**God Has Feelings too**

How many of you have done something that has hurt someone else’s feeling? It is probably safe to say everyone here has probably hurt someone else’s feelings at some time or another

Have you ever stopped to think that maybe something you were doing was hurting Gods Feeling? Does God have feelings like we do? Does he ever cry, get upset or get angry. We often view God as an unreachable, uncaring deity that rules over the universe.

Could God possibly get upset over something that I would do? After all with billions of people on the earth and a whole universe of things going on how could he?

Jesus teaches us, in Matthew 6:9-13, in the Lords Prayers, that God is our Father in Heaven and as any good father he desires nothing more than for his children to love him, respect him, obey him, honor him and spend time with him. God has Feelings and emotions just like we do and as it says in Genesis 1:26

“God said, ‘Let us make man in our image, after our likeness

We are created to be like God and the emotions we feel are the same emotions God feels. We can find many of Gods emotions described throughout the Bible

**God loves. “**For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life,” (John 3:16).

**God desires Love:** God has prepared things for those who love him that no eye has seen, or ear has heard, or that haven’t crossed the mind of any human being ([1 Corinthians 2:9](http://www.biblestudytools.com/1-corinthians/2-9-compare.html))

**God grieves.** “And the LORD was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart,” (Genesis 6:6)

**God expresses joy.** “…Do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength,” (Nehemiah 8:10).

**God rejoices.** “...as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so your God will rejoice over you,” (Isaiah 62:5).

**God gets jealous**:

* They made God jealous with strange gods, aggravated him with detestable things.( Deuteronomy 32:16)
* Thou shalt not bow down thyself unto them, nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me (Deuteronomy 5:9)

**God gets Angry:**

* So the Lord became angry with Solomon, because his heart had turned from the Lord God of Israel… (1 Kings 11:9)
* God judgeth the righteous, and God is angry with the wicked every day (Ps. 7:11)
* For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness (Rom. 1:18)

So just like an earthly father we can bring joy and/or sadness to our Father in heaven we can obey or disobey him and when we obey we can be rewarded and when we disobey we can be punished.

As a loving Father God wants to give us all good things

* 9 “Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? 10 Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? 11 If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him! (Mathew 7:9-11)

Also like a good earthly father our heavenly Father wants to spend time with us. Due to our sin he cannot be hear in person but we can go to him in prayer, talking to our father telling him how we feel, when we are happy, sad or frustrated.

It is also ok to remind God of things he has promised because that shows you are paying attention. Just like an earthly father who might tell his daughter if you make good grades you will get a reward. What daughter would not remind her father, after making an A’s in all her classes, that he promised her a reward.

In the same way God has promised to give us good things

* If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you want, and it will be done for you. (John 15:7)
* Take delight in the Lord and he will give you your heart’s desire (Psalms 37:4)
* And whatever things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive (Matthew 21:22)

He also promises to Help us when we need it

* Cast your burdens on the Lord and he will help you. He will not let you fail (Psalms 55:22)
* But if any of you lack wisdom, ask God, who gives to all liberally; and it shall be given. But let him ask in Faith (James 1:5)
* Trust in the LORD with all your heart; and lean not on your own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.( Proverbs 3 :5  )

God wants more than anything for you to be a part of him. Share your life with him. Delight in knowing him. Trust and believe in him. If you do these things he wants to reward you and give you an eternal life with him in heaven

I have heard many people say God does not answer prayers but I wonder how close they are to their father in heaven. If I never talked to my father except when I had a problem or if I never showed any respect for him by doing things he asked me to do. If I never read his letters or shared anything about him with my friends and neighbors how would my earthly father feel about me. What if I was even embarrassed to tell people he was my father and he knew it? Would he still be there for me every time I called and needed something?

If you really want God to hear you, get to know him, Study (not just read) his word, take time to really talk to him not just quote the same prayer over and over. Spend time in church and with his people and be willing to do the things he asks. If you do this he will open up his blessings to you in ways you never thought possible