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## **I. Introduction**

The majority of this doctrine is developed in the Gospels and continues through the New Testament. God is mentioned as a Father 14 times in the Old Testament, but 256 times in the New Testament! It is in the New Testament that this doctrine is developed. Look for the upper case “F” whenever you come across the word “Father. It is referring to God the Father.

Let’s make some observation of God as a Father, as taught in the New Testament. These study will deal with the observations made in *only* Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. We will study Himself, His unique relationship with His Son, and His relationship to us as our Heavenly Father.

## **II. The Gospel Of Matthew**

### **1. God wants our works to glorify Him.**

“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.” (Matthew 5:16)

Never embarrass your Heavenly Father. May your works only glorify Him. See the examples in Matthew 5:44-45.

### **2. God the Father is perfect.**

“Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.” (Matthew 5:48).

He is complete and perfectly balanced. He is also flawless, pure, and sinless.

### **3. The Father rewards proper actions and behavior.**

“Take heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them: otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven. Therefore when thou doest thine alms, do not sound a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.

“But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth: That thine alms may be in secret: and thy Father which seeth in secret himself shall reward thee openly.

“And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.

“But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.” (Matthew 6:1-6). See also verses 16-18.

He will openly reward those who secretly gives alms, pray and fast.

### **4. He knows what His children need before they ask Him.**

“Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him.” (Matthew 6:8). See also Luke 12:30.

**5. He can be approached and prayed to.**

“After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.” (Matthew 6:9-13).

The “Lord’s Prayer” is actually a model for His children to pray to Him.

**6. He will not forgive those who do not forgive others.**

“For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.” (Matthew 6:14,15).

**7. He feeds, clothes, and meets the needs of His children.**

“Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?” (Matthew 6:25). Read also verses 26-34.

**8. He knows how to give good gifts to His children.**

“If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?” (Matthew 7:11).

He will never give a harmful or useless gifts.

**9. He has a will for His children.**

“Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.” (Matthew 7:21).

His children are not just “on their own” to do whatever they please. He births them and has a plan for their lives. The best example of this is in His perfect Son Jesus who said,

“For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me. And this is the Father’s will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day.” (John 6:38,39). See also Luke 22:42.

**10. The Heavenly Father will teach His children the right answers and give them the words to say.**

“For it is not ye that speak, but the Spirit of your Father which speaketh in you.” (Matthew 10:20).

Fathers should help their children and give them knowledge and understanding about many things (Deuteronomy 6:6-9).

**11. He values His children more than animals. He thinks about them all the time.**

His children are always observed by Him. He even knows how many hairs are on their heads. “Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? and one of them shall not fall on the ground

without your Father. But the very hairs of your head are all numbered.” (Matthew 10:29-31).

This is also brought out in the Old Testament:

“How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God! how great is the sum of them! If I should count them, they are more in number than the sand: when I awake, I am still with thee.” (Psalm 139:17-18).

“Many, O LORD my God, are thy wonderful works which thou hast done, and thy thoughts which are to us-ward: they cannot be reckoned up in order unto thee: if I would declare and speak of them, they are more than can be numbered.” (Psalm 40:5).

**12. He wants us to confess - and not be ashamed of - Jesus Christ.**

“Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven.” (Matthew 10:32,33).

**13. He reveals things to the humble, not to the proud.**

“At that time Jesus answered and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes. Even so, Father: for so it seemed good in thy sight.” (Matthew 11:25-26)

Also see Matthew 16:17 and Luke 10:21.

**14. There is a unique relationship between the Heavenly Father and the Heavenly Son .**

“All things are delivered unto me of my Father: and no man knoweth the Son, but the Father; ...” (Matthew 11:27a). See also Luke 10:22.

**15. The Son of God reveals the Father to us.**

“...neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal him.” (Matthew 11:27b). See also Luke 10:22.

**16. Jesus considers those who do His Father’s will as His family.**

“For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother.” (Matthew 12:50).

**17. Many religious people have not been “planted” by the Heavenly Father.**

“But he answered and said, Every plant, which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up.” (Matthew 15:13).

