

The most important thought we will ever think is what we think about God.  
(A. W. Tozer)

Winston Churchill once said: ***'My father was like God – busy elsewhere.'***

Is God like that?

**Families need fathers!**

Jesus introduces God as **'Our Father.'**

We approach our Father who has adopted us **'to sonship through Jesus Christ.'**  
(Ephesians 1:4-5)

**'In heaven.'** Heaven is not God's postal address. It is God's position.  
Heaven is not just a spatial term. It's a statement of difference.

**Majesty** (2 Chr 20:6); **Power** (Ps 115:3); **Omniscience** (Ps 33:13-15); **Purity** (Isaiah 57:15).

Heaven is central to Christian faith. Don't downsize heaven to just 'a better place.'

Heaven is **'far better'** (Philippians 1:23; 3:20) **Heaven is our future hope** (1 Peter 1:3).  
**Heaven is our future home** (2 Cor 5:8).

In the New Heaven and New earth there will be a glorious restoration and reunion.  
(Revelation 21:1-8)

**Heaven is our present help.**  
(Psalm 73:25)

**Our Heavenly Father is our Friend.**  
(Psalms 103:13; Luke 15:20; Luke 11:11-13).

**'Father-like He tends and spares us; well our feeble frame He knows.  
In His hands He gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes.  
Praise Him! Praise Him! Widely as His mercy flows.'**  
(Henry Francis Lyte)