

# Our Father: God

(Matthew 7:7-11)

- Introduction:
1. My dad passed from this life three years ago this past week. I can't tell you how many times I've wanted to talk to him.
  2. One doesn't live very long until he comes to realize that life is difficult.
  3. Without an anchor for the soul, one could easily be "lost at sea" because of the storms of life.
  4. Having a Father is an anchor for our souls that we often don't appreciate.
  5. Ills.— Woman and Electricity.
  6. Likewise we fail to understand the great resource of God's abiding presence.

## I. The Presence of God: Threat or Comfort?

- A. (Psalm 139).
- B. Whether one is threatened or finds comfort in the presence of God depends upon the way he has chosen to live his life.
- C. (Psalm 103:13) Ills of Kelli with broken leg; and Kelli's first day of school.

## II. The Promise of His Presence

- A. (Matthew 28:19-20).
- B. (John 14:23).
- C. Living with a sense of presence will change the way we live for the better.
- D. If you thought about God's presence, wouldn't you be a more moral person?
- E. (2 Samuel 6:10-11) Obed-Edom.

## III. The Focus Of His Presence

- A. (Daniel 3:22-26).
- B. The presence of God can distract us from the unpleasant and overwhelming circumstances of life.
- C. Ills. Matthew and Anne Marie.
- D. Ills. Batman & Robin button.

## IV. The Peace Of His Presence

- A. (Romans 8:28).
- B. Regardless of what happens, God sees and promises us it will be okay.
- C. Trust your Heavenly Father.
  1. Job.
  2. Ills. Of kids jumping in my arms & hitting Matthew's head.
- C. (2 Kings 6:8-20) Elisha and his servant.

- Conclusion:
1. While I don't want to minimize the storms of life that you may be facing, I can assure you that however great that storm may be, there is an anchor for your soul.
  2. God is our Father and he has promised his presence.