

Women & More

Fatherhood of God

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Father is defined in *Webster's New American Dictionary*—*n* 1 : a male parent 2 *cap* : **God** esp. as **the first person of the Trinity**. In **Matthew 6:9** we are taught to address God Almighty—“*Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.*” Is God the Father of every living person, or is He Father of His children by faith in His Son?

“He goes not amiss who goes in the company of God.”

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“God’s people are doubly His children,
they are His offspring by creation,
and they are his sons by adoption in Christ.”

Charles Spurgeon

Remember that God has a monopoly on being God—He is it!

Prepare by Soaking in Scripture:

1 Samuel 15:23

Psalm 29:3-9 “*The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD thunders over the mighty waters. 4The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is majestic. 5The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon. 6He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, Sirion like a young wild ox. 7The voice of the LORD strikes with flashes of lightning. 8The voice of the LORD shakes the desert; the LORD shakes the Desert of Kadesh. 9The voice of the LORD twists the oaks and strips the forests bare. And in his temple all cry, ‘Glory!’”*

Psalm 29:10

Psalm 46:10

1 Corinthians 4:20

Ephesians 1:17

Scripture to Memorize:

Psalm 50:1 “*The Mighty One, God, the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to the place where it sets.*”

NOTES on Speaking Session:

Questions for Mentor-group Discussion:

1. In *Knowing God*, J. I. Packer said, “Our thoughts of God are not great **enough!**” List below some really ‘**great**’ thoughts you have about God Almighty:

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Fear nothing but God!

2. Satan asked Eve, “*Did God really say?*” And then he told four lies to her that ruined the world. And those lies birthed the following perpetual lies:

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| Negativism | Skepticism | Logicism | Relativism |
| Pragmatism | Post Modernism | Subjectivism | New Ageism |

Someone has said that every ‘ism’ ought to be a ‘wasm’!

◆ Pick two of these ‘isms’ to describe or look them up in a dictionary and define.

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God is the first link in our life’s chain of events!

3. Our nation is under God’s judgment! He will judge sin, because His perfect love is juxtaposed by His severity—*justice*. Read through the following statement by Charles Spurgeon several times:

“When God saw Jesus in the sinner’s place,
 He did not spare Him; and
 when He finds the unregenerate without Christ,
 He will not spare him.”

Recommended Reading:

Knowing God, J. I. Packer

‘Father’, referring to God, appears just ten times in the Old Testament—each written out in the lesson—but reference to Him as Father is prolific in the New Testament. Below are mentions for Father and the •Father’s:

Matthew: (Jesus introduces our heavenly Father and claims Him as His Father)

5:16	“and praise your Father in <u>heaven</u> ”
5:45	“that you may be sons of your Father in <u>heaven</u> .”
5:48	“therefore, as your <u>heavenly Father</u> is perfect”
6:1	“you will have no reward from your Father ”
6:4	“Then your Father , who sees what is done”
6:6	“close the door and pray to your Father ,
"	Then your Father , who sees what is done”
6:8	“for your Father knows what you need”
6:9	“Our Father in <u>heaven</u>”
6:14	“if you forgive men...your <u>heavenly Father</u> will also forgive you.”
6:15	“if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.”
6:18	“but only to your Father , who is unseen.
"	and your Father , who sees what is done”
6:26	“and yet your <u>heavenly Father</u> feeds them.”
6:32	“your <u>heavenly Father</u> knows that you need”
7:11	“how much more will your Father in <u>heaven</u> give”
7:21	“the will of my Father who is in <u>heaven</u> .”
10:20	“the <i>Spirit</i> of your Father speaking through you.”
10:29	“the ground apart from the will of your Father .”
10:32	“I will also acknowledge him before my Father ”
10:33	“I will disown him before my Father in <u>heaven</u> .”
11:25	“At that time Jesus said, ‘I praise you, Father ’;”
11:26	“Yes, Father , for this was your good pleasure.”
11:27	“committed to me by my Father . No one knows the Son except the Father ,
"	no one knows the Father except the Son and”
12:50	“does the will of my Father in <u>heaven</u> is my brother and sister”
13:43	“like the sun in the kingdom of their Father .”
15:13	“that my <u>heavenly Father</u> has not planted will”
16:17	“but by my Father in <u>heaven</u> .”
•16:27	“the Son of Man is going to come in his Father ’s glory”
18:10	“in <u>heaven</u> always see the face of my Father ”
18:14	“In the same way your Father in <u>heaven</u> is”
18:19	“it will be done for you by my Father in <u>heaven</u> .”
18:35	“This is how my <u>heavenly Father</u> will treat each”
20:23	“for whom they have been prepared by my Father .”
23:9 (warning)	“And do not call anyone on earth ‘father’,
"	for you have one Father , and he is in heaven.”
24:36	“nor the Son, but only the Father .”
25:34	“Come, you who are blessed by my Father ;”
•26:29	“with you in my Father ’s kingdom.”
26:39	“My Father , if it is possible, may this cup be”
26:42	“My Father , if it is not possible for this cup to”
26:53	“Do you think I cannot call on my Father ,”
28:19 (Trinity)	“the Father and of the Son and of the <i>Holy Spirit</i> ,”

