

**Father God**  
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Proclamation: 1 John 3:1–3

**I. Introduction**

- A. John 14:6 The way, the truth and the life
  - 1. The way = Jesus
  - 2. The destination = the Father
- B. Not until 1996 (celebrated 50th year in ministry)—experienced God as Father

**II. Coming to Know the Father**

- A. Two different ways in which God speaks (Heb. 1:1–2)
  - 1. In the prophets
  - 2. In a different way, in *a* Son (Son-wise)
- B. High-priestly prayer of Jesus (John 17:6)—“I have manifested Your name.”
  - 1. What was the name? “Father” (6 times in that chapter)
  - 2. Manifest: demonstrate it—by living like a Son of God
- C. No one knows the Son but the Father; no one knows the Father but the Son **and the one for whom the Son wills to reveal the Father.** (Matt. 11:27)
  - 1. Only one person can reveal the Father: the Son
  - 2. “Come to Me all you who labor . . . and I will give you rest”
  - 3. “My yoke,” “My burden” = to do the Father’s will
- D. Four results of knowing the Father
  - 1. Personal identity
    - a. You know who you really are
    - b. Generation X—don’t know who they are
  - 2. A home in heaven
    - a. It takes a father to make a home
    - b. Angels will carry you home
  - 3. Total security
    - a. More valuable than sparrows, yet God knows when each one falls to the ground (Matt. 10:29–31)
    - b. Like a child in his father’s arms
    - c. Nothing can snatch you away (John 10:29)
  - 4. Provides motivation for serving
    - a. Always do those things that please Him (John 8:29)
    - b. Security comes out of your motive