

# Knowing God As Father

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— Study Note Outline —  
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## *Three Tape Series*

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## The Fatherhood Of God 4090

### I. Jesus Came

— To reveal the Father

— To bring us to the Father

Matt. 11:27, 28–30—Only the Son can reveal the Father (compare John 10:14–15; Heb. 1:1–2)

A. Jesus reveals the Father (John 5:43; 6:45–46; 8:19; 17:6, 26; Heb. 1–2b; 2:11–12; Ps. 22:22)

1. In the Bible, “title” and “name” are interchangeable:

a. Is. 7:14—Immanuel

b. Is. 9:6—Wonderful Counselor, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace

c. Jer. 23:6; 33:16—The Lord our righteousness

d. Ezek. 48:35—The Lord is there

e. Matt. 28:19—Baptizing in the name of the Father, etc.

f. Rev. 19:13, 16—The Word of God . . . King of Kings, etc.

2. Compare also:

a. Mark 5:9—Legion

b. Rev. 6:8—Death

3. Conversely, “names” of God are also “titles”

a. Ex. 3:14–15—Jehovah

b. Matt. 1:21—Jesus

4. In the Old Testament the *fatherhood of God* is occasionally *referred to*—but not *unfolded*. (Deut. 32:6; Is. 63:16; 64:8; Jer. 31:9; Mal. 1:6; 2:10)

B. Jesus brings us to the Father (John 14:5–9; Eph. 2:17–18; 1 Pet. 3:18; 1 John 1:1–3)

### II. The Fatherhood Of God Is The “First Cause” Of The Universe (Eph. 3:14–15)

A. Biblically, there is no family without a father.

B. This revelation brings security/purpose.

C. Marks of those who have received this revelation

1. Rev. 7:2–4; 14:1–5; 22:3–4 (contrast Rev. 13:16–17)

2. Contrast Antichrist: John 5:43; 1 John 2:22–23

## Human Fatherhood – Natural 4091

### I. Introduction

- A. Deut. 32:9—God wants a people for Himself (compare Rev. 21:3, 7)—It takes a father to make a people
- B. Gen. 17:4–5; 18:17–19—Example of Abraham (compare Rom. 4:16–17)—From father to family to clan to tribe to nation

### II. Three Basic Functions Of A Father: Priest – Prophet – King

- A. As *priest*, he represents his family to God
  - 1. Ex. 12:3, 7, 13—Example of Passover
  - 2. Job 1:1, 4–5—Example of Job
- B. As *prophet*, he represents God to his family
  - 1. Gen. 6:7–10; 13–14; 7:1—Example of Noah (compare Heb. 11:7)
  - 2. Deut. 6:4–7; 11:18–21—Example of Israel (compare Eph. 6:4)
- C. As *king*, he rules his family on behalf of God
  - 1. Gen. 18:19—Example of Abraham (contrast Lot—Gen. 13:10–11; 19:12–14)
  - 2. Josh. 24:15—Joshua
  - 3. Acts 16:31–33—The Philippian jailer
  - 4. 1 Tim. 3:4–5—Qualifications for an elder

### III. Results

- A. Results of successful *fatherhood*: security, maturity
- B. Results of *failure*: rejection, disorder, rebellion
- C. Satan's strategy to undermine fatherhood:
  - 1. Jezebel—1 Kings 16:30–31.
  - 2. Key words: manipulate – dominate
- D. Elijah's task: Mal. 4:5–6
- E. Remedy for rejection: Jesus on the cross endured our rejection that we might experience acceptance

Read letter of testimony.

Closing prayer.

## Human Fatherhood – Spiritual 4092

### I. Biblical Examples Of Spiritual Fathers

- A. In the Old Testament
  - 1. The first great example of both natural and spiritual fatherhood is Abraham.
  - 2. Gen. 4:20–21—Jabal and Jubal
  - 3. Gen. 45:8—Joseph to Pharaoh
  - 4. 2 Kings 2:11–12—Elijah to Elisha (discipleship)

5. Is. 22:20–21—Eliakim to Jerusalem and Judah
- B. In the New Testament**
1. 1 John 2:12–14—All of us are God’s little children. Within this are three generations (compare 2 Tim. 2:1–2):
    - a. Fathers
    - b. Young men
    - c. Children
  2. 1 Cor. 4:14–16—Paul to the Corinthians
  3. 1 Thess. 2:11–12—Paul, Silas and Timothy to the Thessalonians
  4. 1 Tim. 1:1–2—Paul to Timothy
  5. Titus 1:1, 4—Paul to Titus

## **II. Relationship Between Paul And Timothy**

- A. Paul chose Timothy by revelation (Acts 16:1–3, 1 Tim. 1:18; 4:14; 2 Tim. 1:6)
- B. Timothy worked with and under Paul—result: kindred spirit (Phil. 2:19–23)
- C. Timothy sent out to represent Paul (1 Cor. 4:17; 1 Tim. 1:3)
- D. Timothy comes of age—released to his own ministry (2 Tim. 1:1–2)
  1. Master/apprentice relationship is temporary
  2. Father/son relationship is permanent
- E. Paul continues to intercede for Timothy (2 Tim. 1:3)

## **III. What Makes A Spiritual Father?**

- A. A father is a life-source (John 6:57)
- B. We impart what we are—deeds, not words (John 5:19)
- C. We must know the Father in His eternal nature (1 John 2:12–14; John 17:3)
- D. It takes death to release life (2 Cor. 4:10–12)
- E. Results of spiritual fatherhood (the same as results of successful natural fatherhood):  
security – maturity