

Fundamentals Of The Church

God The Father

(Ps 95:2-3)

INTRODUCTION

1. Good Morning
 - a. Greeting...
2. Series of lessons on the "Fundamentals Of The Church"
 - a. We have looked at a great deal of lessons over this topic.
 - b. We looked last week the Godhead and their personalities.
 - i. Today we begin by looking at each member individually starting with "God The Father."
3. God The Father
 - a. God the Father, as we noticed last week, is the creative personality.
 - b. This week we will look at the "characteristics" of God the Father.
 - i. By learning the characteristics of our Father we should be able to know Him better and thus grow closer to him.
 1. **Ec 5:1** "Walk prudently when you go to the house of God; and draw near to hear rather than to give the sacrifice of fools..."¹
4. Let us now learn that we may draw near to God walking prudently in His house.

I. God The Father Is Merciful

- A. He takes care of our physical needs
 1. **Mt 5:45** "that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust."
 2. **Mt 6:25, 33** "Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing...33 But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you."
- B. He takes care of our spiritual needs
 1. **Ep 1:3** "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ"
 2. **Mt 6:3-4** "But when you do a charitable deed, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, 4 that your charitable deed may be in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will Himself reward you openly."
- C. He wants to be merciful to each of us
 1. **Jh 3:10-4:2** "Then God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God relented from the disaster that He had said He would bring upon them, and He did not do it. 1 But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he became angry. 2 So he prayed to the LORD, and said, "Ah, LORD, was not this what I said when I was still in my country? Therefore I fled previously to Tarshish; for I know that You are a gracious and merciful God, slow to anger and abundant in lovingkindness, One who relents from doing harm."

¹ All scriptures are in the NKJV unless otherwise noted.

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2. **Ep 4:32** "And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you."

II. God The Father Is Personal

- A. He knows each star by name
 1. **Ps 147:4** "He counts the number of the stars; He calls them all by name."
 2. **Jb 38:31-32** "Can you bind the cluster of the Pleiades, Or loose the belt of Orion? 32 Can you bring out Mazzaroth in its season? Or can you guide the Great Bear with its cubs?"
- B. He knows every single animal
 1. **Ps 50:11** "I know all the birds of the mountains, And the wild beasts of the field are Mine."
 2. **Mt 10:29** "Are not two sparrows sold for a copper coin? And not one of them falls to the ground apart from your Father's will."
- C. He knows each of us better than we know ourselves
 1. **Mt 10:30** "But the very hairs of your head are all numbered."
 2. **Ps 33:13-15** "The LORD looks from heaven; He sees all the sons of men. 14 From the place of His dwelling He looks On all the inhabitants of the earth; 15 He fashions their hearts individually; He considers all their works."
 3. **He 4:13** "And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account."
- D. He can be known on a personal level
 1. **Ex 33:11** "So the LORD spoke to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend. And he would return to the camp, but his servant Joshua the son of Nun, a young man, did not depart from the tabernacle."
 2. **Ja 2:23** "And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness." And he was called the friend of God."
 3. **Mt 11:25-27** "At that time Jesus answered and said, "I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and prudent and have revealed them to babes. 26 Even so, Father, for so it seemed good in Your sight. 27 All things have been delivered to Me by My Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father. Nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and the one to whom the Son wills to reveal Him."

III. God The Father Is Love

- A. There is no purer love than that which comes from the Godhead
 1. All three personalities are equal in their love for their creation.
- B. Notice however what is said of God the Father's love
 1. It is complete or thorough.
 - i. **I Jn 4:8** "He who does not love does not know God, for God is love."
 2. We can know that love.
 - i. **I Jn 4:16** "And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him."

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- C. Notice how that love was manifested
 - 1. It was manifested through action.
 - i. **I Jn 4:9-11** "In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. 10 In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. 11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another."
 - ii. **Ro 5:8** "But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