**18. The Father is surrounded by angels in Heaven.**

“Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, That in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven.” (Matthew 18:10).

The angels wait for instructions from the Father to give protection or help to His children.

**19. The Father does not want one child to perish.**

“Even so it is not the will of your Father which is in heaven, that one of these little ones should perish.” (Matthew 18:14).

**20. The Father will answer the united prayer of those in harmony with His will.**

“Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven.” (Matthew 18:19).

**21. The Father will deal severely with those who do not forgive others from their hearts.**

Read the parable in Matthew 18:23-35.

**22. The Father will judge who gets what position in His Kingdom.**

“And he saith unto them, Ye shall drink indeed of my cup, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with: but to sit on my right hand, and on my left, is not mine to give, but it shall be given to them for whom it is prepared of my Father.” (Matthew 20:23).

**23. In a spiritual sense, only one is our Father: God in Heaven.**

“And call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven.” (Matthew 23:9).

We are not to call any religious leader on earth our “father.” The only exception is to refer to the one who led us to the Lord (see 1 Corinthians 4:15). We should be “fathers” only in the sense of soulwinning .

**24. Only the Father knows when Jesus Christ will return.**

“But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.” (Matthew 24:36).

**25. The Father will allow only the saved to enter His Kingdom.**

“Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.” (Matthew 25:34).

**26. All who are baptized should be baptized in the name of the Father.**

“Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the **name** of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:” (Matthew 28:19). Note the singular “name,” referring to all three Members of the Trinity.

### **III. The Gospel of Mark**

These observations do not include any previously discussed under Matthew.

**1. When Jesus comes it will be in the glory of His Father.**

“Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.” (Mark 8:38).

## **2. The Father is very personal to the Son.**

“And he said, Abba, Father, all things are possible unto thee; take away this cup from me: nevertheless not what I will, but what thou wilt.” (Mark 14:36).

Jesus called Him Abba, the equivalent to saying “Dad” or “Daddy.”

## **IV. The Gospel of Luke**

These observations do not include any previously discussed under Matthew or Mark.

### **1. The Father will give the filling of the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him.**

“If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?” (Luke 11:13).

### **2. He watches for wayward children to return to Him, and for sinners to repent.**

“And he arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him.” (Luke 15:20).

Read the entire story of the prodigal son in verses 12-24.

### **3. He rewards the children who always stay near Him.**

“And he said unto him, Son, thou art ever with me, and all that I have is thine.” (Luke 15:31).

See also Romans 8:32 and Psalm 73:23.

### **4. He has appointed a Kingdom for His Son, Jesus Christ.**

“And I appoint unto you a kingdom, as my Father hath appointed unto me;” (Luke 22:29).

### **5. We can ask the Father to forgive people for what they have done to us.**

“Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And they parted his raiment, and cast lots.” (Luke 23:34).

Compare with John 20:23 and Acts 7:60.

### **6. The Son of God yielded up the Ghost to His Father when He died on the cross.**

“And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit: and having said thus, he gave up the ghost.” (Luke 23:46).

Compare Stephen’s words in Acts 7:59.

### **7. The Father promised to give the Holy Spirit to the followers of Christ on the day of Pentecost.**

“And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.” (Luke 24:49).

## V. The Gospel of John

These observations do not include any previously discussed under Matthew, Mark, or Luke.

### 1. Jesus is the only begotten Son of the Father

“And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.” (John 1:14).

It was God’s seed in Mary that conceived Jesus.

When we refer to the saved as “begotten of God” (1 John 5:1,18), we are acknowledging that their Spiritual birth (their born-again experience) was by God. For Jesus it was His physical birth, thus He is called the “only” begotten of God.

### 2. Jesus is in the bosom of the Father.

“No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.” (John 1:18).

They are extremely close. This is like the intimacy of John with Jesus (see John 13:23). It is the picture of a child laying on his father’s chest.

### 3. The Father loves the Son.

“The Father loveth the Son, and hath given all things into his hand.” (John 3:35).

