



**“THE SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP  
BETWEEN JESUS AND HIS  
FATHER!”**

**Introduction:**

- A. This Morning’s Sermon: “Fathers Deserve Our Respect And Appreciation.”
  - 1. I hope you have spent time this afternoon appreciating your father.
  - 2. If your father is alive, I hope you commit yourself to showing more gratitude by how you treat him and how you speak about him.
- B. Tonight: A Look At “The Special Relationship Of Jesus With His Father.”
- C. **(Slide #2)** We Begin By Looking At God Being Described “Father.” The Father Heart Of God!

**I. “Father” As Used In The Old Testament.**

- A. **(Slide #3)** “Father” Is Used 1,135 Times In The Bible!
- B. **(►)** “Father” Is Used 766 Times It Is Used In The Old Testament, Only 14 Times It Refers To God!
  - 1. Normally it talks about the father of an individual. 752 Times (98.2% of the time)
  - 2. Only 14 times it refers to God! (1.8% of the time)
  - 3. It is used in the sense of Him being the Father of the Jews.
  - 4. Only once it refers to Jesus when He is called the “Everlasting Father.” Is. 9:6
  - 5. He is NEVER described as the “Father” of Jesus in the Old Testament!
  - 6. In those Scriptures, God is depicted as **the “Father” of the Jews.**

- a. God is responsible for you being a nation! Dt. 32:6 “Do you thus deal with the LORD, O foolish and unwise people? Is He not your Father, who bought you? Has He not made you and established you?”
  - b. He is a Father to those who keep their covenant with Him! Ps. 89:26 “He shall cry to Me, ‘You *are* my Father, My God, and the rock of my salvation.’”
  - c. He is the “Father” of the Jews centuries after Abraham was dead!
    1. Is. 63:16 “Doubtless You *are* our Father, Though Abraham was ignorant of us, And Israel does not acknowledge us. You, O LORD, *are* our Father; Our Redeemer from Everlasting *is* Your name.”
    2. He is the Father; they are the clay! Is. 64:8 “But now, O LORD, You are our Father; We are the clay, and You our potter; And all we are the work of Your hand.”
  - d. If He is their Father, they should not mistreat each other! Mal 2:10 “Have we not all one Father? Has not one God created us? Why do we deal treacherously with one another By profaning the covenant of the fathers?”
  - e. They were going to go into Captivity. If they repent, God will be their Father and restore them to their land. Jer. 31:9 “They shall come with weeping, And with supplications I will lead them. I will cause them to walk by the rivers of waters, In a straight way in which they shall not stumble; For I am a Father to Israel, And Ephraim *is* My firstborn.”
  - f. If He is their Father, they should be obedient to Him! Jer. 3:19 “But I said: ‘How can I put you among the children And give you a pleasant land, A beautiful heritage of the hosts of nations?’ ‘And I said: ‘You shall call Me, ‘My Father,’ And not turn away from Me.’”
  - g. I Chr. 29:10 “Therefore David blessed the LORD before all the assembly; and David said: ‘Blessed are You, LORD God of Israel, our Father, forever and ever.’”
7. Four of these passages refer to **God being a Father to David’s Son, Solomon!**
- a. II Sa. 7:14 “I will be his Father, and he shall be My son. If he commits iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men and with the blows of the sons of men.” (If he obeys Me, I will bless Him! If he disobeys Me, I will chasten and punish him.)
  - b. I Chr. 17:12,13 “He shall build Me a house, and I will establish his throne forever. <sup>13</sup>I will be his Father, and he shall be My son; and I will not take My mercy away from him, as I took *it* from *him* who was before you.”
  - c. I Chr. 22:10 “He shall build a house for My name, and he shall be My son, and I *will be* his Father; and I will establish the throne of his kingdom over Israel forever.”
  - d. I Chr. 28:6 “Now He said to me, ‘It is your son Solomon *who* shall build My house and My courts; for I have chosen him *to be* My son, and I will be his Father.’”

8. **Jesus** is described as “Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace!” Is. 9:6 “For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”

## II. (►) “Father” As Used In The New Testament.

### A. “Father” Is Used 369 Times In The New Testament.

1. 97 times it is used to talk about a man being a “father.” (26% of the time)
2. 272 times it talks about God, the Father! (74% of the time)

