



“WHAT I KNOW ABOUT MY FATHER!”

Introduction:

- A. Question: How Much Do You Know About Your Earthly Father?

- B. Observation: I Hear Many Affirm “God Hasn’t Revealed Much About Himself!” REALLY?
 - 1. Do you think we cannot know much about Him?

 - 2. Some would quote Is. 55:8,9 “‘For My thoughts *are* not your thoughts, Nor *are* your ways My ways,’ says the LORD. ⁹For *as* the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts.”

- C. Can I Know More About My Earthly Father Or My Heavenly Father?

I. (Slide #2) Things I Know About My Earthly Father.

- A. (Slide #3) Jesse Herman Rogers.
 - 1. Dad was born in Montgomery County, KY to George M. and Maggie (Magdalene) Rogers on March 22, 1920. He was the fourth of 11 children.

 - 2. Jesse volunteered to go to the service for WWII; however he was denied because of a heart murmur. He then volunteered to work at Wright’s Aircraft Engine Factory in Cincinnati during the war from 1945-1949.

 - 3. After the war, he returned to Mt. Sterling, KY; worked at J.C. Penny’s in the men’s department, met his future wife, Louise Marsh there, and after dating for about a year, they were married on January 22, 1949.

 - 4. He and mother owned the Stanton Farmers Supply in Stanton, KY for 42 years. Dad was known as a very honest businessman.

 - 5. They had two sons, Stephen and Paul.

 - 6. He was not a touchy-feely, huggy guy; yet we knew that he dearly loved us.

7. Dad was a devout Christian; he was an elder in the Church at Stanton, KY for many years.
8. He loved the Lord's Church; he established the Church in Stanton, KY; he helped numerous congregations come into existence; he helped them buy property.
9. He was a respected citizen of Stanton and Powell County. He was on the 4-H Council for about 40 years and he was on the Stanton Housing Authority for many years.
10. He was not a showboat; He was not a glory seeker; He was a man of few words, but when he spoke you probably should listen!
11. He was frugal.
12. He was a straight shooter -- he clearly told you what he thought.
13. He died on August 18, 2016

B. I Am Proud To Call Jesse H. Rogers "My Father." I Am Glad To Be His Son!

II. (Slide #4) Things I Know About My Spiritual Father:

- A. That Poses A SERIOUS Question -- WHO IS Your Father?
 1. You had no choice about who would be your earthly father!
 2. You have absolute choice in who will be your spiritual father -- God? Satan?
- B. (Slide #5) Satan: II Cor. 11:14
 1. A Created Being
 2. A Rebel Against God -- II Pet. 2:4
 3. The Devil -- Mt. 4:1
 4. Tempter -- Mt. 4:3
 5. Liar; Father Of Lies -- Jn. 8:44
 6. Beelzebub -- Mt. 12:24 (Prince of the devils)

7. The Wicked One -- Mt. 13:38
8. The Enemy -- Mt. 13:39
9. A Murderer -- Jn. 8:44
10. Man's Adversary Who Is Like A Roaring Lion -- I Pet. 5:8
11. He leads his children to Hell! Rev. 20:10 [He wants what is the ABSOLUTELY WORST for his children!]

C. **(Slide #6)** God:

1. **(Slide #7)** Father:
 - a. Of Jesus.
 1. Mt. 3:17 "And suddenly a voice *came* from heaven, saying, 'This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.'"
 2. Eph. 1:3 "Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly *places* in Christ,"
 - b. Of Christians.
 1. I Jn. 3:1 "Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him."
 2. II Cor. 6:18 "Therefore '*Come out from among them And be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, And I will receive you.*' ¹⁸'I will be a Father to you, And you shall be My sons and daughters, Says the LORD Almighty.'"
2. **(Slide #8)** Designer Of This Universe:
 - a. He has left evidences of His eternal power and Godhead. Rom. 1:20 "For since the creation of the world His invisible *attributes* are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, *even* His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse,"
 - b. Ac. 14:15 "you should turn from these useless things to the living God, who made the heaven, the earth, the sea, and all things that are in them,"
 - c. Ps. 33:6 "By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, And all the host of them by the breath of His mouth."
 - d. Heb. 1:1,2 "God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, ²has in these last days spoken to us by *His* Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds;"
 - e. The Father designed the universe; Jesus spoke it into existence!