### 4. The Father seeks those who will worship Him in spirit and in truth.

“Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father. Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews.

“But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.” (John 4:21-24).

### 5. The Father works with His Son.

“But Jesus answered them, My Father worketh hitherto, and I work.” (John 5:17).

### 6. The Father sets an example for His Son.

“Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise.” (John 5:19).

### 7. The Father shows His Son everything He does.

“For the Father loveth the Son, and sheweth him all things that himself doeth: and he will shew him greater works than these, that ye may marvel.” (John 5:20).

### 8. The Heavenly Father can raise the dead.

“For as the Father raiseth up the dead, and quickeneth them; even so the Son quickeneth whom he will.” (John 5:21).

**9. The Father has committed all judgment to His Son.**

“For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son:” (John 5:22).

**10. The Heavenly Father and His Son should be honored by all men.**

“That all men should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him.” (John 5:23).

**11. The Father is the source of all life.**

“For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself;” (John 5:26).

**12. The Father sent Jesus, and the works of Jesus prove this.**

“But I have greater witness than that of John: for the works which the Father hath given me to finish, the same works that I do, bear witness of me, that the Father hath sent me.” (John 5:36).

**13. The Father bears witness of His Son.**

God the Father points people to God the Son.

“And the Father himself, which hath sent me, hath borne witness of me. Ye have neither heard his voice at any time, nor seen his shape.” (John 5:37).

“I am one that bear witness of myself, and the Father that sent me beareth witness of me.” (John 8:18).

See also 1 John 5:9.

**14. Jesus came in His Father’s name.**

“I am come in my Father’s name, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive.” (John 5:43).

**15. Jesus does not accuse people to the Father, the Bible does.**

“Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father: there is one that accuseth you, even Moses, in whom ye trust. For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me: for he wrote of me. But if ye believe not his writings, how shall ye believe my words?” (John 5:45-47).

“And if any man hear my words, and believe not, I judge him not: for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world. He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day.” (John 12:47-48).

**16. The Father put His seal of approval on His Son.**

“Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed.” (John 6:27).

**17. The Father will never cast out those who come to Jesus.**

“All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.” (John 6:37).

**18. It is the Father's will that not one that comes to Jesus Christ should be lost.**

“And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day.” (John 6:39).

**19. No one can come to the Son except the Father draw Him.**

“No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day... 65 And he said, Therefore said I unto you, that no man can come unto me, except it were given unto him of my Father.” (John 6:44,65).

**20. Any man who has been taught of the Father will come to Christ and know Him.**

“It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me.” (John 6:45).

“Then said they unto him, Where is thy Father? Jesus answered, Ye neither know me, nor my Father: if ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also.” (John 8:19).

**21. The Father is unseen and invisible.**

“Not that any man hath seen the Father, save he which is of God, he hath seen the Father.” (John 6:46).

**22. The Son is never alone, the Father is always with Him.**

“And yet if I judge, my judgment is true: for I am not alone, but I and the Father that sent me... And he that sent me is with me: the Father hath not left me alone; for I do always those things that please him.” (John 8:16,29).

**23. Anybody who has God as their Father loves Jesus Christ.**

“Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me.” (John 8:42).

**24. Jesus the Son honors His Father.**

“Jesus answered, I have not a devil; but I honour my Father, and ye do dishonour me.” (John 8:49).

**25. God the Father honors His Son.**

“Jesus answered, If I honour myself, my honour is nothing: it is my Father that honoureth me; of whom ye say, that he is your God:” (John 8:54).

**26. The Father and Son know everything about each other.**

“As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep.” (John 10:15).

**27. The Father commanded the Son to give His life for us.**

“No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father.” (John 10:18).

**28. The Father is greater than all.**

“My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all;...”  
(John 10:29a).

**29. No one can snatch one of the Father’s children from His hand.**

“...and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father’s hand” (John 10:29b).

**30. Jesus and the Father are the same.**

“I and my Father are one.” (John 10:30).

**31. The Father showed His good works through His Son.**

“Jesus answered them, Many good works have I shewed you from my Father; for which of those works do ye stone me?” (John 10:32).