### B. Jesus Continually Described God As “His Father!”

1. Often He addressed God as “Father.”
2. He addressed God as “My Father!” (61 times)

Mt. 7:21; Mt. 10:32; Mt. 10:33; Mt. 11:27; Mt. 12:50; Mt. 15:13; Mt. 16:17; Mt. 18:10; Mt. 18:19; Mt. 18:35; Mt. 20:23; Mt. 24:36; Mt. 25:34; Mt. 26:29; Mt. 26:39; Mt. 26:42; **Mt. 26:53; Lk. 2:49; Lk. 10:22; Lk. 22:29; Lk. 24:49; Jn. 2:16; Jn. 5:17; Jn. 5:43; Jn. 6:32; Jn. 6:65; Jn. 8:19 (twice); Jn. 8:28; Jn. 8:38; Jn. 8:49; Jn. 8:54; Jn. 10:17; Jn. 10:18; Jn. 10:25; Jn. 10:29 (twice); Jn. 10:30; Jn. 10:32; Jn. 10:37; Jn. 12:26; Jn. 14:2; Jn. 14:7; Jn. 14:12; Jn. 14:20; Jn. 14:21; Jn. 14:23; Jn. 14:28; Jn. 15:1; Jn. 15:8; Jn. 15:10; Jn. 15:15; Jn. 15:23; Jn. 15:24; Jn. 16:10; Jn. 18:11; Jn. 20:17 (twice); Rev. 2:27; Rev. 3:5; Rev. 3:21**

### C. He Spoke Directly To God As “Father” Often:

1. Jn. 12:27 “Now My soul is troubled, and what shall I say? ‘Father, save Me from this hour’? But for this purpose I came to this hour.”
2. Mt. 26:39 “He went a little farther and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, ‘O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You *will*.’”
3. Lk. 23:43 “Then Jesus said, ‘Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do.’ And they divided His garments and cast lots.”
4. Lk. 23:46 “And when Jesus had cried out with a loud voice, He said, ‘Father, *into Your hands I commit My spirit.*’ ’ Having said this, He breathed His last.”

### III. (Slide #5) Truths We Learn About The Relationship Between Jesus And His Father.

#### A. (►) He Was With God Eternally; He Would Return To Him In Heaven.

1. Jn. 17:5 “And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.”
2. I Jn. 1:2 “the life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare to you that eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us.”
3. He would leave the Earth to return to the Father!
  - a. Jn. 13:1 “Now before the feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that His hour had come that He should depart from this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end.”
  - b. Jn. 14:12 “Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father.”
  - c. Jn. 16:10 “of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more;”
  - d. Jn. 16:16 “A little while, and you will not see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me, because I go to the Father.”
  - e. Jn. 16:17 “Then some of His disciples said among themselves, ‘What is this that He says to us, ‘A little while, and you will not see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me’; and, ‘because I go to the Father’?’”
  - f. Jn. 16:28 “I came forth from the Father and have come into the world. Again, I leave the world and go to the Father.”
  - g. Jn. 17:11 “Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as *We are*.”
  - h. Jn. 20:17 “Jesus said to her, ‘Do not cling to Me, for I have not yet ascended to My Father; but go to My brethren and say to them, ‘I am ascending to My Father and your Father, and *to* My God and your God.’”

#### B. (►) The Father And The Spirit Vouched For And Glorified Jesus As Deity And As The Christ!

1. Jn. 15:26 “But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me.”
2. II Pet. 1:17 “For He received from God the Father honor and glory when such a voice came to Him from the Excellent Glory: “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”

C. (►) They Are “One!”

1. Jn. 10:30 “I and *My* Father are one.”
2. Jn. 17:21 “that they all may be one, as You, Father, *are* in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me.”
3. I Jn. 5:7 “For there are three that bear witness in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one.”
4. They knew each other completely! Jn. 10:15 “As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep.”
5. His affirmation that God was His Father and that He was the Son of God emphasized that they had the same nature!
  - a. Jn. 1:14 “And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.”
  - b. Jn. 5:18 “Therefore the Jews sought all the more to kill Him, because He not only broke the Sabbath, but also said that God was His Father, making Himself equal with God.”

D. (Slide #6) Jesus Came Here To Do The Father’s Will!

1. Jn. 18:11 “So Jesus said to Peter, ‘Put your sword into the sheath. Shall I not drink the cup which My Father has given Me?’”
2. I Jn. 4:14 “And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son *as* Savior of the world.”
3. Their wills are the same! Jn. 5:19 “Then Jesus answered and said to them, ‘Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner.’”
4. Jn. 15:10 “If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father’s commandments and abide in His love.”
5. Jesus’ Message was the same as the Father’s Message:
  - a. Jn. 12:49 “For I have not spoken on My own authority; but the Father who sent Me gave Me a command, what I should say and what I should speak.”
  - b. Jn. 12:50 “whatever I speak, just as the Father has told Me, so I speak.”
6. Lk. 23:34 “Then Jesus said, ‘Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do.’”

7. Lk. 23:46 “And when Jesus had cried out with a loud voice, He said, ‘Father, ‘into Your hands I commit My spirit.’ ” Having said this, He breathed His last.”
8. Jn. 12:27 “Now My soul is troubled, and what shall I say? ‘Father, save Me from this hour’? But for this purpose I came to this hour.”

