

“Our Father” (Matt 6:7–14)  
GCC, morning worship, 2/5/23

### Introduction

- A. The Tripod of Christian Experience
  - 1. The Apostle’s Creed is what we believe
  - 2. The Ten Commandments are how we seek to live
  - 3. And the Lord’s Prayer is how we pray
- B. The Lord’s Prayer as a “compendium of the gospel”
- C. The Lord’s Prayer as a “body of divinity”
- D. Structure and Use

### Our Father in Heaven

- I. He is our *Father*
  - A. He is our Father by *adoption*
  - B. He is the *archetypical* Father
  - C. A Childlike Disposition is Displayed in Prayer
- II. He is *OUR* Father
  - A. How is Jesus using “God as our Father” here?
  - B. Brotherhood
- III. He is our Father *in Heaven*
  - A. That He is our *heavenly Father*, reminds us of our true identity
  - B. That he is our *heavenly father*, reminds us of our true home
  - C. That he is our heavenly father reminds us that all things are ours
  - D. Application–If God is a Father, then we can conclude that...
- IV. Who is your father? (John 8:44)

### Questions for Application and Discussion:

- 1. How is the Lord’s Prayer a “compendium of the gospel?”
- 2. How is the Lord’s Prayer a “body of divinity?”
- 3. What is the difference between “Father of creatures” vs. “Father of the redeemed?”
- 4. What comfort does it give you that God is “our” Father? Why?
- 5. What comfort does it give you that God is our “heavenly” Father? Why?