

LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON--PRAISE GOD!

I. [John 14:7-11](#) [Matthew 3:13-17](#) [Luke 9:28-36](#) [John 12:27-33](#)

A. [John 14:7-11](#) (ESV) Jesus at the Last Supper: *7 If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also. From now on you do know Him and have seen Him.* **8** Philip said to Him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us." **9** Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know Me, Philip? Whoever has seen Me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? **10** Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on My own authority, but the Father who dwells in Me does His works. **11** Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me, or else believe on account of the works themselves." **(Like Father, like Son--Praise God!)**

B. With respect to our Heavenly Father, we could argue every Sunday should be Father's Day. Better yet, every single day set apart to honor our Father which art in Heaven--hallowed be His name! Jesus certainly walked in constant honor of His Father. In [John 4:34](#) Jesus says: "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me and to accomplish His work. In [John 5:19](#) Jesus says: "Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of His own accord, but only what He sees the Father doing. For whatever the Father does, that the Son does likewise." In [John 10:30](#) Jesus adds: "I and the Father are one." **(Like Father, like Son--Praise God!)**

C. There is no sweeter communion in all the universe than that of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit--The Holy Trinity--God in Three Persons. *Holy, Holy, Holy* is His name! All the ways that Jesus the Son personally emulated and lovingly obeyed His Father are a testimony to us all. The Gospels reveal how the Father reciprocated. Today we'll read all three accounts of God speaking audibly in heaping praise upon His One and Only Son. These texts are magnificent...

D. [Matthew 3:13-17](#) (ESV) takes place at Jesus' Baptism. (Also found in Mark 1 and Luke 3): **13** Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, (**John the Baptist**) to be baptized by him. **14** John would have prevented Him, saying, "I need to be baptized by You, and do You come to me?" **15** But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." **(Jesus was sinless and had nothing to repent of but He was walking in obedience and fulfilling all righteousness. This is part of His righteousness imputed to us who believe.)** Then he consented. **16** And when Jesus was baptized, immediately He went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on Him; **17** and behold, a voice from heaven said, "*This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.*" **(God the Father affirming God the Son!)**

E. [Luke 9:28-36](#) (ESV) takes us to Jesus' Transfiguration. Three disciples get a glimpse of Jesus' pre-incarnate, post-ascension glory: **28** Now about eight days after these sayings He took with Him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. **29** And as He was praying, the appearance of His face was altered, and His clothing became dazzling white. **(Mark says, "His clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them." Matthew says: "His face shone like the sun...")** **30** And behold, two men were talking with Him, Moses and Elijah, **(Both the Law & Prophets foretold of Jesus!)**

31 who appeared in glory and spoke of His departure, which He was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. **32** Now Peter and those who were with Him were heavy with sleep, but when they became fully awake they saw His glory and the two men who stood with Him. **33** And as the men were parting from Him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for You and one for Moses and one for Elijah"—not knowing what he said. **(Sometimes when you don't know what to say it's better not to say anything!)** **34** As he was saying these things, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. **35** And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is My Son, my Chosen One; listen to Him!" **(Matthew says: "This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to Him.")** **36** And when the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and told no one in those days anything of what they had seen. **(Next we head to Jerusalem...)**

F. John 12:27-33 (ESV) takes place after the Triumphal Entry, just prior to the cross:
27 "Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? 'Father, save Me from this hour'? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. **(Jesus always knew His mission was to die. With indescribable love He will die for the Father who is righteous and just and cannot leave sin unpunished. With the same love He will die in our place.)** **28** Father, glorify Your name." Then a voice came from heaven: "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." **(Glorify means: To lovingly revere, extol, and confer honor on someone with words and actions. Like Father, like Son!)** **29** The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, "An angel has spoken to Him." **(Trust me, the words of God are far grander than thunder or angelic voices!)** **30** Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not mine. **31** Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. **32** And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to Myself." **33** He said this to show by what kind of death He was going to die. **(Jesus would die to save others—even us!)**

G. Story: "A Father's Love." - Author Unknown...

H. Think on this: Jesus dies for His enemies and makes them His friends. His mission is not one of rejection but one of adoption. Hear this: You have been chosen to be sons and daughters of the Most High God! Galatians 3:26 affirms: "For you are all children of God through faith in Christ Jesus." This has been made possible by the death and resurrection of God's one and only Son! Some of you grew up with wonderful dads. Others of you had horrible dads. But God is a Good Good Father and the sacrifice of His Son proves His love for you! On this Father's Day, by the power of the Holy Spirit, I urge you to turn to this Good Good Father and His Son Jesus Christ. Bow your hearts, turn to Him, and receive Him! Then with everything within you, seek to glorify His name forever!

* Close with a Song...

