

Introduction

- I. The address of the Lord's Prayer teaches us that our prayers must be governed by the true knowledge of God, Who is our Father.
- II. Our consideration of the address of the Lord's Prayer, at the occasion of baptism, teaches us (adults and our children) about the relationship we have with God.

**Praying to Our Heavenly Father**

I. **Our Loving Father**

- A. God is our Father and we are His children because of the *wonder of adoption*.

- B. Our Father is an amazing Father because He perfectly, faithfully, and constantly loves us (Jer. 31:1-3, 9).

II. **Our Strong Confidence**

- A. Knowing God in truth, as Father, gives to us the right confidence in Him.

- B. It is in this confidence that we go to our Father in prayer. This sets the tone for everything else Jesus teaches us to pray in the Lord's Prayer.

III. **Our Humble Reverence**

- A. Our Father is Almighty God. He is our Father who must be honored and worshiped.

- B. In our prayers, we must remember that we are to stand in awe of Him.