

An aerial photograph of a tropical beach. The top half of the image shows vibrant turquoise water with visible coral reefs. A narrow strip of white sand beach runs horizontally across the middle. The bottom half of the image is filled with dense, lush green tropical vegetation, including many palm trees.

**JESUS |  
CHANGES | EVERYTHING**

# Is God Listening to Me?

*Matthew 7:7-12*



Prayer is a valuable gauge  
to measure your theology.  
*(view of God)*

# Nature & Temperament

- Bad-tempered and stingy
- Good-natured and generous





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The context tells us (*qualifiers*)...

1. This passage applies only to those who are really God's children.
2. Even if we are Christians, we must ask for the things that God promises.
3. These passages apply to those who passionately persist in prayer.

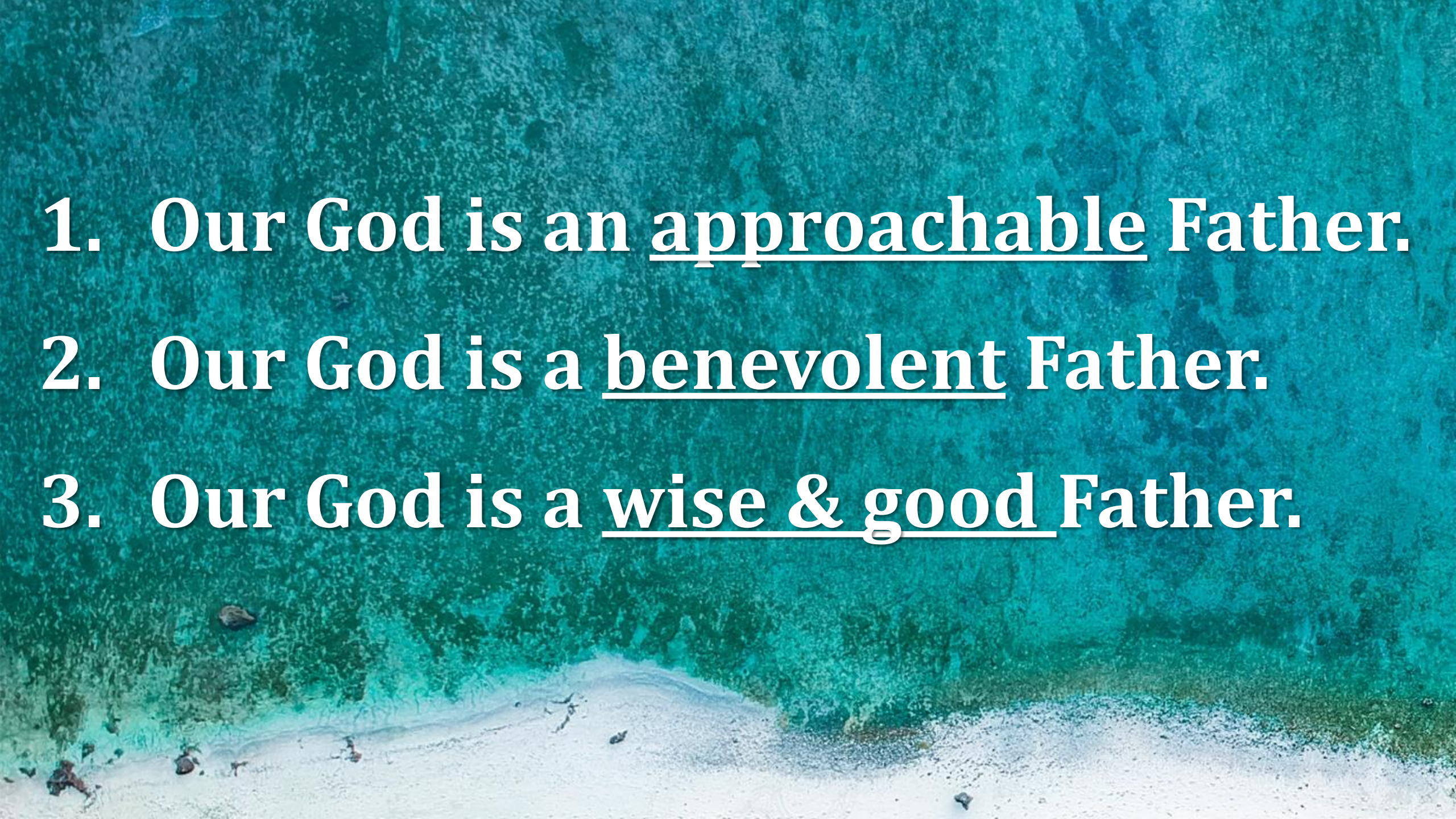


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2. We are to pray confidently – because our God is an approachable, benevolent, wise, and good Father *(vv. 9-11)*.



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1. Our God is an approachable Father.
  2. Our God is a benevolent Father.
  3. Our God is a wise & good Father.



# Trust His Heart

*Cynthia Clausen*



Come, my soul, thy case prepare:  
Jesus loves to answer prayer;  
He himself has bid thee pray,  
Therefore will not say thee nay.

Thou art coming to a King;  
Large petitions with thee bring;  
For His grace and power are such,  
None can ever ask too much.

*John Newton*