Scriptures, Videos, & Bonus Stuff

John 14:7-11 (ESV)

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Galatians 3:26 (NLT)

26 For you are all children of God through faith in Christ Jesus.

Video Clips & Important Articles

He is Better Than Our Best Dads - John Piper

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kf_Slwc8kSE

“My Dad” By Paul Petersen-The Donna Reed Show:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N-vYuV3OmhE&feature=related>

"Seeing My Father in Me" - Paul Overstreet
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aVShyl57Dyk>

Cultural Marxism - Voddie Baucham (From January 3, 2019) (Thanks Mark!)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GRMFBdDDTKI&feature=youtu.be>

Bonus Stuff

John 4:34 (ESV)

34 Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me and to accomplish His work.

John 5:19-30 (ESV)

19 So Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of His own accord, but only what He sees the Father doing. For whatever the Father does, that the Son does likewise. **20** For the Father loves the Son and shows Him all that He Himself is doing. And greater works than these will He show Him, so that you may marvel. **21** For as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also the Son gives life to whom He will. **22** For the Father judges no one, but has given all judgment to the Son, **23** that all may honor the Son, just as they honor the Father. Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him. **24** Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears My word and believes Him who sent Me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life. **25** “Truly, truly, I say to you, an hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. **26** For as the Father has life in Himself, so He has granted the Son also to have life in Himself. **27** And He has given Him authority to execute judgment, because He is the Son of Man. **28** Do not marvel at this, for an hour is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear His voice **29** and come out, those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of judgment. **30** “I can do nothing on My own. As I hear, I judge, and My judgment is just, because I seek not My own will but the will of Him who sent Me.

John 10:22-31 (ESV)

22 At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, **23** and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. **24** So the Jews gathered around Him and said to Him, “How long will You keep us in suspense? If You are the Christ, tell us plainly.” **25** Jesus answered them, “I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in My Father’s name bear witness about Me, **26** but you do not believe because you are not among My sheep. **27** My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. **28** I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of My hand. **29** My Father, who has given them to Me,

is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. **30** I and the Father are one.”

Mark 1:9-11 (ESV)

9 In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. **10** And when He came up out of the water, immediately He saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on Him like a dove. **11** And a voice came from heaven, “You are My beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”

Luke 3:21-22 (ESV)

21 Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, **22** and the Holy Spirit descended on Him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”

Matthew 17:1-8 (ESV)

1 And after six days Jesus took with Him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. **2** And He was transfigured before them, and His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became white as light. **3** And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with Him. **4** And Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for You and one for Moses and one for Elijah.” **5** He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to Him.” **6** When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. **7** But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Rise, and have no fear.” **8** And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.

Mark 9:2-8 (ESV)

2 And after six days Jesus took with Him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And He was transfigured before them, **3** and His clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them. **4** And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. **5** And Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for You and one for Moses and one for Elijah.” **6** For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified. **7** And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, “This is My beloved Son; listen to Him.” **8** And suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them but Jesus only.

Psalms 146:5-9 (NIV)

5 Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD their God. **6** He is the Maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them--He remains faithful forever. **7** He upholds the cause of the oppressed and gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets prisoners free, **8** the LORD gives sight to the blind, the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down, the LORD loves the righteous. **9** The LORD watches over the foreigner and sustains the fatherless and the widow, but He frustrates the ways of the wicked.

Psalm 68:4-6 (ESV)

4 Sing to God, sing praises to His name; lift up a song to Him who rides through the deserts; His name is the LORD; exult before Him! **5** Father of the fatherless and protector of widows is God in His holy habitation. **6** God settles the solitary in a home; He leads out the prisoners to prosperity, but the rebellious dwell in a parched land.

Psalm 10:14 (NIV)

14 But You, God, see the trouble of the afflicted; You consider their grief and take it in hand. The victims commit themselves to You; You are the helper of the fatherless.

Psalm 147:1-6 (ESV)

1 Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting. **2** The LORD builds up Jerusalem; He gathers the outcasts of Israel. **3** He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. **4** He determines the number of the stars; He gives to all of them their names. **5** Great is our LORD, and abundant in power; His understanding is beyond measure. **6** The LORD lifts up the humble; He casts the wicked to the ground.

Quote by Martin Luther

"'Abba' is only a little word, and yet contains everything. It is not the mouth but the heart's affection which speaks like this. Even if I am oppressed with anguish and terror on every side, and seem to be forsaken and utterly cast away from your presence, yet am I Your child, and You are my Father. For Christ's sake: I am loved because of the Beloved. So this little word, "Abba," Father, deeply felt in the heart, surpasses all the eloquence of Demosthenes, Cicero, and the most eloquent speakers that ever lived. This matter is not expressed with words, but with groanings, and these groanings cannot be uttered with any words of eloquence, for no tongue can express them."

Quote by Sinclair Ferguson

"Unless God is our Father, we are orphans. But God's own Son has become our Older Brother. He comes through His Spirit, with His Father, to live with us. The Holy Spirit dwells in our lives, making us a suitable dwelling place to receive the Father and the Son! As a consequence, by the Spirit we learn that we are not abandoned and unloved, but rather that we are loved by the Father, by the Son, and lovingly cared for by the Holy Spirit (John 14:21)."

