

Misconceptions of Father's Attitude Towards Us

Believe it or not, we accept lots and lots of lies about Father and about Jesus. These all come from religion, our family upbringing, society and how we've been 'screwed up' by life's circumstances.

Unfortunately these lies reduce our complete enjoyment of the Trinity, because they cause us to pull back in certain ways and not give all of ourselves to them.

William Young, author of "The Shack", has thought of 125 expressions that Father will never say to us and which will never enter into his mind. Here's the only ones of those he's written down, that I can find on the internet:¹

1. I keep a record of wrongs.
2. You are the child I never wanted.
3. I will let you keep your most precious lies.
4. You overestimated Jesus.
5. I need you.
6. The depth of my affection for you is dependent on you.
7. I expected you to do better.
8. If you don't say the magic words, my hands are tied...sorry about that.
9. I don't like being with you when things get messy.
10. I allow evil because it will make you a better person.
11. You aren't allowed to participate until you are perfect.
12. I would rather you attempt to be holy than be honest.
13. You are deaf than my ability to communicate.
14. I only love you today because I know your potential.
15. Shaming is sometimes a good thing.
16. I find your questions offensive.
17. I put up with you only because Jesus loves you.

Here's some more statements from me, that Father will never say to you:

- Get your act together before I talk to you
- That's unforgivable.
- You're hopeless.
- That's so stupid. Why can't you grow up.
- That really deserves punishment.
- I'll whip you into shape.
- With what you've just done, you've gone too far to be saved.

¹ – #1-#5 from "Lies We Believe About God". www.amazon.com.au/Lies-We-Believe-About-God-ebook/dp/B01CO3460K
The remainder from "Things You Will Never Hear God Say" www.youtube.com/watch?v=HO5g8Zfkhaw

- You'll have to pay me back for that.
- You're not good enough to warrant me doing that for you.
- I won't do it unless you say "please".
- You need to be more holy before I can take you further into your destiny.
- You're really unlovable.

These and others are what stop us seeing Father as a perfect father, who IS love. It also stops us from having Jesus (The Son) become our Beloved.

From my personal experience and from observing others over many years, I've come to understand that the reason we think Father would say any of the statements in the lists above is because we have the wrong concept of him. We base our idea of 'God'² on what our own father is like and on the significant men in our lives (uncles, elders, teachers, police, ministers, pastors, etc.) Their unrighteous actions towards us and their unrighteous, hurtful words to us, all go to build a bad 'picture' of Father because we can't see him or physically experience him. For me, until I was around 50, he was a cosmic policeman who was always looking to whack me with a 'big stick' when I 'stepped out of line'. Fortunately, I know him personally now and I can see all the items listed above as pure lies. He lives me with such passion that if I was in his presence I wouldn't know how to handle it.

My experience has produced an accurate, real understanding of what father is like, and that's the one everybody needs to experience. To get started, we certainly need to reject anything that's not in agreement with his character (or our King's character) so we can fully embrace the life they have for us.

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(Readers will need to look up for themselves any scriptures alluded to in this document)

2 – 'God': I use this term in inverted commas because 'God' is the generic term people use, while I don't any more. I have an intimate relationship with the members of the Trinity, so I refer to them by name out of relationship.