3. **(Slide #9)** Revealed Himself in Jesus!
 - a. Jn. 14:8,9 “Philip said to Him, ‘Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us.’⁹ Jesus said to him, ‘Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, ‘Show us the Father’?’”
 - b. Jn. 1:18 “No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared *Him*.”
 - c. Who is Jesus”
 1. Col. 1:15 “He is the image of the invisible God,”
 2. Phil. 2:6 “who, being in the form of God” [NIV -- “being in very nature God”]
 - d. The affirmation of Jesus: “I and *My* Father are one.” Jn. 10:30

4. **(Slide #10)** A spirit:
 - a. Jn. 4:24 “God *is* Spirit,”
 - b. Thus, I Jn. 4:12 “No one has seen God at any time.”
 - c. We can understand Him -- we are a spirit inhabiting a body. Js. 1:26
 - d. We are made in His image. Gen. 1:26,27

5. **(Slide #11)** A Divine Being.
 - a. He is one of the Three Divine Beings!
 - b. “LORD” is the Hebrew word “YHWH” referring to all three Divine Beings.
 - c. Jn. 1:1 “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.”
 - d. Mt. 28:19 “Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,”
 - e. 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.”

6. **(Slide #12)** An eternal Being!
 - a. Gen. 21:33 “the everlasting God.” Dt. 33:27
 - b. Ps. 41:13 “from everlasting, and to everlasting.”
 - c. Ps. 93:2 “thou art from everlasting.”
 - d. Ex. 3:14 “And God said to Moses, ‘I AM WHO I AM.’ And He said, ‘Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, ‘I AM has sent me to you.’”

7. **(Slide #13)** A Glorious Being!
 - a. Ps. 113:4 “The LORD *is* high above all nations, His glory above the heavens.”
 - b. Mt. Sinai “The sight of the glory of the LORD *was* like a consuming fire on the top of the mountain in the eyes of the children of Israel.” Ex. 24:17
 - c. His glory filled the Tabernacle -- Ex. 40:34. “And Moses was not able to enter the tabernacle of meeting, because the cloud rested above it, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.”

- d. And in Heaven -- Rev. 21:23 “The city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb *is* its light.”
8. **(Slide #14)** All-Sovereign:
- a. He can do anything that inconsistent with His Nature and His Will!
 - b. Gen. 18:14 “Is anything too hard for the LORD?”
 - c. Ps. 135:5,6 “For I know that the LORD *is* great, And our Lord *is* above all gods. ⁶Whatever the LORD pleases He does, In heaven and in earth, In the seas and in all deep places.”
 - d. Nah. 1:3 “The LORD *is* slow to anger and great in power,
 - e. Ps. 47:2 “For the LORD Most High *is* awesome; *He is* a great King over all the earth.”
 - f. Ps. 50:10 “For every beast of the forest *is* Mine, *And* the cattle on a thousand hills.”
 - g. Ac. 17:25 “Nor is He worshiped [“Served” -- NIV, ASV] with men’s hands, as though He needed anything, since He gives to all life, breath, and all things.”
9. **(Slide #15)** All-Knowing:
- a. Ps. 139:2-6 “You know my sitting down and my rising up; You understand my thought afar off. ³You comprehend my path and my lying down, And are acquainted with all my ways. ⁴For *there is* not a word on my tongue, *But* behold, O LORD, You know it altogether.....⁶*Such* knowledge *is* too wonderful for me; It is high, I cannot *attain* it.”
 - b. He knows everything that happens everywhere even though He sits on the Throne in Heaven!
 - c. You see this in concepts like predestination, elections, and choice!
 - d. This concept is beautifully explained as He talks about:
 - 1. Jeremiah: Jer. 1:5 “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; Before you were born I sanctified you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations.”
 - 2. Saul of Tarsus: “Then he said, ‘The God of our fathers has chosen you that you should know His will, and see the Just One, and hear the voice of His mouth. ¹⁵For you will be His witness to all men of what you have seen and heard.’” Ac. 22:14,15
10. **(Slide #16)** Holy!
- a. Is. 6:3 “And one cried to another and said: ‘Holy, holy, holy *is* the LORD of hosts; The whole earth *is* full of His glory!’”
 - b. Rev. 4:8 “And they do not rest day or night, saying: ‘Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, Who was and is and is to come!’”
 - c. Ps. 111:9 “Holy and awesome *is* His name.”

11. **(Slide #17) Perfect!**
 - a. Dt. 32:4 “*He is the Rock, His work is perfect; For all His ways are justice, A God of truth and without injustice; Righteous and upright is He.*”
 - b. Ps. 18:30 “*As for God, His way is perfect;*”

12. **(Slide #18) Love:**
 - a. I Jn. 4:16 “God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him.”
 - b. Jn. 3:16 “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.”
 - c. I Jn. 4:9,10 “In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son *to be* the propitiation for our sins.”
 - d. Jer. 31:3 “The LORD has appeared of old to me, *saying*: ‘Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love; Therefore with lovingkindness I have drawn you.’”

