

Then They Will Know – A Love Song from God the Father
by Michael Card

I will speak... I will wait ...
I will send prophets among them
That they might hear ... That they might see...
And understand how much I love them

Then they will know that I am Father
Then they will know I am Lord
They'll walk with Me and be My people
I'll walk with them as their God

I will strike... I will scourge...
And carry out vengeance upon them
But I will heal... the wounds I make...
And tenderly take them back to me

This is heaven... This is salvation...
This is their great hope and Mine

He will come ...My own Son...
A word faithful hearts can't help hearing
And by His death... With His last breath...
A Father's forgiveness comes flowing

Then they will know that I am Savior
I am Redeemer and Friend...
Immanuel... The God who is with them...
The God who gives all He can

He is salvation... He is the Kingdom...
To know Him is paradise
Then they will know that I am Father
Then they will know I am Lord...I am Lord

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Father God, Come Father Me



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Our prayer is characterized by silence ~
Be still and know that I am God!

In that silence we listen for a new word.
God is present in all our lives.
God cares for us, and
our life experiences are a source
of deepening knowledge of God and self.

Inspired by God's Word in the silence
we share from our hearts.

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To Ponder: *The Secret of the Universe*

Did you ever wonder why, in a nothing space, the Spirit of God, who hovered over the nothingness, prompted God to do the very first $E=Mc^2$? What was the purpose? To what end? Why in the middle of nothing did God start something. What was God's intention? God's goal? Could it be that the Creator of the Universe, the supernatural being who always was perfect, omnipotent, ruler of the Universe, the alpha and omega be **lonely**?

Did God get tired of being alone? Did God first want some place new to play? Why was the earth a place that was "good" to play in? Was God excited to interact with human beings for the first time? Did the humans play the game wrong? Was God a sore loser? Why didn't God just erase them and start over? Know why? Because erasing wasn't part of the directions to the game plan.

Everyone chose a name. God chose "Father". God called all the others "Children". But the children could choose an additional name. The children spent a time on the earth learning how to play and how to dance and how to sing and how to talk to God. In a nutshell they were to learn to know, love and serve God on the earth.

Then one day (and they don't know when) the Father calls them to join Him and the other children in a place called heaven..... Where the game never ends and the laughter never ceases. And the Father "isn't lonely any more".

Anonymous

Reading: Henri Nouwen

The father in the story of the prodigal son is mother as well. His running out to welcome his son, his embrace and kisses, his offering of the best robe, the ring, and sandals; and his throwing a party are not the typical behavior of a distant patriarch.

They express so much tenderness, nurturing care, and self-effacing forgiveness that in them we see both motherly and fatherly love fully present.

The perfect love of our heavenly Father includes as well as transcends all the love that a father and mother can have for their child. We may think about the two hands of God embracing us as a mother's and a father's hand: one caressing, consoling, and comforting, the other supporting, encouraging, and empowering.

We too are called to be father and mother to those who want to come home.



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a reflection...