Mark:

- 8:38 “of him when he comes in his **Father**’s glory with”
- 11:25 “so that your **Father** in heaven may forgive you”
- 13:32 “nor the Son, but only the **Father**.”
- 14:36 “**Father**,” he said, ‘everything is possible for you.’”

Luke:

- 2:49 “**Didn’t you know I had to be in my Father’s house?**”
- 6:36 “Be merciful, just as your **Father** is merciful.”
- 9:26 “the glory of the **Father** and of the holy angels.”
- 10:21 (Jesus) “I praise you, **Father**, *Lord* of heaven and earth,
- ” Yes, **Father**, for this was your good pleasure.”
- 10:22 “committed to me by my **Father**. No one knows who the Son is except the **Father**,
- ” no one knows who the **Father** is except the Son”
- 11:2** “**Father, hallowed be your name,**”
- 11:13 “how much more will your **Father** in heaven give”
- 12:30 “and your **Father** knows that you need them.”
- 12:32 “for your **Father** has been pleased to give you”
- 22:29 “just as my **Father** conferred one on me”
- 22:42 “**Father**, if you are willing, take this cup”
- 23:34 “Jesus said, ‘**Father**, forgive them,’”
- 23:46 “Jesus called out with a loud voice, ‘**Father**,’”
- 24:49 “to send you what my **Father** has promised;”

John:

- 1:14 “the One and Only, who came from the **Father**,”
- 1:18 “who is at the **Father**’s side, has made him known.”
- 2:16 “How dare you turn my **Father**’s house into”
- 3:35** “**The Father loves the Son and has placed everything in his hands**”
- 4:21 “when you will worship the **Father** neither”
- 4:23 “the true worshipers will worship the **Father** in spirit and truth,
- ” for they are the kind of worshipers the **Father** seeks.”
- 5:17** “**My Father is always at his work**”
- 5:18 (accusing) “but he was even calling God his own **Father**, making himself equal with God”
- 5:19 “he can do only what he sees his **Father** doing,
- ” whatever the **Father** does, the Son also does.”
- 5:20 “**Father** loves the Son and shows him all he does.”
- 5:21 “as the **Father** raises the dead and gives them life,”
- 5:22 “Moreover, the **Father** judges no one,”
- 5:23 “the Son just as they honor the **Father**.
- ” ...not honor the Son does not honor the **Father**,”
- 5:26 “For as the **Father** has life in himself,”
- 5:36 “For the very work that the **Father** has given me testifies that
- ” the **Father** has sent me.”
- 5:37 “the **Father** who sent me has himself testified”
- 5:43 “I have come in my **Father**’s name,”
- 5:45 “do not think I will accuse you before the **Father**.”
- 6:27 “the **Father** has placed his seal of approval.”
- 6:32 “but it is my **Father** who gives you the true bread”
- 6:37 “All that the **Father** gives me will come to me,”
- 6:40 “For my **Father**’s will is that everyone who looks”
- 6:44 “to me unless the **Father** who sent me draws him,”

