



Knowing God as Father

What is the Father like?

John 14:9 (ESV)

“Jesus said to him, ‘Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, Show us the Father?’”

The Father wants to be known by you.

Father God Loves, Always

Isaiah 40:10-11 (ESV)

“Behold, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.”

Father God Welcomes All Who Turn to Him

Psalms 68:5-6 (ESV)

“Father of the fatherless and protector of widows is God in his holy habitation. God settles the solitary in a home; he leads out the prisoners to prosperity, but the rebellious dwell in a parched land.”

Luke 12:32 (ESV)

“Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.”

Galatians 4:4-7 (ESV)

“But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!' So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.”

2 Corinthians 6:16b, 18 (ESV)

“I will make my dwelling among them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people... and I will be a father to you, and you shall be sons and daughters to me, says the Lord Almighty.”

Ephesians 2:18-19 (ESV)

“For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God.”

Father God Disciplines For Our Instruction

John 15:1-2 (ESV)

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit.”

Matthew 20:25-28 (ESV)

“But Jesus called them to him and said, 'You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. It shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be your slave, even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.’”