

***Intro:***

READ WLC Q&A 188 and 189.

Main Point of Text: Though Isaiah senses God's exalted distance as Creator, He asks for His covenant Fatherly care.

LC 188: Lord's Prayer has eight parts: preface, six petitions, conclusion. 189: preface: "The preface of the Lord's prayer (contained in these words, Our Father, which art in heaven,)" [Mt. 6:9]. "Teacheth us to ..."

Sermon Point: *Enjoy Family Prayer.*

***Move 1: Your Heavenly Father receives and blesses His adopted children.***

LC: "teacheth us, when we pray, to draw near to God with confidence of his fatherly goodness". Rom. 8:15. Approach God not as a cruel tyrant, but loving father. Lk. 11:13. Fathers share w/ their children. So does God. LC: "and our interest therein". J.G. Vos: "share of the benefits of God's goodness" Pray, "Our Father". The Covenant of Grace bestows Fatherly Favor.

***Move 2: Yet your Heavenly Father will have children that honor Him with proper respect.***

LC: "teacheth us, when we pray, to draw near to God ... with reverence, and all other child-like dispositions". Mal. 1:6. Isa. 64:9. Heb. 12:9. Good children thus approach God with humble hearts. Don't presume upon Him. Honor Him. LC: "with ... heavenly affections and due apprehensions [realization] of his sovereign power, majesty, and gracious condescension". Neh 1:4-6. JG Vos: "not with careless familiarity." JJ Lim: with "confident reverence." Pray, "Our Father, Which art in heaven."

***Move 3: Your Heavenly Father receives you along with His other children.***

LC: "teacheth us, when we pray ... as also, to pray with and for others." L.P.: "Our", "Us"  
Acts 12:5ff: People prayed for Peter while in prison. Angel of the Lord freed him. He showed up at their house as they yet prayed! Christian prayer is with and for the brethren. Isaiah 63:15-16:

- Vs. 15: Isaiah respects and reveres God's heavenly heights and holiness that can never be reached.
- Vs. 16: yet he prays to God as the Father of their fathers to whom God made a promise about their seed. God grew them with Moses as their "LORD" (Yahweh, His covenant name). As his name endures forever, thus does His redemption for His people called by His name.
- Pray for one another, and pray together, to "Our Father".

***Conclusion:***

John 8:42-44, 1 John 3:10; 5:18-19 teach that some only pray to their father which art in hell. So pray marveling over 1 John 3:1.

*Enjoy Family Prayer.*