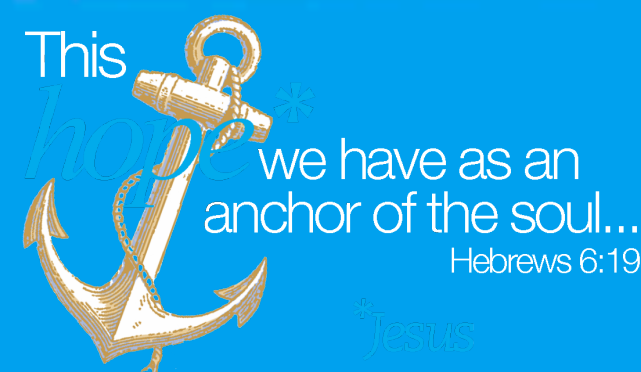


# When We Honor

# Our Fathers...



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## Honoring Fathers on Father's Day

Father's Day is a special day, set apart to honor our fathers.

Why should we honor our fathers?

Because being a father is ordained by God and God intends earthly fathers to be a reflection of Himself.

God created Adam in His image ([Gen 1:26](#))

And He also created Adam to be a father.

[Gen 1:28](#) Then God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth...”

## Many Cultures—Many Gods

- The ancient Greek God, Zeus, was moody and ill-tempered. He shot lightning bolts at people to kill them.
- Buddhists don't acknowledge a supreme god or deity. Instead, they work on achieving enlightenment (inner peace and wisdom).
- Hindus believe their god, Brahma, created everything and is supreme in the triad of great gods. Most Hindus have a personal god or goddess to whom they pray.
- The Muslims claim their god, Allah, is all-knowing and all-powerful. But he is also unapproachable, unknowable, and unmerciful.
- The humanists' god is themselves. They want no lord over their lives.

## Our Heavenly Father is the One True God

- The God of the Bible is the God of all creation and also the sustainer of all He created.
- He is omniscient (all-knowing), omnipotent (all-powerful), omnipresent (always present), and omni-benevolent (all good).
- He is also relational and He has made Himself knowable.

In the Holy Bible, God has revealed Himself to us, His children, so that we can approach Him and enjoy a relationship with Him.

## Just as God IS Love, God IS Father

**God is Father to Israel — Hosea 11:1**

**God is Father to Jesus (50x Jesus called God, “My Father.”) — Mat 10:32**

**God is Father to the Church — Rom 1:7 (1 Cor 1:3, Eph 1:2, et.al.)**

Human fatherhood is patterned after divine Fatherhood. God desires that human fathers reflect all that He is, in both His love for His children and in His work in their lives.



**We all know the prayer that Jesus gave to His disciples as a model of how to pray (Matt 6:9-13).**

Mat 6:9-13 After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. {10} Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. {11} Give us this day our daily bread. {12} And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. {13} 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.

**What are the most important words in this prayer?**

**The first two words, “Our Father...”**

**We are Our Father’s Children — Gal 4:4-5**

We are adopted into the family of God as His children, as His sons and His daughters, and we are joint-heirs with Jesus.

**In the Matt 6 prayer, Jesus told us to praise God and to petition God for His presence, provision, and protection.**

**God is a Father Who is Present for His Children.**

*Mat 6:10 Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth... — Prov 15:3, Psa 46:1, Isa 43:2, Heb 13:5*

**God is a Father Who Provides for His Children**

*Mat 6:11 Give us this day our daily bread. — Mat 6:25-26*

**God is a Father Who Protects for His Children**

*Mat 6:13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: — Gen 28:15, Deut 20:4, Isa 43:2, Heb 13:5-6, Psa 46:1*

## Children Honor Your Fathers

There are many ways that children honor their earthly fathers on Father's Day and throughout the year. So how should we honor our heavenly Father?

Jesus has given us an example:

***Matt 6:9** Our Father, who art in Heaven, Hallowed be thy name.*

God is worthy of our praise and His name is to be hallowed (revered).



## His Name

Under the Old Covenant, one way God revealed Himself to His children was by His many names:

- **El Shaddai**—the Mighty God —Genesis 17:1, 28:3, 35:11; Ruth 1:20-21; Ezekiel 10:5; found 31 times in Job
- **El Elyon**—the Most High God — Genesis 14:19, 22; Deut. 32:8; Isaiah 14:14
- **El Roi**—the God who sees —Genesis 16:13.

## His Name is Jehovah

*Exo 6:3 And I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, by the name of God Almighty [El Shaddai], but by my name **JEHOVAH** was I not known to them.*

**Jehovah-jireh** – The Lord Will See To It – [Genesis 22:14](#), **Jehovah-ropha** – The Lord Who Makes Whole (heals) – [Exodus 15:26](#); [Jeremiah 33:6](#), [1 Kings 18:30](#); [Job 5:17,18](#); [Psalms 103:3](#); [Psalms 146:3](#), **Jehovah-nissi** – The Lord Our Banner – [Exodus 17:15](#), **Jehovah-shalom** – The Lord Gives Peace – [Judges 6:24](#), **Jehovah-tsidkeneau** – The Lord Our Righteousness – [Jeremiah 23:6](#), **Jehovah-raah** – The Lord My Shepherd – [Psalm 23](#) (shepherd); [Ezekiel 34:11-15](#) (companion); [Jeremiah 3:12-16](#) (pastors); [Judges 11:34-35](#) (friend); [Exodus 33:11](#) (friend), **Jehovah-Shama** – The Lord is Present – [Ezekial 48:35](#); [Exodus 33:14](#); [Matthew 28:20](#); [Hebrews 13:5](#); [John 14:16-17](#); [Romans 8:9](#), **Jehovah-InKaddesh** – The Lord Which Sanctifies.

(Read: [In addition to Yahweh \(YHVH\), Yeshua and Jesus, what other names for God are in the Bible?](#))

## Another Name

“Av” or “Ab” is the Hebrew word for father. But in Greek, Aramaic, and other Semetic languages the word for father is “Abba.”

Abba expresses an intimate relationship between a father and a child. (Read: [Does Abba Really Mean Daddy?](#) Spoiler alert: it does not.)

In the New Testament Jesus used Abba to address His Father — [Mark 14:36](#)

And as God’s children, adopted into His family, we are able to address God the Father as “our Abba.” — [Rom 8:15](#), [Gal 4:6-7](#)

God is such a loving and gracious Father, yet it is not an obligation to honor and glorify Him. It is a privilege!

And one of the ways we honor our heavenly Father is to honor our earthly fathers.








Eph 1:3-6 Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly *places* in Christ:  
According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world,  
that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:  
Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to  
himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,  
To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted  
in the beloved.





TO KNOW  
JESUS  
AND  
LOVE HIM