

Day 1 - God the Father as Creator

What makes up the substance of a “father”? When you think of a father, what are some of the qualities or details that causes you to say, “that’s a father”? First off, a father is one who cares for, typically, his child or offspring. Sometimes a father is one who cares for someone by choice (thus the beauty of adoption or stepping into a fatherly role for someone who never has had a father figure in their life). Also, there is authority when we say “father”. He is a headship figure whose title carries weight and leadership. When we speak of God the Father, it is in recognizing His authority in His creation which we look and think upon today.

Read *Genesis 1:1* and *2:7*.

- Who made everything? (*God*)
- Did He have any help? (*no*)
- How did God make man?
(*breathed life into him, and in His own image*)
- What kind of feeling does it give you to know God “breathes life” into you?

God shows His ultimate “fatherhood” by birthing all creation into existence! That means you and me and everything else that exists. Wow! If there ever was a stamp of authority given to show who is really in charge, this should be it.

Read *Ephesians 4:6*.

- Is there anyone or anything that God is not the physical Father of?
- Why do you think people don’t want to believe God is the Father of all?
(*sinful nature or human arrogance*)

The reason God can be called “father” is the same reason any man who has a son or daughter is called a father – through His hand, life came about. It makes sense that none of us would be here without a male being part of that birthing process. But what truly makes a father is then the guidance and compassion that goes with His creation. It goes much deeper than just making someone.

Read *1 Corinthians 8:5-6*.

- What kind of “so-called gods” exist today in our world?
(*money, false religions, earthly idols, etc.*)
- In verse 6 it says, “yet for us”. Who is “us”?
(*those whose faith is in Jesus Christ*)
- What reminder is given again that points us back to the words found in Genesis?
(*from Whom are all things and for Whom we exist*)

Close today by praying a prayer of thanks for His authority and creativity over all things, including us, and recognize our need to be humbled by this Father we serve.

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