

*Who is the Father?
We Need a Father!*



Scripture

• **Ephesians 1:3-7**

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, just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him in love. He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In Him, we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace.

• **Matthew 11:27**

...no one knows the Son except the Father; nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and anyone to whom the Son wills to reveal Him.

Other Scriptures

- Romans 8:15
- John 1:1
- Matthew 18:3
- John 10:26-28
- John 6:43-44

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Main Points

- Abba in Hebrew means Father in English.
- God wants us to know Him as Daddy.
- The most central relationship in all spheres of reality is the relationship between the Father and the Son.
- We will always need a Father.
- Paul begins all of his letters by blessing the Father.
- The Father chose us in Jesus.
- As a result of Jesus dying for us, we stand before the Father, holy and blameless in love.
- Jesus has removed your past, present, and future sin.
- The call of the Gospel is that we would come to know God as our Father.
- We can only find our identity when we know who our Father is.
- When we come to know God as our father, we will discover who we are.
- Only Jesus can reveal God to you as Father.

Discussion Questions

1. Rabbi stated that the Father relationship is the most central relationship in spheres of reality. How does your earthly father help you have a picture of that your Heavenly Father? If your earthly father was absent or relationally injured, how has that influenced your relationship with Abba?
2. Does knowing that you are seen by God through the perfection of Christ change your view of yourself?
3. If knowing God as your Father is a stumbling block, what did Rabbi suggest that you do to know Him better? Are you hungry to know Him as daddy? Why is Jesus the perfect one to ask that you might be filled in this area?