**32. Jesus was sanctified and sent into the world by the Father.**

“Say ye of him, whom the Father hath sanctified, and sent into the world, Thou blasphemest; because I said, I am the Son of God?” (John 10:36).

Sanctified means “to be set apart unto God.”

**33. The Father is in the Son, and the Son is in the Father.**

“But if I do, though ye believe not me, believe the works: that ye may know, and believe, that the Father is in me, and I in him.” (John 10:38).

**34. Jesus Himself prayed to the Father.**

“Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead was laid. And Jesus lifted up his eyes, and said, Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me.” (John 11:41).

**35. The Father will honor anyone who serves the Son.**

“If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honour.” (John 12:26).

**36. Jesus spoke what His Father commanded.**

“For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak. And I know that his commandment is life everlasting: whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto me, so I speak.” (John 12:49-50).

See also John 14:24.

**37. When Jesus departed out of the world he went to His Father.**

“Now before the feast of the passover, when Jesus knew that his hour was come that he should depart out of this world unto the Father, having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them unto the end.” (John 13:1).

**38. The Father has given all things into the Son’s hands.**

“Jesus knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he was come from God, and went to God;” (John 13:3).

**39. The only way to the Father is through Jesus Christ.**

“Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.” (John 14:6).

**40. He that has seen Jesus Christ has seen the Father.**

“Philip saith unto him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us. Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father?” (John 14:8,9).

**41. The Father, who dwells in Jesus Christ, is actually the one who did the works through Christ.**

“Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works.” (John 14:10).

**42. When Jesus goes back to the Father, He will enable us to do the same works Jesus did – and greater.**

“Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.” (John 14:12).

**43. The Father gave the Comforter to us through the prayer of Jesus Christ.**

“And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;” (John 14:16).  
The Comforter is the Holy Ghost.

**44. We will be loved of the Father if we love Jesus.**

“He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.” (John 14:21).

**45. The Father and Son will live with the person who loves Jesus and keeps His words.**

“Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.” (John 14:23).

**46. Jesus would go back to the Father when His earthly work was done.**

“Ye have heard how I said unto you, I go away, and come again unto you. If ye loved me, ye would rejoice, because I said, I go unto the Father: ...” (John 14:28).

**47. The Father is greater than the Son.**

“... for my Father is greater than I.” (John 14:28).

**48. The Son loved the Father and showed it by obedience.**

“But that the world may know that I love the Father; and as the Father gave me commandment, even so I do. Arise, let us go hence.” (John 14:31).

**49. The Father is the caretaker of the vineyard.**

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and

every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.” (John 15:1-2). Also read verses 3-7.

Believers are like branches attached to Jesus Christ the Vine. The Father purges the branches so they will bear more fruit. He prunes away the branches that are not in Christ.

**50. The Father is glorified when we bear much fruit.**

“Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.” (John 15:8).

**51. The Son loved us with the same love the Father showed Him.**

“As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love.” (John 15:9).

**52. Whatever we ask the Father in Jesus’ name, He will give to us.**

“Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.” (John 15:16).

This means we must know the Lord’s will and then ask in His Name.

Prayers answered in this way bring glory to the Father - see John 14:13.

**53. A person who hates Jesus Christ also hates the Father.**

“If I had not come and spoken unto them, they had not had sin: but now they have no cloke for their sin. He that hateth me hateth my Father also.” (John 15:23,24).

## **VI. Conclusion**

This is not all the Bible has to say about God the Father! There is so much more in the books of Acts through Revelation. Study it out for yourself, and begin to cultivate your relationship with Him.

Thank God for His love towards us, as our Heavenly Father. He cares for us, protects us, provides for us, and does His best to make us better!

As an adopted child, we should follow Jesus Christ’s example as the Father’s perfect Child, and grow closer to our Heavenly Father.

Praise and thank God for His willingness to enter into a close relationship with us, imperfect people.

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“Study to shew thyself approved  
unto God, a workman that  
needeth not to be ashamed,  
rightly dividing the word of truth.”

2 Timothy 2:15

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