

What image of God do you have?



Is God our Father?

John 1:12 Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave **the** right to become children of God

1 John 3:1 See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!

References to
God as Father in
Matthew's
Gospel

5:16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your **Father** in heaven.

5:45 that you may be children of your **Father** in heaven.

5:48 Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly **Father** is perfect.

6:8 Do not be like them, for your **Father** knows what you need before you ask him.

6:9 This, then, is how you should pray: "Our **Father** in heaven, hallowed be your name,

6:14 For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly **Father** will also forgive you.



"I KNEW YOU TOBEARD MAN":

THE PARABLE of the TALENTS

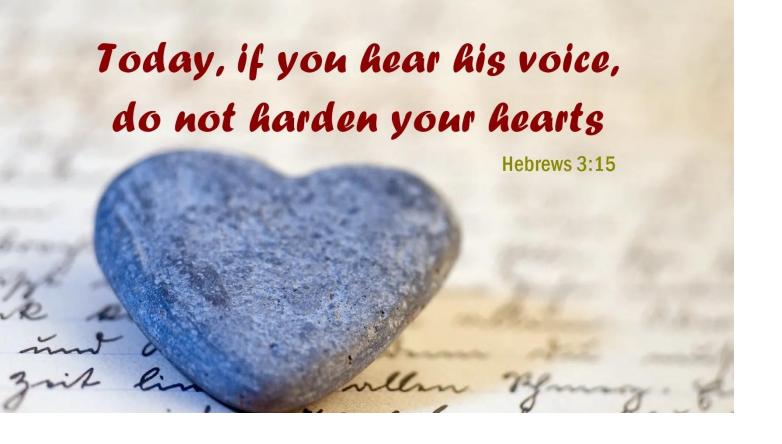


¹⁴ having cancelled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross.









He doesn't listen to accusations against us

He's planning to reward us and delight us

He hears us when we pray

He wants us to invest what he's given us without fear.

He's looking for soft hearts of faith