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MY FATHER  
WHO TAUGHT ME TO VEN-  
ERATE THE SCRIPTURES  
AND ENCOURAGED ME TO  
"PREACH THE WORD"**





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