

# The Fatherhood of God

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**1 Corinthians 8:6 (KJV) — 6** But to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him.

**Isaiah 64:8 (KJV)** — 8 But now, O LORD, thou art our father; We are the clay, and thou our potter; And we all are the work of thy hand.

**Psalm 103:13 (KJV)** — 13 Like as a father pitieth his children, so the LORD pitieth them that fear him.

**2 Corinthians 1:3 (KJV)** — 3 Blessed be God, even  
the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of  
mercies, and the God of all comfort;

**John 3:16 (KJV)** — 16 For God so loved the world,  
that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever  
believeth in him should not perish, but have  
everlasting life.

Satan had accused God of requiring self-denial of the angels, when he knew nothing of what it meant himself, and when he would not himself make any self-sacrifice for others. This was the accusation that Satan made against God in heaven; and after the evil one was expelled from heaven, he continually charged the Lord with exacting service which he would not render himself. Christ came to the world to meet these false accusations, and to reveal the Father.

*(The Review and Herald, February 18, 1890, par. 2)*

God suffered with his Son. Man cannot comprehend the sacrifice made by the infinite God in giving up his Son to reproach, agony, and death. This is the evidence of the Father's boundless love to man.

*(The Spirit of Prophecy, vol. 3, p. 100.1)*



O that everyone would realize the great love, the self-sacrifice, the benevolence, and the kindness of our heavenly Father, in giving his Son to die for us that we might, if we believe and do his commandments, have a sweet peace, the Father's joy, the Father's love, and unite with him, heart, soul, mind, and strength, to maintain righteousness and to draw in even lines with Christ. It is not the sacrifice of Christ only; it is the Father's sacrifice also. (*Spalding and Magan Collection*, p. 68.3a)

The Father, in union and loving sympathy, with his Son, subjected himself to suffer with his Son. He spared not his only begotten Son but freely delivered him up for us all. This gift of Christ is the crowning truth of God's love, and this Fatherhood, through all time and through eternity. Here is the love of God in his Fatherhood. Let us drink in this love, that we may know by experience what a real, tender, joyful, experience there is in a realization of the Fatherhood of God. (*Spalding and Magan Collection*, p. 68.3b)

Let brotherly love continue. By bearing one another's burdens, we are fulfilling the law of Christ. "All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth unto such as keep his testimonies." "The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children, to such as keep his covenant, and to those who remember his commandments to do them."

*(Spalding and Magan Collection, p. 68.3c)*

**Matthew 6:26 (KJV)** — 26 Behold the fowls of the air:  
for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather  
into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them.  
Are ye not much better than they?

**Matthew 6:31–33 (KJV)** — 31 Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? 32 (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. 33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

**Matthew 7:11 (KJV)** — 11 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?

Christ's favorite theme was the paternal character and abundant love of God. This knowledge of God was Christ's own gift to men, and this gift He has committed to His people to be communicated by them to the world.

*(Testimonies for the Church, vol. 6, p. 55.1)*

**Deuteronomy 8:5 (KJV)** — 5 Thou shalt also consider in thine heart, that, as a man chasteneth his son, so the LORD thy God chasteneth thee.



**Proverbs 3:11, 12 (KJV)** — 11 My son, despise not the chastening of the LORD; neither be weary of his correction: 12 For whom the LORD loveth he correcteth; even as a father the son in whom he delighteth

**Hebrews 12:5, 6 (KJV)** — 5 And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him: 6 For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.

They [the congregation of Israel] had been flattered by Korah and his company until they really believed themselves to be very good people, and that they had been wronged and abused by Moses. Should they admit that Korah and his company were wrong, and Moses right, then they would be compelled to receive as the word of God the sentence that they must die in the wilderness. They were not willing to submit to this, and they tried to believe that Moses had deceived them.

*(Patriarchs and Prophets, p 401.4a)*

They had fondly cherished the hope that a new order of things was about to be established, in which praise would be substituted for reproof, and ease for anxiety and conflict. The men who had perished had spoken flattering words and had professed great interest and love for them, and the people concluded that Korah and his companions must have been good men, and that Moses had by some means been the cause of their destruction. (*Patriarchs and Prophets*, p 401.4b)

**Matthew 3:17 (KJV)** — 17 And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

**Matthew 17:5 (KJV)** — 5 While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him.

**Matthew 11:27 (KJV)** — 27 All things are delivered unto me of my Father: and no man knoweth the Son, but the Father; neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal him.

**Luke 2:49 (KJV)** — 49 And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?



**John 5:17, 18 (KJV)** — 17 But Jesus answered them,  
My Father worketh hitherto, and I work. 18 Therefore  
the Jews sought the more to kill him, because he not  
only had broken the sabbath, but said also that God  
was his Father, making himself equal with God.

**John 20:17 (KJV)** — 17 Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God.

**Romans 15:6 (KJV)** — 6 That ye may with one mind and one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Ephesians 1:3 (KJV)** — 3 Blessed be the God  
and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath  
blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly  
places in Christ:

**1 Peter 1:3 (KJV)** — 3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

**Deuteronomy 32:6 (KJV) — 6** Do ye thus requite the LORD, O foolish people and unwise? is not he thy father that hath bought thee? hath he not made thee, and established thee?

**Malachi 2:10 (KJV) —** 10 Have we not all one father? hath not one God created us? why do we deal treacherously every man against his brother, by profaning the covenant of our fathers?

**Matthew 6:9 (KJV) — 9** After this manner  
therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in  
heaven, Hallowed be thy name.



**Galatians 3:26 (KJV) — 26 For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.**

**John 1:12, 13 (KJV)** — 12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:  
13 Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

**Galatians 4:5–7 (KJV)** — 5 To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. 6 And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father. 7 Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

A complete offering has been made; for “God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son,”—not a son by creation, as were the angels, nor a son by adoption, as is the forgiven sinner, but a Son begotten in the express image of the Father’s person, and in all the brightness of his majesty and glory, one equal with God in authority, dignity, and divine perfection. In him dwelt all the fullness of the Godhead bodily. (*The Signs of the Times*, May 30, 1895, par. 3)

**Matthew 5:48 (KJV)** — 48 Be ye therefore perfect,  
even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.

**Ephesians 4:3–6 (KJV)** — 3 Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. 4 There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; 5 One Lord, one faith, one baptism, 6 One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

Matthew 12:50 (KJV) — 50 For whosoever shall do  
the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same  
is my brother, and sister, and mother.

**Hebrews 2:11 (KJV)** — 11 For both he that sanctifieth  
and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which  
cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren,



**Romans 8:17 (KJV)** — 17 And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.

**Luke 12:32 (KJV)** — 32 Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

**Galatians 3:29 (KJV)** — 29 And if ye be Christ's,  
then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according  
to the promise.



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**Revelation 14:7 (KJV)** — 7 Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.

**Ephesians 3:14 (KJV)** — 14 For this cause I bow  
my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus  
Christ,

