

The Fatherly Foundation of our Prayers
OC Q's 139-140, Lord's Day 48
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Introduction– Father Hunger as the Flaw of Earthly Fatherhood

Main Idea: The Fatherhood of God through the gospel of Jesus Christ is the *foundation* of our praying and the *model* for our own fatherhood.

- I. How the Gospel Redeems the Flaw of Fatherhood
 - A. God redeems the concept of “Fatherhood” through the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.
 - B. But God’s Fatherhood as archetype

- II. Thinking of God our Heavenly Father on our Knees in Prayer
 - A. The foundational note of heart-felt stirring that “Father” should evoke (Q. 139)
 - B. The note of *adoption* (Q. 139)
 - C. The note of *solidarity* with our brethren (Q. 139)
 - D. He delights to give us good things (Q. 139)
 - E. The note of *Fatherly Discipline* (Q. 140)
 - F. The note of *contrast* with our earthly father (Q. 140)

- III. Modelling Fatherhood to Our Children (Physical and Spiritual)
 - A. Are you giving or taking in the commanding of your sons?
 - B. Are you modeling the fatherhood of God in your balance of law and gospel?

- V. Gospel Culmination
 - A. The gospel of fatherhood for those whose fathers have been poor earthly analogs of the heavenly father
 - B. The gospel for those who have been poor fathers