

GOD OUR FATHER & HONOURING OUR FATHER

WE ARE THE ADOPTED SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF GOD

1. **God is seeking people to worship Him.**

[John 4:23-24](#)

“But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. (24) “God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.”

2. **To whom do you pray?**

[John 16:23-24](#)

“Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you. (24)” Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.

3. **Do you know Jesus?**

We need to be born again

[John 3:3](#)

Jesus answered and said to him, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

4. **What sort of person is Jesus?**

[Psalms 145:8-9](#)

The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, Slow to anger and great in mercy. (9) The Lord is good to all, And His tender mercies are over all His works.

5. **What did He say about His Father?**

[John 14:7-11](#)

"If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and from now on you know Him and have seen Him." (8) Philip said to Him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us." (9) Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, 'Show us the Father'? (10) Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own authority; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works. (11) Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father in Me, or else believe Me for the sake of the works themselves."

6. **Why do we have a problem with knowing God as our Father?**

a) **We fail to honour our father and mother.**

b) **Need for obedience to God's commandments**

[Exodus 20:12](#)

“Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the LORD your God is giving you.

c) [Deuteronomy 27:16](#)

'Cursed is the one who treats his father or his mother with contempt.' And all the people shall say, 'Amen!'

d) [Ephesians 6:2-3](#)

“Honor your father and mother,” which is the first commandment with promise: (3) “that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth.”

e) Our sin separates us from God

Isaiah 59:2

But your iniquities have separated you from your God; And your sins have hidden His face from you, So that He will not hear.

Psalms 66:18

If I regard iniquity in my heart, the LORD will not hear.

7. The Bible describes sin as follows:

1 Corinthians 6:9-10

“Do you not know the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived.

Neither fornicators (people having sex outside of marriage)

Nor idolaters (Placing other things before God e.g. having other gods or idolising persons/things ahead of God.)

Nor adulterers,

nor homosexuals

nor sodomites (active homosexuals or heterosexuals practising the homosexual act)

nor thieves,

nor covetous (lustful desire for the property of others and greedy for gain)

nor drunkards

nor revilers (cursing others)

nor extortioners

will inherit the kingdom of God.” (1 Corinthians 6:9-10).

Galatians 5:19-21

“The works of the flesh are evident which are

Adultery

Fornication (sex outside of marriage)

Uncleanness (impurity)

Lewdness (indecent e.g. pornography and bestiality)

Idolatry

Hatred

Contentions (e.g. quarrelsome, causing fights)

Jealousies

Outbursts of anger

Selfish ambitions

Dissensions (causing discord among the brethren)

Heresies (e.g. Jehovah witnesses, Mormons)

Envy

Murders (e.g. deliberate unnecessary abortion)

Drunkenness

Revelries (wild parties)

Sorceries (i.e. witchcraft)

Examples:

Witchcraft

Fortune telling: Horoscopes

Some forms of heavy metal rock

Ouija boards

Drugs

Charms

New Age e.g. worship of the creation (Romans 1:25)

Freemasonry
Spiritism – séances
Martial Arts: Kung Fu, Aikido, Tae Kwon Do, Karate, Tai Chi, Judo (rooted in Taoism and Buddhism)
Druids Lodge
Eastern religions: Yoga, TM ESP, Hypnosis (Hinduism Goddess Shiva)
Those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.” (Galatians 5:21).

8. Curses

[Deuteronomy 28:15 ff](#)

“But it shall come to pass, if you do not obey the voice of the LORD your God, to observe carefully all His commandments and His statutes which I command you today, that all these curses will come upon you and overtake you:

The next 52 verses list 118 curses of every description including sickness, disease, loss of family and every conceivable difficulty.

9. God visits the sins of the parents down to the fourth generation of those who reject Him.

[Exodus 20:5](#)

“You shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me,

All forms of sickness e.g. Asthma, diabetes, cancer and arthritis can come down the generational line.

We don't know what has happened in our previous generations. In order to avoid the curse of inherited sicknesses and diseases from those generations we must honour our parents.

10. Retaining sins

If we decide not to forgive people, thereby retaining their sin, we can be tormented.

[John 20:23](#)

“If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

11. Jesus has sent the Holy Spirit to help us honour our father.

[John 14:15-18](#)

“If you love Me, keep My commandments. (16) And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever – (17) the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. (18) I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.

12. Do you honour your father?

Do you respect him?

Do you love him?

Even if we do not know our father God will help us honour him with the help of the Holy Spirit.

When we honour our father and mother we are delivered from the curses of the law.

[Galatians 3:13-14](#)

Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree"), (14) that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

13. Need for action

If your father is alive you should write and ask him to forgive you for any wrong attitudes you have ever had towards him. Tell him you forgive and honour him no matter how you feel about him.

14. Blessings then follow

[Deuteronomy 28:1-14](#)

"Now it shall come to pass, if you diligently obey the voice of the LORD your God, to observe carefully all His commandments which I command you today, that the LORD your God will set you high above all nations of the earth. (2) And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, because you obey the voice of the LORD your God: (3) Blessed shall you be in the city, and blessed shall you be in the country. (4) Blessed shall be the fruit of your body, the produce of your ground and the increase of your herds, the increase of your cattle and the offspring of your flocks. (5) Blessed shall be your basket and your kneading bowl. (6) Blessed shall you be when you come in, and blessed shall you be when you go out. (7) "The LORD will cause your enemies who rise against you to be defeated before your face; they shall come out against you one way and flee before you seven ways. (8) The LORD will command the blessing on you in your storehouses and in all to which you set your hand, and He will bless you in the land which the LORD your God is giving you. (9) The LORD will establish you as a holy people to Himself, just as He has sworn to you, if you keep the commandments of the LORD your God and walk in His ways. (10) Then all peoples of the earth shall see that you are called by the name of the LORD, and they shall be afraid of you. (11) And the LORD will grant you plenty of goods, in the fruit of your body, in the increase of your livestock, and in the produce of your ground, in the land of which the LORD swore to your fathers to give you. (12) The LORD will open to you His good treasure, the heavens, to give the rain to your land in its season, and to bless all the work of your hand. You shall lend to many nations, but you shall not borrow. (13) And the LORD will make you the head and not the tail; you shall be above only, and not be beneath, if you heed the commandments of the LORD your God, which I command you today, and are careful to observe them. (14) So you shall not turn aside from any of the words which I command you this day, to the right or the left, to go after other gods to serve them.

15. Testimonies

Bill and Pat's testimonies are that despite difficulties with their respective fathers both of them always honoured their own father with the result that they have been greatly blessed.

16. God's love touches us

[John 3:16](#)

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

17. When we are obedient to God we become sons and daughters of God

a) **[Romans 8:14-16](#)**

For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. (15) For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father." (16) The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,

b) **[2 Corinthians 6:18](#)**

"I will be a Father to you, And you shall be My sons and daughters, Says the LORD Almighty."

c) **[Ephesians 1:5](#)**

Having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will.

d) **[1 John 3:1](#)**

Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him.

18. Prayer of repentance from sin and any wrong attitudes towards our father.

We suggest you pray the following prayer,

"Dear Heavenly Father I come to you in the mighty name of Your Son Jesus Christ. I believe He died on the Cross to pay the penalty for all my sins, to forgive me, to heal me, to reconcile me to You and to set me free from all the curses of the law. I confess Jesus Christ as my Lord and Saviour and I repent of these sins (name them).

I now absolutely honour and forgive my father and receive deliverance from the sins of my forefathers and healing for my body, soul and spirit in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen."

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