

# Mosaic

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## Faithful Father, Faithful Children

How do you view God?

*A.W. Tozer* - "What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us."

**Isaiah 64:8 (ESV)** But now, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand.

### GOD IS A FAITHFUL FATHER

**Deuteronomy 7:9 (NIV)** Know therefore that the Lord your God is God; he is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commandments.

He's not just creating art; He's creating a family.

Matthew 6 and Luke 11 – both have versions of “The Lord’s Prayer”

**Luke 11:2 (ESV)** And he said to them, “When you pray, say: “Father, hallowed be your name...”

### Titles:

1. Judge
2. King
3. Redeemer
4. Saviour
5. Fortress
6. Deliverer
7. Refuge
8. Avenger
9. Lawgiver

- ❖ Titles – roles, positions, functions.
- ❖ Names – reveal identity and essence.

## **Names:**

1. Yahweh (YHWH) – "I Am Who I Am"
2. El Shaddai – "God Almighty"
3. Jehovah Jireh – "The Lord Will Provide"
4. Jehovah Rapha – "The Lord Who Heals"
5. El Elyon – "The Most High God"
6. Adonai – "Lord" or "Master"
7. Abba – "Father".

- ❖ Father is unique. His name and title.
- ❖ As a name, it reflects God's intimate, loving relationship with His children.
- ❖ As a title, it describes His role in creating, sustaining, and guiding His people.

## **WE ARE CALLED TO BE FAITHFUL CHILDREN**

**1 John 3:1 (NIV)** See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!

**Matthew 18:1-4 (ESV)** 1 At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" 2 And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them 3 and said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. 4 Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

- ❖ Childlike not childish.
  - Childlike – trust, humility, purity, openness, teachable
  - Childish – irresponsible, immature

**Romans 8:15-17 (NIV)** 15 The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." 16 The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. 17 Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

**Philippians 2:5-11 (ESV)** 5 Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, 6 who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with

God a thing to be grasped, 7 but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. 9

Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, 10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.