- John 6:45** “to the **Father** and learns from him comes to me.”
- 6:46 “the **Father** except the one who is from God; only he has seen the **Father**.”
- 6:57 “the living **Father** sent me and I live because of the **Father**,”
- 6:65 “to me unless the **Father** has enabled him.”
- 8:16 “I stand with the **Father**, who sent me.”
- 8:18 “my other witness is the **Father**, who sent me.”
- 8:19 “You do not know me or my **Father**,”
- 8:27 “that he was telling them about his **Father**.”
- 8:28 “but speak just what the **Father** has taught me.”
- 8:38 “what I have seen in the **Father**’s presence,”
- 8:41(Only One) “The only **Father** we have is God himself.”
- 8:42 “Jesus said to them, ‘If God were your **Father**,’”
- 8:49 “but I honor my **Father** and you dishonor me.”
- 8:54 “My **Father**, whom you claim as your God,”
- 10:15 “just as the **Father** knows me and I know the **Father**— ”
- 10:17 “the reason my **Father** loves me is that I lay down my life”
- 10:18 “this command I received from my **Father**.”
- 10:25 “miracles I do in my **Father**’s name speak for me,”
- 10:29 (security) “My **Father**, who has given them to me,
 ...no one can snatch them out of my •**Father**’s hand.”
- 10:30** “**I and the Father are one.**” **BOTTOM LINE**—
- 10:32 “I have shown you many great miracles from the **Father**.”
- 10:36 “what about the one whom the **Father** set apart”
- 10:37 “not believe me unless I do what my **Father** does.”
- 10:38 “know and understand that the **Father** is in me, and I in the **Father**.”
- 11:41 “then Jesus looked up and said, ‘**Father**,’”
- 12:26 “My **Father** will honor the one who serves me.”
- 12:27 “‘**Father**, save me from this hour?’”
- 12:28 “**Father**, glorify your name!”
- 12:49 “the **Father** who sent me commanded me what”
- 12:50 “the **Father** has told me what to say.”
- 13:1 “for him to leave this world and go to the **Father**.”
- 13:3** “**the Father had put all things under his power**,”
- 14:2 “In my **Father**’s house are many rooms;”
- 14:6** “**No one comes to the Father except through me.**”
- 14:7 “you would know my **Father** as well.”
- 14:8 “show us the **Father** and that will be enough”
- 14:9 “Anyone who has seen me has seen the **Father**.
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 How can you say, ‘Show us the **Father**?’”
- 14:10 “Don’t you believe that I am in the **Father**, and that the **Father** is in me?
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 Rather, it is the **Father**, living in me.”
- 14:11 “that I am in the **Father** and the **Father** is in me;”
- 14:12 “because I am going to the **Father**.”
- 14:13 “so that the Son may bring glory to the **Father**.”
- 14:16 “And I will ask the **Father**, and he will give you another *Counselor*”
- 14:20 “that day you will realize that I am in my **Father**,”
- 14:21 “He who loves me will be loved by my **Father**,”
- 14:23 “My **Father** will love him,”
- 14:24 “they belong to the **Father** who sent me.”
- 14:26 “whom the **Father** will send in my name,”
- 14:28 “be glad that I am going to the **Father**, for the **Father** is greater than I.”

- 14:31 "the world must learn that I love the **Father** and I do exactly what
" my **Father** has commanded me."
- 15:1 "and my **Father** is the gardener."
- 15:8 "This is to my **Father**'s glory,"
- 15:9 "the **Father** has loved me, so have I loved you."
- 15:10 "just as I have obeyed my **Father**'s commands"
- 15:15 "from my **Father** I have made known to you."
- 15:16 "Then the **Father** will give you whatever you ask"
- 15:23 "He who hates me hates my **Father** as well."
- 15:24 "and yet they have hated both me and my **Father**."
- 15:26 "whom I will send to you from the **Father**, the *Spirit* of truth who goes out
" from the **Father**,"
- 16:3 "because they have not known the **Father** or me."
- 16:10 "because I am going to the **Father**,"
- 16:15 "All that belongs to the **Father** is mine."
- 16:17 "and 'Because I am going to the **Father**'?"
- 16:23 "my **Father** will give you whatever you ask"
- 16:25 "but will tell you plainly about my **Father**."
- 16:26 "I am not saying that I will ask the **Father**"
- 16:27 "the **Father** himself loves you"
- 16:28 "I came from the **Father** and entered the world; now I am leaving the world
" and going back to the **Father**."
- 16:32 "Yet I am not alone, for my **Father** is with me."
- 17:1 "**Father**, the time has come."
- 17:5 "now, **Father**, glorify me in your presence with"
- 17:11 "Holy **Father**, protect them by the power"
- 17:21 "**Father**, just as you are in me and I am in you."
- 17:24 "**Father**, I want those you have given me to be with me"
- 17:25 "Righteous **Father**, though the world does not"
- 18:11 "not drink the cup the **Father** has given me?"
- 20:17 "not yet returned to the **Father**. I am returning to my **Father** and your **Father**,"
- 20:21** "As the **Father** has sent me, I am sending you."
- Acts:**
- 1:4 (Holy Spirit) "but wait for the gift my **Father** promised,"
- 1:7** "or dates the **Father** has set by his own authority."
- 2:33 "from the **Father** the promised *Holy Spirit*"
- 13:33 "today I have become your **Father**."
- Romans:**
- 1:7 "and peace to you from God our **Father** and from"
- 6:4 "from the dead through the glory of the **Father**,"
- 8:15** "And by him we cry, '**Abba Father**'."
- 15:6 "and mouth you may glorify the God and **Father**"
- 1 Corinthians:**
- 1:3 "from God our **Father** and the Lord Jesus Christ."
- 8:6 "the **Father**, from whom all things came and"
- 15:24 "the **Father** after he has destroyed all dominion,"
- 2 Corinthians:**
- 1:2 "from God our **Father** and the Lord Jesus Christ."
- 1:3 "to the God and **Father** of our Lord Jesus Christ,
" the **Father** of compassion and the God"

