Lesson #

Theology – The Fatherhood of God

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\* We now will study a bit on the Fatherhood of God. The Old Testament Jews were taught to pray in distinction from the Gentile “gods.” In ***Matthew 6***, when Jesus Christ taught the Old Testament Jews under the law to pray, He, of course, taught it as the corporate prayer of a nation who had been called out by God as God’s “son.”

“After t \_ \_ \_ m \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ therefore p \_ \_ \_ y \_: O \_ \_ F \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ which art in

heaven, Hallowed be thy name.” ***Matthew 6:9***

\* No *individual* in the Old Testament is ever called “the Son of God” or “a Son of God,” unless they are a created angel, without blood. There is no such thing in the Old Testament as a son of God in the New Testament sense. In the New testament sense, a son of God is a sinner who has received Jesus Christ.

“He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But a \_ m \_ \_ \_ a \_ r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_, to them g \_ \_ \_ h \_ p \_ \_ \_ \_ to become t \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ o \_ G \_ \_, even to them that believe on his name:”***John 1:11,12***

In the Old Testament no *individual* is ever called “a son of God.” The nation of Israel CORPORATELY is called “sons” and “daughters.”

“I will say to the north, Give up; and to the south, Keep not back: bring m \_ s \_ \_ \_ from far, and m \_ d \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ from the ends of the earth;” ***Isaiah 43:6***

\* The Nation of Israel, corporately, as a unit, is addressed.

“And thou shalt say unto Pharaoh, Thus saith the LORD, I \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ is

m \_ s \_ \_, even my firstborn:” ***Exodus 4:22***

\* At no time in the Old Testament are “Individual Israelites,” such as David or Moses, ever referred to as “sons of God.”

\* There are “sons of God” in the Old Testament from ***Job 1*** through ***Job 38***, and in ***Genesis 6***. These “sons of God” are angelic beings who have neither flesh or blood, nor could they be born again.

\* Therefore, it is very important that one get the distinction between the disciples of ***Matthew 6:9*** (who prayed to God as a corporate Father) and the individual Christian who prays to his “Abba,” Father.

“After this manner therefore p \_ \_ \_ y \_: O \_ \_ F \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.” ***Matthew 6:9***

“For y \_ have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but y \_ have received the

S \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ of a \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, whereby w \_ c \_ \_, A \_ \_ \_, F \_ \_ \_ \_ \_.” ***Romans 8:15***

\* The “Christian” never prays “Our Father” in individual prayer but rather “my Father,” “Holy Father,” and “Father.”

\* Israelites did not have an individual, personal consciousness of sonship to God as “my Father.” Israel, as it stood in the Old Testament, had God as their “Corporate” Father; as a nation chosen of God to be Gods firstborn son.

\* “Our Father” has never been “the Lord’s Prayer,” and never will be. It is certainly not the prayer of any Christian. “Our Father” is the prayer Jesus Christ recommended to circumcised Jewish disciples under the law who kept the sabbath, abstained from pork, and worshipped in the temple. In ***Matthew 5-6*** those Jews under the law were bringing their gifts to an alter in the temple.

\* The word “Christian” does not occur anywhere in your Bible until ***Acts 11***. There are no Christians in ***Matthew 5-10***. They are Jews, under the law.

\* If ***Matthew 6:9*** were the “Lords Prayer,” the Lord would not have been praying “Our Father,” because that would have classified Him with sinners. The real “Lords Prayer” is in ***John 17***, where Christ never calls God “our” Father, but “Holy Father.” So, “Our Father” in ***Matthew 6:9*** is the prayer of a Jewish disciple under the law who is a member of a nation that has God as its Father, corporately. The prayer then as it stands is a prayer given to Old Testament saints under the law and Jewish saints under the law. These Jews are Sabbath observing pork abstaining, temple worshipping Jews.

\* So, no individual in the Old Testament knew about the fatherhood of God from an individual consciousness or individual relationship, but rather as a national relationship. This is why we find the plural "Our Father which art in heaven.”

\* One thing we should notice in ***Matthew 6*** (Israel being God’s child) is that the Father of Israel is set in contrast to the Gentiles. In other words, ***Matthew 5*** and ***6*** makes it clear that God is not the Father of any Gentile.

\* Notice that Christ constantly contrasts the Jew as a child of God “Corporately” and “Nationally” under the Father (the Father of a Nation), as opposed to the Gentiles, who had no Father as a group of nations.

“(For a \_ \_ \_ \_ a \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ do the G \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_:) for your heavenly

Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.”***Matthew 6:32***

\* Israel did not have personal consciousness of sonship, as far as its individuals were concerned. The ones that do have this individual, personal “sonship,” with God as his personal, individual Father, is, of course, the born-again child of God in this age who is in Jesus Christ.

