

Growing in Love for God

Session 1: Enjoying the Love of God the Father

Matthew 6:7-14, 25-34; Romans 8:14-17; Galatians 4:4-7

The Love of the Father

1. His love is a fatherly love.
2. The Father's love *seeks us out* – even when we are undeserving.
3. Our Father wants the best for us – that involves discipline. (or training)

How to grow in enjoyment of the Father's love

1. Pray to him.
2. Obey him.
3. Trust him.

*May the **grace** of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the **love** of God, and the **fellowship** of the Holy Spirit be with you all. 2 Cor.13:14*

Recommended Reading on theme of enjoying the love of the triune God:

John Owen, *Communion with God*, abridged by RJK Law (Banner of Truth)

Michael Reeves, *The Good God* (IVP)

Erroll Hulse, *Fellowship with the Trinity*, free online at:

<http://www.chapellibrary.org/files/archive/pdf-english/fwtt.pdf>

Malcolm Maclean, *Royal Company* (Commentary of the Song of Solomon; Christian Focus)

Other books mentioned:

John Bunyan, *Pilgrim's Progress*

Joni Eareckson Tada, *Joni: An Unforgettable Story*, Zondervan

Jeremiah Burroughs, *Learning to be Happy*, Grace Publications

Tim Keller, *The Freedom of Self-forgetfulness*, 10publishing

Frances Ridley Havergal, search for *Kept for the Master's Use* (Project Gutenberg)
free online at: http://www.gutenberg.org/catalog/world/readfile?fk_files=1637274

Sharon James, *In Trouble or in Joy*, Evangelical Press (includes biographies of Sarah Edwards and Frances Ridley Havergal)

Elizabeth Prentiss: *More Love to Thee*, Banner of Truth Trust

My Heart in His Hands, Evangelical Press (biography of Ann Judson)