- 2 Cor 6:18** “I will be a **Father** to you,”
11:31 “The God and **Father** of the Lord Jesus,”
- Galatians:**
1:1 “but by Jesus Christ and God the **Father**,”
1:3 “from God our **Father** and the Lord Jesus Christ,”
1:4 “according to the will of our God and **Father**,”
4:6 “*the Spirit who calls out ‘Abba Father’.*”
- Ephesians:**
1:2 “from God our **Father** and the Lord Jesus Christ.”
1:3 “to the God and **Father** of our Lord Jesus Christ,”
1:17 “of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious **Father**,”
2:18 “through him we both have access to the **Father**”
3:14 “For this reason I kneel before the **Father**,”
4:6 “one God and **Father** of all,”
5:20 “always giving thanks to God the **Father**”
6:23 “from God the **Father** and the Lord Jesus Christ.”
- Philippians:**
1:2 “from God our **Father** and the Lord Jesus Christ.”
2:11 “to the glory of God the **Father**.”
4:20 “To our God and **Father** be glory forever”
- Colossians:**
1:2 “Grace and peace to you from God our **Father**.”
1:3 “the **Father** of our Lord Jesus Christ,”
1:12 “giving thanks to the **Father**,”
3:17 “giving thanks to God the **Father** through him.”
- 1Thessalonians:**
1:1 “in God the **Father** and the Lord Jesus Christ:”
1:3 “before our God and **Father** your work produced”
3:11 “our God and **Father** himself and our Lord Jesus”
3:13 “and holy in the presence of our God and **Father**”
- 2 Thessalonians:**
1:1 “in God our **Father** and the Lord Jesus Christ:”
1:2 “from God the **Father** and the Lord Jesus Christ.”
2:16 “and God our **Father**, who loves us”
- 1 Timothy:**
1:2 “from God the **Father** and Christ Jesus our Lord.”
- 2 Timothy:**
1:2 “from God the **Father** and Christ Jesus our Lord.”
- Titus:**
1:4 “the **Father** and Christ Jesus our Savior.”
- Philemon:**
1:3 “from God our **Father** and the Lord Jesus Christ.”
- Hebrews:**
1:5 “today I have become your **Father**?” Or again, ‘I will be his **Father**’”
5:5 “today I have become your **Father**.”
12:9 “to the **Father** of our spirits and live!”
- James:**
1:17 “down from the **Father** of the heavenly lights,”
1:27 “Religion that God our **Father** accepts as pure”

James 3:9	“With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father ,”
1 Peter:	
1:2	“the foreknowledge of God the Father , through”
1:3	“to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!”
1:17	“ Father who judges each man’s work impartially,”
2 Peter:	
1:17	“the Father when the voice came to him from”
1 John:	
1:2	“which was with the Father and has appeared”
1:3	“And our fellowship is with the Father and”
2:1	“we have one who speaks to the Father ”
2:13	“because you have known the Father .”
2:15	“the love of the Father is not in him.”
2:16	“comes not from the Father but from the world.”
2:22	“he denies the Father and the Son.”
2:23	“ No one who denies the Son has the Father; whoever acknowledges the Son
”	” has the Father also. ”
2:24	“also will remain in the Son and in the Father .”
3:1	“How great is the love the Father has lavished”
4:14	“and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be”
2 John:	
1:3	“from God the Father and from Jesus Christ, the •Father ’s Son will be with us in truth and love.”
1:4	“just as the Father commanded us.”
1:9	“in the teaching has both the Father and the Son.”
Jude:	
1:1	“by God the Father and kept by Jesus Christ:”
Revelation:	
1:6	“and priests to serve his God and Father —”
2:27	“ as I have received authority from my Father. ”
3:5	“before my Father and his angels.”
3:21	“just as I overcame and sat down with my Father ”
•14:1	“and his Father ’s name written on their foreheads.”



“A reproaching glance, an uplifted finger
will be grievous to loving children,
who fear to offend their tender Father,
and are only happy in his smile.”

Charles Spurgeon