Quote by Martyn Lloyd-Jones

"As Christian people we must learn to appropriate by faith the fact that God is our Father. Christ taught us to pray "Our Father." This eternal everlasting God has become our Father and the moment we realize that, everything tends to change. He is our Father and He is always caring for us, He loves us with an everlasting love, He so loved us that He sent His only begotten Son into the world and to the Cross to die for our sins. That is our relationship to God and the moment we realize it, it transforms everything."

Quote by J.I. Packer

"If you want to judge how well a person understands Christianity, find out how much he makes of the thought of being God's child, and having God as his Father. If this is not the thought that prompts and controls his worship and prayers and his whole outlook on life, it means that he does not understand Christianity very well at all. For everything that Christ taught, everything that makes the New Testament new and better than the Old, everything that is distinctively Christian, is summed up in the knowledge of the Fatherhood of God the Father."

Quote by Charles Spurgeon

"When I regarded God as a tyrant, I thought my sin a trifle, but when I knew Him to be my Father, then I mourned that I could ever have kicked against Him."

Quote by Hudson Taylor

"I am taking my children with me, and I notice that it is not difficult for me to remember that the little ones need breakfast in the morning, dinner at midday, and something before they go to bed at night. Indeed I could not forget it. And I find it impossible to suppose that our heavenly Father is less tender or mindful than I... I do not believe that our heavenly Father will ever forget His children. I am as very poor father, but it is not my habit to forget my children. God is a very, very good Father. It is not His habit to forget His children."

A Father's Love

Author Unknown

After a few of the usual Sunday evening hymns, the church's pastor once again slowly stood up, walked over to the pulpit, and gave a very brief introduction of his childhood friend. With that, an elderly man stepped up to the pulpit to speak, "A father, his son, and a friend of his son were sailing off the Pacific Coast," he began, "when a fast approaching storm blocked any attempt to get back to shore. The waves were so high, that even though the father was an experienced sailor, he could not keep the boat upright, and the three were swept into the ocean."

The old man hesitated for a moment, making eye contact with two teenagers who were, for the first time since the service began, looking somewhat interested in his story. He continued, "Grabbing a rescue line, the father had to make the most excruciating decision of his life... to which boy he would throw the other end of the line. He only had seconds to make the decision.

The father knew that his son was a Christian, and he also knew that his son's friend was not. The agony of his decision could not be matched by the torrent of waves. As the father yelled out, 'I love you, son!' he threw the line to his son's friend. By the time he pulled the friend back to the capsized boat, his son had disappeared beyond the raging swells into the black of night. His body was never recovered."

By this time, the two teenagers were sitting straighter in the pew, waiting for the next words to come out of the old man's mouth. "The father," he continued, "knew his son

would step into eternity with Jesus, and he could not bear the thought of his son's friend stepping into an eternity without Jesus. Therefore, he sacrificed his son. How great is the love of God that He should do the same for us."

With that, the old man turned and sat back down in his chair as silence filled the room. Within minutes after the service ended, the two teenagers were at the old man's side. "That was a nice story," politely started one of the boys, "but I don't think it was very realistic for a father to give up his son's life in hopes that the other boy would become a Christian."

"Well, you've got a point there," the old man replied, glancing down at his worn Bible. A big smile broadened his narrow face, and he once again looked up at the boys and said, "It sure isn't very realistic, is it? But I'm standing here today to tell you that THAT story gives me a glimpse of what it must have been like for God to give up His Son for me. You see... I was the son's friend."

A Father Teaches His Son About Atonement

I read about a small boy who was consistently late coming home from school. His parents warned him one day that he must be home on time that afternoon, but nevertheless he arrived later than ever. His mother met him at the door and said nothing. At dinner that night, the boy looked at his plate. There was a slice of bread and a glass of water. He looked at his father's full plate and then at his father, but his father remained silent. The boy was crushed. The father waited for the full impact to sink in, then quietly took the boy's plate and placed it in front of himself. He took his own plate of meat and potatoes, put it in front of the boy, and smiled at his son. When that boy grew to be a man, he said, "All my life I've known what God is like by what my father did that night." - J. Allan Peterson

Martin & Katie Luther Discuss Abraham's Sacrifice

For family devotions, Martin Luther once read the account of Abraham offering Isaac on the altar in Genesis 22. His wife, Katie, said, "I do not believe it. God would not have treated His son like that!" "But, Katie," Luther replied, "He did."

- W. Wiersbe, *The Wycliffe Handbook of Preaching & Preachers*, p. 191.

Two Views Of The Same Day

Charles Francis Adams, the 19th century political figure and diplomat, kept a diary. One day he entered: "Went fishing with my son today--a day wasted." His son, Brook Adams, also kept a diary, which is still in existence. On that same day, Brook Adams made this entry: "Went fishing with my father--the most wonderful day of my life!" The father thought he was wasting his time while fishing with his son, but his son saw it as an investment of time. The only way to tell the difference between wasting and investing is to know one's ultimate purpose in life and to judge accordingly.

- Silas Shotwell, in *Homemade*, September, 1987.