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2. What is revealed about you in these verses?
3. What is God trying to teach you about your position as His child through these verses?
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