“But after that f \_ \_ \_ \_ is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster. For ye are a \_ \_ the

c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ G \_ \_ b \_ f \_ \_ \_ \_ in C \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ J \_ \_ \_ \_. For as many of you as have been baptized i \_ \_ \_ C \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ have put on Christ. There is n \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ J \_ \_ nor G \_ \_ \_ \_, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are a \_ \_ o \_ \_i \_ C \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

J \_ \_ \_ \_. And if ye be Christ’s, then are ye Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise.” ***Galatians 3:25-29***

\* Moving on, In the world today, the world believes that God is the Father of all and wouldn’t harm anybody. They believe that this god in the end will be merciful to everyone. This of course is not the God of the Bible, nor is He the Father of all men. The god the world is speaking of is a moral and spiritual pervert. The Lord Jesus Christ never said God was anyone’s Father but rather told them different.

“Ye are of y \_ \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ d \_ \_ \_ \_, and the lusts of y \_ \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and t \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ of it.”

***John 8:44***

\* A god who can put up with anything is a spiritual pervert, and the man who invented him is just as perverted as he is. A god who loves righteousness, truth, honesty, and loving kindness the same way he loves fornication, bestiality and adultery is a moral pervert and is nothing but the creation of a man who is perverted.

\* God is the Creator of all, but only the “Father” of those who are in the “family.”

“Wherefore c \_ \_ \_ o \_ \_ from a \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_, and be ye s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you. And w \_ \_ \_ b \_ a F \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ unto you, and ye shall be my s \_ \_ \_ and d \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, saith the Lord Almighty.” ***2 Corinthians 6:17, 18***

\* Nowhere does God ever imply that He would accept any “son” or “daughter” who will not trust His Only Begotten Son as his Saviour.

\* As a Father, God gives life to His children, so there is no real relationship without the new birth.

“He that h \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ S \_ \_ hath l \_ \_ \_; and he that h \_ \_ \_ n \_ \_ the Son of God h \_ \_ \_ n \_ \_ life.” ***1 John 5:12***



\* As a Father, God bestows love on His children: those who are in the family of God. But those that are outside the family are treated differently.

“He that believeth on the Son h \_ \_ \_ e \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ l \_ \_ \_: and he that believeth not the Son shall n \_ \_ s \_ \_ l \_ \_ \_; but the w \_ \_ \_ \_ of G \_ \_ abideth o \_ h \_ \_.” ***John 3:36***

\* So, we can see a grave difference in the way God feels concerning the ones in His family and the ones outside His family. The people that will have nothing to do with Jesus Christ, yet still imagine that the God of creation and the Bible is their Father, are greatly mistaken, and are in great danger. Look what the Scriptures say about such ones.

“Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were b \_ n \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ the c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ of w \_ \_ \_ \_, even as others.” ***Ephesians 2:3***

“What if God, willing to shew his wrath, and to make his power known, endured with much longsuffering the v \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ of w \_ \_ \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ to d \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_:” ***Romans 9:22***

“And you hath he quickened, who were d \_ \_ \_ in t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ and s \_ \_ \_;”

***Ephesians 2:1***

“Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, ye make him twofold more the c \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ h \_ \_ \_ than yourselves.” ***Matthew 23:15***

\* The fact of the matter is every person knows in their heart of hearts, way down in the most innermost compartment, that no one can penetrate but the Lord and himself, whether or not the God of Heaven is invited. Everyone is invited, and everyone is without excuse. The reason God is not a person's Father is because He is not welcome, not because He does not desire to be. It’s not God’s fault.

“He that is o \_ G \_ \_ h \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ God’s w \_ \_ \_ \_: ye therefore hear them not, because y \_

a \_ \_ n \_ \_ o \_ G \_ \_.” ***John 8:47***

\* In conclusion, God is a Father who hears and answers prayers of the born-again believer, sifting their requests as a true Father would. It is as a Father that God adopts into His family the born-again child of God as one of His sons, but there is not a case found anywhere in the Bible, from cover to cover, where God Almighty ever treated as a son a Bible rejecting, Christ defying, self-righteous religious egotist. Of this person the Lord says the following.

“Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, h \_ \_ c \_ \_ y \_ e \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ the

d \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_of h \_ \_ \_?” ***Matthew 23:33***

\* So, the Fatherhood of God in the Bible is one thing, and the “fatherhood of god” taught in the world is something else.

To all born again “children of God” in the family, isn’t it good to be able to say, “My Father,” “Father,” and “Abba, Father!” The answer is yes, yes, it is!

“Like as a father pitieth his children, so the LORD pitieth them that

fear him.” ***Psalms 103:13***

“For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of

God.” ***Romans 8:14***

Believe what God’s word SAY’S!

