

Title: "Your Father Knows"

The Sermon on the Mount has been a refreshing study and challenging study. It forces the reader to look inside. While we have been discussing the Pharisees and scribes, and their challenges, we must also look at our challenges! In Bible class last week, I mentioned how to look for phrases or words that are often repeated. There are quite a few within the sermon. Words and phrases like *"Blessed, righteousness, reward, secret, hypocrites, you've heard it said, do not worry, and more I may have missed.* There's a phrase made a few times by Jesus where He said, "Your Father knows." They are found in [Matthew 6:8](#) and [Matthew 6:32](#).

"So do not be like them; for your Father knows what you need before you ask Him..."

"For the Gentiles eagerly seek all these things; for your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things."

Let's see what we can learn.

1. **God knows all.** There's nothing we can hide from Him. That's comforting to know. It also means we can't fool God. There are some who can fool others. In fact, Jesus in [Matthew 7:15](#) said, *"Beware of the false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly are ravenous wolves."* No one can hide anything from God. He knows all.
2. **God knows what we need.** What an awesome thought. Many people don't truly know what another person needs. But God does. He not only knows what we need, but He is the one capable of truly meeting our needs.
3. **God wants us to turn to Him.** Some might ask, "Why do I need to pray if God already knows what I need? That's a great question. First, God has designed it this way. We are to pray to Him. Second, we have a relationship with God. With any relationship there has to be communication. We hear from God through His word, and we speak to God through prayer. It's a way for us to express ourselves to Him. Third, it's a way for us to demonstrate our faith in God. We need to pray with great faith that He will hear and respond accordingly. Are we praying in this manner?
4. **God wants us to live confidently.** We are not to worry! We are not to be consumed with doubt. God provides for the birds. He will provide for us. Your Father knows!

- Benjamin Lee