13. **(Slide #19) Full of mercy and grace!**
 - a. Ps. 108:4 “For Your mercy *is* great above the heavens, And Your truth *reaches* to the clouds.”
 - b. Ps. 119:64 “The earth, O LORD, is full of Your mercy;”
 - c. Lk. 6:36 “Therefore be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful.”
 - d. Under the New Covenant: “*For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more.*” Heb. 8:12
 - e. Ps. 103:8 “The LORD *is* merciful and gracious, Slow to anger, and abounding in mercy.”
 - f. He would spare Sodom if 10 righteous people were found. Gen. 18:24-33
 - g. Eph. 2:8 “For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God,”

14. **(Slide #20) Goodness!**
 - a. Ps. 118:29 “Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for *He is* good! For His mercy *endures* forever.”
 - b. Ps. 145:9 “The LORD *is* good to all, And His tender mercies *are* over all His works.”
 - c. Rom. 11:22 “toward you, goodness, if you continue in *His* goodness.”

15. **(Slide #21) Truth!**
- Tit. 1:2 “God, who cannot lie,”
 - Heb. 6:18 “it *is* impossible for God to lie.”
 - Nu. 23:19 “God *is* not a man, that He should lie, Nor a son of man, that He should repent. Has He said, and will He not do? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?”
 - Ps. 117:2 “And the truth of the LORD *endures* forever.”
16. **(Slide #22) Faithfulness!**
- Ps. 119:90 “Your faithfulness *endures* to all generations; You established the earth, and it abides.”
 - Gen. 9:13-16 “I set My rainbow in the cloud, and it shall be for the sign of the covenant between Me and the earth. ¹⁴It shall be, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the rainbow shall be seen in the cloud; ¹⁵and I will remember My covenant which *is* between Me and you and every living creature of all flesh; the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶The rainbow shall be in the cloud, and I will look on it to remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that *is* on the earth.”
 - Ps. 89:1 “A Contemplation of Ethan the Ezrahite. I will sing of the mercies of the LORD forever; With my mouth will I make known Your faithfulness to all generations.”
 - Lam. 3:23 “Great is thy faithfulness.”
17. **(Slide #23) Approachable To Those Who Call Upon Him.**
- Ps. 145:18 “The LORD *is* near to all who call upon Him, To all who call upon Him in truth.”
 - Heb. 4:16 “Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.”
18. **(Slide #24) Righteous!**
- Ezra 9:15 “O LORD God of Israel, You *are* righteous,”
 - Ps. 71:15 “My mouth shall tell of Your righteousness *And* Your salvation all the day, For I do not know *their* limits.”
 - Ps. 71:19 “Also Your righteousness, O God, *is* very high, You who have done great things; O God, who *is* like You?”
19. **(Slide #25) Provider.**
- Gen. 1:29,30 “And God said, ‘See, I have given you every herb *that* yields seed which *is* on the face of all the earth, and every tree whose fruit yields seed; to you it shall be for food. ³⁰Also, to every beast of the earth, to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, in which *there is* life, *I have given* every green herb for food’; and it was so.”
 - Mt. 5:45 “He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.”

- c. Sometimes He provided miraculously -- Manna and quail for Israel; parting of the Red Sea so they could leave Egypt; parting of the Jordan River so they could enter Canaan.
 - d. Generally, He provides through the design of the Earth, mankind, the family, and the Church!
20. **(Slide #26)** Preserver.
- a. Ps. 97:10 “You who love the LORD, hate evil! He preserves the souls of His saints; He delivers them out of the hand of the wicked.”
 - b. Ps. 121:7,8 “The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; He shall preserve your soul. ⁸The LORD shall preserve your going out and your coming in From this time forth, and even forevermore.”
21. **(Slide #27)** Refuge Or Fortress.
- a. Ps. 18:2 “The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer; My God, my strength, in whom I will trust; My shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.”
 - b. Ps. 31:3 “For You *are* my rock and my fortress; Therefore, for Your name’s sake, Lead me and guide me.”
 - c. Ps. 46:1 “To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of the sons of Korah. A song for Alamo. God *is* our refuge and strength, A very present help in trouble.”
22. **(Slide #28)** Deliverer:
- a. Ps. 116:4 “Then I called upon the name of the LORD: ‘O LORD, I implore You, deliver my soul!’”
 - b. Ps. 40:17 “But I *am* poor and needy; *Yet* the LORD thinks upon me. You *are* my help and my deliverer; Do not delay, O my God.”
 - c. II Pet. 2:9 “*then* the Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptations and to reserve the unjust under punishment for the day of judgment,”
23. **(Slide #29)** He Hates Sin!
- a. Ps. 7:9 “the righteous God tests the hearts and minds.”
 - b. Pr. 6:16-19 “These six *things* the LORD hates, Yes, seven *are* an abomination to Him: ¹⁷A proud look, A lying tongue, Hands that shed innocent blood, ¹⁸A heart that devises wicked plans, Feet that are swift in running to evil, ¹⁹A false witness *who* speaks lies, And one who sows discord among brethren.”
 - c. Ps. 5:4 “For You *are* not a God who takes pleasure in wickedness, Nor shall evil dwell with You.”

