

Father knows best

"giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." eph 5:20

awhile back - in the more innocent days of america - there used to be a show called "Father knows best." though that may not always hold true about our earthly father, we can be sure it is true of our heavenly Father.

and now, a little story.

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basket of grapes

once in a kingdom, a king had a huge fruit garden in his palace. various types of fruits were grown there.

a farmer with his family used to take care of that entire fruit garden.

daily, the farmer used to pick fresh fruits from that garden, to bring them to king's palace for king.

one day, farmer saw that coconut, guava, plums and grapes were ready to eat. the farmer started thinking, "which fruit should i take to palace for king today?"

after thinking for while, he felt that he should bring grapes for king. so he filled the basket with grapes and set out to give it to king.

when the farmer reached the palace, he saw that King was lost in some thought and also seemed angry. seeing

this, the farmer placed the basket of sweet and juicy grapes in front of his king and sat at a distance.

lost in thoughts, the king would pick a grape and eat it and then he pull out one and throw it aiming at farmer's forehead.

when the grape hit the farmer head, he calmly said, "God is very merciful."

this kept going on for sometime. the king would eat a grape and aim other at the farmer's forehead and every time a grape hit that farmer, he would say – God is very merciful.

after sometime, the king realized what he was doing and what the farmer's response was.

the king felt bad for hitting his farmer with grapes and said, "i was hitting you again and again with grapes and yet you kept saying that – God is very merciful. why?"

the farmer replied politely, "your majesty, coconut, guava and plum were also ready to be served to you but then i thought why not bring grapes for you today.

i could have brought guava or plum or coconut but i bought grapes.

if i had bought coconut or plum or big guava and laid them in front of you, instead of grapes, then what would be my condition right now?

that's why i am saying that God is very merciful."

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our heavenly Father guides us in even the most intricate details of our life. He keeps us as the apple of His eye (no pun intended - well. maybe a little). our Father sees ahead and always does what is best for us. we often don't realize the mercy of God on us. we have to face trouble, instead of thinking positively about the situation, we start blaming God for our misfortunes and asking "why me?"

"He is the rock, His work is perfect; for all His ways are justice, a God of truth and without injustice; righteous and upright is He. "deut 32:4