E. (►) The Works That The Father Gave Him To Do Validate Who He Is.

1. Jn. 5:36 “But I have a greater witness than John’s; for the works which the Father has given Me to finish--the very works that I do--bear witness of Me, that the Father has sent Me.”
2. Ac. 2:22 “Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested by God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs which God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves also know.”
3. Mt. 11:2-5 “And when John had heard in prison about the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples <sup>3</sup>and said to Him, ‘Are You the Coming One, or do we look for another?’ <sup>4</sup>Jesus answered and said to them, ‘Go and tell John the things which you hear and see: <sup>5</sup>*The* blind see and *the* lame walk; *the* lepers are cleansed and *the* deaf hear; *the* dead are raised up and *the* poor have the gospel preached to them.’”
4. Jn. 7:31 “And many of the people believed in Him, and said, ‘When the Christ comes, will He do more signs than these which this *Man* has done?’”
5. Jn. 20:30,31 “And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; <sup>31</sup>but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.”

F (►) He Did Not Appreciate Someone Dishonoring His Father!

1. Jn. 2:16 “And He said to those who sold doves, ‘Take these things away! Do not make My Father’s house a house of merchandise!’”
2. Why? Because God, a perfect Being, was His Father!

#### **IV. (Slide #7) Truths About Man's Attitude Toward Jesus And His Father.**

##### **A. (Slide #8) We Need to See God As And Address Him As "Our Father!" (12 Times)**

1. Mt. 6:9; Lk. 11:2; Rom. 1:7; I Cor. 1:3; II Cor. 1:2; Eph. 1:2; Phil. 1:2; Col. 1:2; I Thess. 1:1; II Thess. 1:1; I Tim. 1:2; Philemon 3
2. We are the Lord's spiritual brethren! Mt. 12:50 "For whoever does the will of My Father in heaven is My brother and sister and mother."
3. God is the Father of Jesus; He is also our Father!
  - a. He is called "Your Father" (24 times)
  - b. Mt. 5:16; Mt. 5:45; Mt. 5:48; Mt. 6:1; Mt. 6:4; Mt. 6:6 (twice); Mt. 6:8; Mt. 6:14; Mt. 6:15; Mt. 6:18 (twice); Mt. 6:26; Mt. 6:32; Mt. 7:11; Mt. 10:20; Mt. 10:29; Mt. 18:14; Mt. 23:29; Mk. 11:25; Mk. 11:26; Lk. 12:30; Lk. 12:32; Jn. 8:42 ("If God were your Father"); Jn. 20:17
  - c. Jn. 20:17 "Jesus said to her, 'Do not cling to Me, for I have not yet ascended to My Father; but go to My brethren and say to them, 'I am ascending to My Father and your Father, and to My God and your God.'"

##### **B. (►) If You Love Jesus, You Love His Father; If You Love The Father, You Should Love Jesus!**

1. Jn. 16:27 "for the Father Himself loves you, because you have loved Me, and have believed that I came forth from God."
2. I Jn. 2:22,23 "Who is a liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist who denies the Father and the Son. <sup>23</sup>Whoever denies the Son does not have the Father either; he who acknowledges the Son has the Father also."
3. Jn. 14:21 "He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him."

##### **C. (►) If You Have Fellowship With One, You Have Fellowship With The Other!**

1. I Jn. 1:3 "that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ."
2. I Jn. 2:23 "Whoever denies the Son does not have the Father either; he who acknowledges the Son has the Father also."

**D. (Slide #9) If You Dishonor One, You Dishonor The Other!**

1. Jn. 5:23 “He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him.”
2. Jn. 5:30 “I can of Myself do nothing. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is righteous, because I do not seek My own will but the will of the Father who sent Me.
3. Jn. 15:23 “He who hates Me hates My Father also.”
4. I Jn. 2:22 “Who is a liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist who denies the Father and the Son.”

**E. (►) If You Transgress The Will Of The Father, You Transgress The Will Of Jesus And Vice Versa! You Are Then Not In Fellowship With God!**

1. II Jn. 9 “Whoever transgresses and does not abide in the doctrine of Christ does not have God. He who abides in the doctrine of Christ has both the Father and the Son.”
2. Jn. 14:7 “If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and from now on you know Him and have seen Him.”
3. Jn. 8:42 “Jesus said to them, ‘If God were your Father, you would love Me, for I proceeded forth and came from God; nor have I come of Myself, but He sent Me.’”

**V. (Slide #10) Truths About Man’s Attitude Toward Jesus And His Father In Contrast With His Love For Other Men Or The World!**

- A. (Slide #11) If You Love Family Members More Than Him, You Do Not Love Him! Mt. 10:37 “He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me.”**
- B. (►) If You Love The World More Than Him, You Do Not Love Him! I Jn. 2:15 “Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.”**