attack, we probably would have been beaten and wounded, and our testimony in the Christian community would have been damaged. Our Father God's answer was the best for us.

David also stated in Psalm 89:26 that "Thou art...the rock of my salvation." *Salvation* is the deliverance from the power and effects of sin. In leading someone to a saving knowledge of Christ, it is often suggested to use what is sometimes called the "Roman Road:"

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

[Romans 3:23](#)

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

[Romans 6:23](#)

If you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved; for with the heart man believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation.

[Romans 10:9-10](#)

Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him, and will dine with him, and he with Me.

[Revelation 3:20](#)

This "road" leads a person to the realization that he is a sinner and needs a savior, and that the only way to avoid death is to accept the gift of eternal life in Christ Jesus. Salvation then comes by believing in the Lord Jesus and confessing before men that He is Lord of your life. That hope of salvation is what separates a Christian from other men and women. We can face eternity without fear and actually joyfully anticipate being embraced by our Father in heaven when we go home to be with Him. God has a righteous and loving Father's heart that reaches out to us so that we should not face wrath, but salvation through the Lord Jesus Christ (I Thes. 5:8-9).

Salvation, that means of deliverance from the power and effects of sin that God gives to all who believe in Him and do not forsake Him, is everlasting. It is a covenant promise the Father God keeps with His children.

Lift up your eyes to the sky,
Then look to the earth beneath;
For the sky will vanish like smoke,
And the earth will wear out like a garment,
And its inhabitants will die in like manner,
But My salvation shall be forever,
And My righteousness shall not wane.

[Isaiah 51:6](#)

Salvation is also the way by which the accuser of the brethren, Satan, is thrown down.

And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, 'Now the salvation, and the power, and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren has been thrown down, who accuses them before our God day and night.'

[Revelation 12:10](#)

Satan has reason to accuse us before God because we all have sinned. However, when a believer faces God he is covered by the blood of Jesus, forgiven and made clean.

In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace, which He lavished upon us.

[Ephesians. 1:7-8a](#)

Satan's accusations then have no basis, and he leaves God's court a defeated adversary. We then are free to enter into joyous fellowship with the Father.

Questions for personal study:

1. Read Matthew 5:16 and John 15:8-9. What can you do to "glorify your Father?"
2. Do you often wonder whether you are really saved? Review the "Roman Road." If you have believed in the Lord Jesus, and have declared Him Lord of your life, and want to follow His Word, then you are saved. Stand firm in that hope and do not waver! Read Psalm 62: 1-2, 6-7.
3. Ephesians 1:13. What does it mean to be "sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of Promise?"