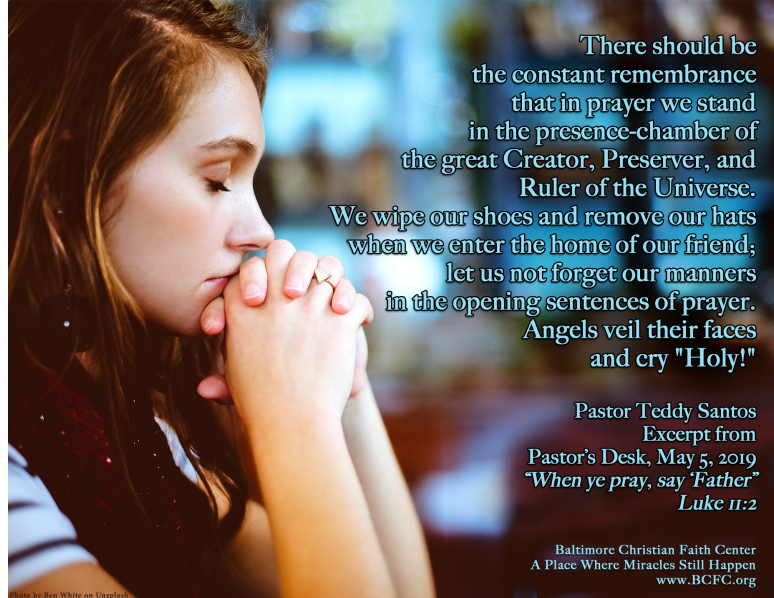


"When ye pray, say 'Father.'" — Luke 11:2

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Heaven is "the Father's House." It is our home. We are strangers and sojourners here and on our way home. What fascination is in the word!

And the charm of heaven will be the manifested presence of our Father. All doubts and misunderstandings will be dissipated. We will know and see, as we are seen and known. In the closing verses of Jude, we are told that we shall be set before the presence of His glory, without blemish and in exceeding joy. But we need not wait until then. If we know our Lord, we know the Father. To have Jesus is to have the Father. To pray to Him is to pray to God, for He is God manifest in the flesh.

Now, there must be reverence in our prayer. God is in heaven and us upon the earth. We must not rush unceremoniously into His presence, as though it were a common and too-familiar room, where ceremony and respect are laid aside. There should be the constant remembrance that in prayer we stand in the presence-chamber of the great Creator, Preserver, and Ruler of the Universe. We wipe our shoes and remove our hats when we enter the home of our friend; let us not forget our manners in the opening sentences of prayer. Angels veil their faces and cry "Holy!"

Let there be blessed faith and trust when we pray. The Father of our Lord Jesus awaits us. He ascended to His Father and our Father. We pray to the One who loves us in His Beloved Son with an everlasting love.

PRAYER

I adore You, Heavenly Father! There is no limit to Your power or Your love. Thou art greatly to be praised! Thou art greatly to be loved! Accept the homage of my soul and life, through our Lord Jesus Christ. I love you, Lord! AMEN.

At His Service,
Pr. Teddy F. Santos