

## God Our Father

We know that Jesus declared God His Father, and He told **us** to pray “**Our** Father, Who art in Heaven...” (Matthew 6:9; Luke 11:2).

Furthermore, Jesus declared **God as being Father to us**, as well, in the following verses:

Matthew 5:16 KJVR

(16) Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify **your Father which is in heaven**.

Matthew 5:45 KJVR

(45) **That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven**: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.

Matthew 5:48 KJVR

(48) Be ye therefore perfect, even as **your Father which is in heaven** is perfect.

Matthew 6:1 KJVR

(1) Take heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them: otherwise ye have no reward of **your Father which is in heaven**.

Matthew 7:11 KJVR

(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?

Matthew 18:14 KJVR

(14) Even so it is not the will of **your Father which is in heaven**, that one of these little ones should perish.

Matthew 23:9 KJVR

(9) And call no *man* your father upon the earth: for **one is your Father, which is in heaven**.

Mark 11:25-26 KJVR

(25) And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have aught against any: **that your Father also which is in heaven** may forgive you your trespasses.

(26) But if ye do not forgive, neither will **your Father which is in heaven** forgive your trespasses.

And we know that the writer of Hebrews, presumably the Apostle Paul, also spoke of The Father of (our) spirits in Hebrews 12:9:

Hebrews 12:9 KJV

(9) Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected *us*, and we gave *them* reverence: **shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits**, and live?

However, where did the concept of God being our Father come prior to Jesus being physically upon the earth in the body of a man?

We know that Jesus was declared to be “the son of David,” right?

Matthew 1:1 KJV

(1) The book of the generation of **Jesus Christ, the son of David**, the son of Abraham.

Matthew 9:27 KJV

(27) And when **Jesus departed** thence, two blind men **followed him, crying, and saying, Thou son of David**, have mercy on us.

Matthew 20:30 KJV

(30) And, behold, two blind men sitting by the way side, **when they heard that Jesus passed by, cried out, saying, Have mercy on us, O Lord, thou son of David.**

Mark 10:47 KJV

(47) And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out, and say, **Jesus, thou son of David**, have mercy on me.

Mark 12:35-37 KJVR

(35) And **Jesus answered and said**, while he taught in the temple, **How say the scribes that Christ is the son of David?**

(36) For David himself said by the Holy Ghost, **the LORD said to my LORD, Sit thou on my right hand, till I make thine enemies thy footstool.**

(37) **David therefore himself calleth him Lord; and whence is he then his son?** And the common people heard him gladly.

Luke 18:37-39 KJV

(37) And they told him, that **Jesus of Nazareth passeth by.**

(38) And he cried, saying, **Jesus, thou son of David**, have mercy on me.

(39) And they which went before rebuked him, that he should hold his peace: but he cried so much the more, **Thou son of David**, have mercy on me.

Romans 1:3 KJV

(3) **Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh;**

So, we know that Jesus was “the son of” King David by being the progeny and of the lineage of David, and was referred to as being “the son of David” by that same progeniture.

Interestingly, there is nowhere in the Old Testament that God Almighty is referred to as “Father” excepting by King David:

Here are the verses that David the king remarked of God that He, indeed, is OUR Father:

1Chronicles 29:10 KJV

(10) Wherefore **David blessed the LORD** before all the congregation: and **David said, Blessed be thou, LORD God of Israel our father**, forever and ever.

Psalms 68:4-5 KJV

(4) **Sing unto God**, sing praises to his name: extol him that rideth upon the heavens by his name JAH, and rejoice before him.

(5) **A father of the fatherless**, and a judge of the widows, **is God** in his holy habitation.

Ethan the Ezrahite also spoke of God being his father in his own Psalm:

Psalms 89:26 KJV

(26) He shall cry unto me, **Thou art my father, my God**, and the rock of my salvation.

And Isaiah also affirmed God was, and is, OUR Father:

Isaiah 9:6 KJV

(6) For **unto us a child** is born, **unto us a son** is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and **his name shall be called** Wonderful, Counselor, **The mighty God, The everlasting Father**, The Prince of Peace.

But Isaiah is speaking of THE SON, JESUS, NOT GOD THE FATHER!

Malachi also speaks of ALL OF US having ONE FATHER, EVEN GOD:

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?

So, you see, not only is the concept of God being OUR Father found in the Old Testament, as well as by Jesus speaking of Him in that manner in the New Testament, **but Jesus Himself was regarded, prophetically, as being OUR GOD AND FATHER TOO!**

Jesus is also called The Almighty BY THE APOSTLE JOHN, referring to Jesus, Who spoke of Himself as being Alpha and Omega:

Revelation 1:8 KJVR

(8) **I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord**, which is, and which was, and which is to come, **the Almighty**.

He is the embodiment of the Father, the very image of God the Father, according to Colossians 1:15; see here in context:

Colossians 1:12-15 KJV

- (12) Giving thanks **unto the Father**, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light:  
(13) **Who hath** delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath **translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son**:  
(14) **In whom we have redemption through his blood**, *even* the forgiveness of sins:  
(15) **Who is the image of the invisible God**, the firstborn of every creature:

So then: WE CAN REGARD GOD THE FATHER AS OUR HEAVENLY FATHER, AND WE CAN REGARD JESUS AS OUR FATHER ALSO – BECAUSE HE IS THE PERFECT RESEMBLANCE OF GOD THE FATHER IN HUMAN FORM!

Did Jesus regard Himself as being The Almighty? Let's see:

John 5:43 KJVR

(43) **I am come in my Father's name**, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive.

John 8:23-24 KJVR

- (23) And he said unto them, **Ye are from beneath; I am from above**: ye are of this world; **I am not of this world**.  
(24) I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for **if ye believe not that I am he**, ye shall die in your sins.

John 8:27-28 KJVR

(27) They understood not that **he spake to them of the Father**.

(28) Then said Jesus unto them, **When ye have lifted up the Son of man, then shall ye know that I am he**, and *that* I do nothing of myself; but as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things.

John 8:54-58 KJVR

(54) Jesus answered, **If I honor myself, my honor is nothing: it is my Father that honoreth me; of whom ye say, that he is your God:**

(55) **Yet ye have not known him; but I know him:** and if I should say, I know him not, I shall be a liar like unto you: but I know him, and keep his saying.

(56) **Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day: and he saw it, and was glad.**

(57) Then said the Jews unto him, Thou art not yet fifty years old, and hast thou seen Abraham?

(58) Jesus said unto them, **Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am.**

Recall where this statement of being, “I Am,” came from:

Exodus 3:13-14 KJV

(13) And Moses said unto God, Behold, *when* I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say unto them, **The God of your fathers hath sent me unto you;** and they shall say to me, **What is his name? what shall I say unto them?**

(14) And **God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM:** and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, **I AM hath sent me unto you.**

Under no uncertain terms did the Jews believe otherwise, as, immediately after Jesus stated this - as is written in John 8:58 (above) - this is the response the Jews gave Jesus:

John 8:59 KJV

(59) **Then took they up stones to cast at him:** but Jesus hid himself, and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by.

So then, let me encapsulate what we can learn from all the aforementioned:

God is The Father;

God is The Son (Jesus, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father);

and

God is The Holy Spirit (The Spirit of The Father – John 4:23 -24):

John 4:23-24 KJVR

(23) **But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshipers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.**

(24) **God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.**

The Father dwells within us as much as He does with us!!!

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