

**Psalm 66:19 (NLT2)**

***But God did listen! He paid attention to my prayer.***

My wife is a good cook. But, what if the only time I ever talked to her was just to ask her, “*What’s for dinner honey?*”

I enjoy my job, and my boss really likes the work that I do. But, what if I only talked to my boss once a week, every Friday saying, “*Have a good weekend?*”

I know we wouldn’t do these things; But think about it, like my opening question of, what if the only time I ever talked to my wife was just to ask her, “*What’s for dinner honey?*” But if you only pray at mealtime, that’s pretty much what you are doing with God. But instead of asking, “*What’s for dinner God*” you are saying, “*Thanks for the grub God.*”

If I only asked my wife what was for dinner and never talked to her any other time, what kind of marriage would I have? Not a good one at all.

So, if you only talk to God just to tell Him thank You for the food I am about to receive, what kind of a relationship does that mean you have with God? I would have to say, not a good one at all.

Didn’t Jesus say that “***All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out.***” **John 6:37**

So, if you are a believer, then God has given you to Jesus. But notice what Jesus doesn’t say.

- ☹ All that the Father gives Me will come to Me and only thank Me for their meal but will never talk to Me about anything else.
- ☹ All that the Father gives Me will come to Me and only talk to me when then need something from Me.
- ☹ All that the Father gives Me will come to Me and visit my home once a week for an hour or so but will ignore Me the rest of the week.
- ☹ All that the Father gives Me will come to Me and will be embarrassed to tell others that they know Me.
- ☹ All that the Father gives Me will come to Me and say thank you for saving me, then go live like hell afterwards.

I love my wife, and like I said, she is a good cook. But if all we ever talked about was what was for dinner, then I would need to change, because my wife wants to be more than my cook for dinner, she wants a full on, husband – wife relationship, which actually has nothing to do with what’s for dinner. And the fault would not be on her, because there is way more to her than just how good of a cook she is. So the blame would be on me, for not going beyond the dinner menu with her.

God is our Father, and He holds the universe in His hands.

† **Hebrews 11:3 (NLT2)** *By faith we understand that the entire universe was formed at God's command, that what we now see did not come from anything that can be seen.*

He owns the cattle on a thousand hills.

† **Psalm 50:10** *For every beast of the forest is Mine, And the cattle on a thousand hills.*

And in all His awesomeness, God created the smallest little animals like a hummingbird, and He still will speak to us in a still small voice.

† **1 Kings 19:12** *and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a still small voice.*

But all you can talk about with your Savior, and the Creator of the universe is, “*thanks for the grub God*”?

† **Psalm 95:7-8** *For He is our God, And we are the people of His pasture, And the sheep of His hand. Today, if you will hear His voice: “Do not harden your hearts, as in the rebellion, As in the day of trial in the wilderness.”*