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In four forms (Elder Joseph of Vatopaidi)

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If we talk about it as being in stages, the divine will appears in four forms. The first is divine approval, that is what God wants most. The second is dispensation, where

God withdraws paternally, because of our weakness. The third is divine sufferance, when God intervenes and chastises. The fourth and most lamentable is abandonment, which occurs when people live with such ingrained cruelty and callousness that they provoke God to abandon them.