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Knowing Our Father

KNOWING THE FATHER

Religion turned to Relationship (God is not a THEORY, but a Relationship FAMILY – Father, Son, Bridegroom)

Matt 6.9 *ESV* Pray then like this:

“**Our Father** in heaven,
hallowed be your name.

10 Your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

Luke 10:17 *ESV* The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, “Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!” ... 19 Behold, **I have given you authority** to tread on serpents and scorpions, and **over *all* the power** of the enemy, and ***nothing*** shall hurt you. 20 Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but **rejoice** that your names are written in heaven.”

21 In that same hour **he *rejoiced* in the Holy Spirit** and said, “I thank you, **Father**, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have **hidden** these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; yes, **Father**, for such was your gracious will [NIV – ***your good pleasure***]. 22 **All things** have been handed over to me by my Father, and **no one knows** who the Son is **except the Father**, or who the **Father** is **except the Son** and anyone to whom the Son **chooses**¹ to **reveal** him.”

23 Then turning to the disciples he said privately, “**Blessed** are the eyes that see what you see! 24 For I tell you that many prophets and kings desired to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it.”

¹ L&N – **βούλομαι**: to desire to have or experience something, with the implication of some reasoned planning or will to accomplish the goal

WHAT THE FATHER WANTS

Luke 12.29 And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. **30** For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and **your Father** knows that you need them. **31** Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you.

32 “Fear not, little flock, for it is **your Father’s good pleasure** to give you the kingdom.

MESSG “What I’m trying to do here is get you to relax, not be so preoccupied with getting so you can respond to God’s giving. **30** People who don’t know God and the way he works fuss over these things, but you know both God and how he works. **31** Steep yourself in God-reality, God-initiative, God-provisions. You’ll find all your everyday human concerns will be met. **32** Don’t be afraid of missing out. You’re my dearest friends! The Father wants to give you the very kingdom itself.

WORSHIPPERS – Kisses from His Children

Perception – Affection

John 4:7 ESV A woman from Samaria ... **12** **Are you greater than our father Jacob?** He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock.” ...**n15** The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water.”

16 Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come here.” **17** The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are **right** in saying, ‘I have no husband’; **18** for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is **true**.”

19 The woman said to him, “Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. **20** **Our fathers** worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship.” **21** Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will **you worship the Father**. ... **23** But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the

true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for **the Father is seeking** such people to worship him. 24 God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship **in spirit and truth.**"

HOLY SPIRIT – Bears Witness to the Paternity

Rom 8.15 For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "**Abba! Father!**" 16 The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are **children of God**, 17 and if children, then heirs—**heirs of God** and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.

SEE IT!!!

- 1 John 3.1 ESV **See** what kind of love **the Father** has given [bestowed, lavished upon] to us, that we should be called **children of God**; and so we are. The reason why **the world does not know us** is that **it did not know him**.
- 2 **Beloved**, we are God's children **now**, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that **when he appears** we shall be like him, because **we shall see him as he is**. 3 And **everyone** who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

PRAYER FOR REVELATION OF THE FATHER'S LOVE

Rom 1.7 ESV To all those in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints: **Grace** to you and **peace** from **God our Father** and the Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Cor 1.3 ESV **Grace** to you and **peace** from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Cor 1.2; Gal 1.3; Eph 1.2; Phil 1.2; Col 1.2; Phil 3