24. **(Slide #30)** Longsuffering.
- a. Gen. 6:3 “And the LORD said, ‘My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, for he *is* indeed flesh; yet his days shall be one hundred and twenty years.’”
 - b. II Pet. 3:9 “The Lord is not slack concerning *His* promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.”
25. **(Slide #31)** Slow To Anger.
- a. Ps. 145:8 “The LORD *is* gracious and full of compassion, Slow to anger and great in mercy.”
 - b. Nah. 1:3 “The LORD *is* slow to anger and great in power, And will not at all acquit *the wicked*. The LORD has His way In the whirlwind and in the storm, And the clouds *are* the dust of His feet.”
 - c. Jonah was SO angry when Nineveh was spared. He knew God’s traits: “So he prayed to the LORD, and said, ‘Ah, LORD, was not this what I said when I was still in my country? Therefore I fled previously to Tarshish; for I know that You *are* a gracious and merciful God, slow to anger and abundant in lovingkindness, One who relents from doing harm.’” Jonah 4:2
26. **(Slide #32)** Just!
- a. Ps. 19:9 “The fear of the LORD *is* clean, enduring forever; The judgments of the LORD *are* true *and* righteous altogether.”
 - b. Ecc. 12:14 “For God will bring every work into judgment, Including every secret thing, Whether good or evil.”
27. **(Slide #33)** Totally Unbiased And Fair!
- a. Dt. 10:17 “For the LORD your God *is* God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who shows no partiality nor takes a bribe.”
 - b. II Chr. 19:7 “*there is* no iniquity with the LORD our God, no partiality, nor taking of bribes.”
 - c. Ac. 10:34,35 “Then Peter opened *his* mouth and said: ‘In truth I perceive that God shows no partiality. ³⁵But in every nation whoever fears Him and works righteousness is accepted by Him.’”
 - d. Rom. 2:6 “who ‘*will render to each one according to his deeds*’:”
 - e. Rom. 2:11 “For there is no partiality with God.”
 - f. I Pet. 1:17 “who without partiality judges according to each one’s work,”

28. **(Slide #34) Jealous And Vengeful.**
- a. Ex. 20:5 “you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the LORD your God, *am* a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth *generations* of those who hate Me,”
 - b. Ex. 34:14 “(for you shall worship no other god, for the LORD, whose name *is* Jealous, *is* a jealous God),”
 - c. Nah. 1:2 “God *is* jealous, and the LORD avenges; The LORD avenges and *is* furious. The LORD will take vengeance on His adversaries, And He reserves *wrath* for His enemies;”

(Slide #35) Conclusion:

- A. Yes, I Am SO THANKFUL That Jesse H. Rogers Was My Father; I Am SO Grateful To Be Jesse H. Rogers’ Son!
 - 1. He was a GOOD man!
 - 2. He was a blessing to my life.

- B. (►) But OH HOW THANKFUL I AM THAT GOD IS MY SPIRITUAL FATHER!
 - 1. Think what we know about Him -- consider what He has revealed about Himself!
 - 2. Do you know more about your earthly father or about your Heavenly Father?
 - 3. Seek to imitate Him!
 - a. Lk. 6:36 “Therefore be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful.”
 - b. I Pet. 1:15,16 “but as He who called you *is* holy, you also be holy in all *your* conduct, ¹⁶because it is written, ‘*Be holy, for I am holy.*’”
 - 4. (►) When you consider what He has revealed about Himself, may we loudly sing: “FATHER, WE ADORE YOU!” May we express our love, “FATHER, WE LOVE YOU!” May we MAGNIFY Him -- “BLESSED BE THE NAME OF THE LORD” And may we proclaim with heart-felt awe, “HOW GREAT THOU ART!”