IV. God The Father Is Just

- A. This is not a contradiction with love
 - 1. In order for God to be perfect in His love He must be just concerning His actions with mankind.
 - i. In other words God the Father must keep His word.
- B. God's justice
 - 1. Will God send people to hell?
 - i. **Mt 7:21-23** "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, **but he who does the will of My Father in heaven**. 22 Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' 23 And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; **depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!**'" (emphasis mine)
 - ii. **Mt 25:33, 41** "And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left...41 Then He will also say to those on the left hand, '**Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels**'" (emphasis mine)
 - 2. How can a loving God send His creation to hell?
 - i. Because He is a God of justice.
 - ii. It would not be "just" to let everyone into heaven.
 - a. Example: You tell your kids that if they pick up their rooms you will give them a treat of some sort. One picks their room up the other doesn't...you love both of your children, do you give them both the treat? No, you give the one that did what they were told. Why, because it would not be just for the one that clean his/her room.
 - b. On a grander scale this is the same idea here on earth. God has told everyone through His Word that in order to get to heaven they have to obey Him (**Mt 7:21**). If God lets everyone in, those that did not obey, He would be a liar first but second He would be unjust. God is not a liar (**He 6:18**) or unjust (**Is 45:21**).

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V. God The Father Is Simply "All"

A. All knowing - omniscience

1. **Is 46:10** "Declaring the end from the beginning, And from ancient times things that are not yet done, Saying, 'My counsel shall stand, And I will do all My pleasure,'"
2. **I Sa 2:3** "Talk no more so very proudly; Let no arrogance come from your mouth, For the LORD is the God of knowledge; And by Him actions are weighed."
3. **Ps 147:5** "Great is our Lord, and mighty in power; His understanding is infinite."
4. **Ps 139:16** "Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in Your book they all were written, The days fashioned for me, When as yet there were none of them."

B. All present - omnipresent

1. **Ps 139:7-10** "Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence? 8 If I ascend into heaven, You are there; If I make my bed in hell, behold, You are there. 9 If I take the wings of the morning, And dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, 10 Even there Your hand shall lead me, And Your right hand shall hold me."
2. **Je 23:23-24** "'Am I a God near at hand,'" says the LORD, "And not a God afar off? 24 Can anyone hide himself in secret places, So I shall not see him?" says the LORD; "Do I not fill heaven and earth?" says the LORD."
3. **Ac 17:27** "so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us"

C. All powerful - omnipotent

1. **Jb 42:2** "I know that You can do everything, And that no purpose of Yours can be withheld from You."
2. **Gn 17:1** "When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, 'I am Almighty God; walk before Me and be blameless.'"
3. **Je 32:17** "Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, You have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and outstretched arm. There is nothing too hard for You."
4. **Mt 19:26** "But Jesus looked at them and said to them, 'With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.'"
 - i. How do we harmonize these verses with verses such as...
 - a. **He 6:18** "that by two immutable things, in which it is **impossible for God to lie**, we might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us."
 - b. **He 11:6** "But without faith it is **impossible to please Him**, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him."
 - c. **He 10:4** "For it is **impossible** for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins." (ESV)

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- d. **Ja 1:13** "Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am tempted by God"; for **God cannot be tempted** by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone."
- ii. Thus what we see is that God can do all things that are possible.
 - a. This is another reason He must be just because He cannot lie or go against what He has promised.

CONCLUSION

If God Should Go On Strike

It's just a good thing God above has never gone on strike
Because he wasn't treated fair, or for things he didn't like.
If he had ever once sat down and said, "That's it. I'm through.
I've had enough of those on earth and this is what I'll do:
I'll give my orders to the sun, cut off your heat supply,
And to the moon give no more light and run those oceans dry.
Then just to really make it tough and put the pressure on,
Turn off the oxygen and the air until every breath is gone."
You know that he'd be justified if fairness were the game,
For no one has been more abused or treated with disdain
Than God, and yet he carries on supplying you and me
With all the favors of his grace and everything for free.
Men say they want a better deal, and so on strike they go,
But what a deal we've given God, to whom all things we owe.
We don't care who we hurt or harm to get the things we like,
But what a mess we'd all be in if God should go on strike.

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1. Brothers and sisters, ladies and gentlemen, let us draw near to our great and awesome God and Father by understanding Him better and thusly building a wonderful relationship.
 - a. Question we must each ask ourselves...Do I have a relationship with God the Father?
2. Invitation
 - a. God's Plan of Salvation
 - i. Hear/Study **Rom 10:17; II Tim 2:15**
 - ii. Believe Jesus Is The Christ **Jn 3:16; 8:24**
 - iii. Repent/Turn To God **Ac 17:30; Lk 24:47**
 - iv. Confess Jesus As Lord **Mt 10:32; Rom 10:9**
 - v. Immersed For The Forgiveness of Sins **Ac 2:38; 22:16; I Pt 3:21**
 - vi. Live A Faithful Life **I Jn 1:7; Eph 5:8**