Truly Great To Know God

1.3 Loving Father God

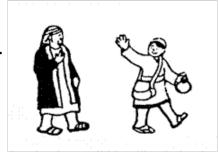
Bible Verse: Psalm 3:11

For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him.

Proclaim: Great is the Lord's love for those who fear Him.

Truth: The Lord God is merciful and full of grace. With loving kindness, He made man so that we can be His own family, from hence to eternity.





Scripture Reference: Luke 15: 11-24

- **Lesson: (1)** <u>Forever unchanging love</u> *The Bible states that* : " the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear Him.." *He loves us just as a father would love his children.* (Psalm 107:1; 103:17)
 - (2) Every man to his own way Man is self-centered by nature. When men choose to walk according to their own ways and commit sin in disregard to God's will, He is saddened. This is like the prodigal son who grieved the Father's heart. (Isaiah 53:6)
 - (3) <u>Father God's great love</u> In the story of the prodigal son, the son committed great sin, but when he realized his wrongs, repented and turned back to his father, the father loved him still and completely accepted him to his side. The father's love had remained unchanged. He had been anxiously awaiting the son's return and thought continually of his well being, day and night. (Luke 15:11-24)
 - (4) <u>Repentance and fear of God</u> The bible tells us that, regardless of what had happened, so long as we return to our heavenly father, He will forgive and accept us. As for man, God is looking for a heart that is willing to repent and which reveres Him. It is not the self-efforts of a person, such as the sacrificing of cows and of lambs. "A broken spirit and contrite heart, He will not despise." (Psalm 51:17; 33:18)
 - (5) <u>God's love for orphans</u> The Bible also tells us that it is God's will to be a Father to the fatherless. He earnestly hopes for those who do not have the love of father or mother to come and know His love. (Psalm 68:5)

Conclusion: God has created man so that man can be belong to His family and have an intimate relationship with Him forever.

Prayer/Invitation: Pray that today's truths will be written on our hearts in Lord Jesus' name.