

Who is the Father? Orphans No More



Scripture

- **Luke 3:38**

...the son of Enosh, the son of Seth, the son of Adam, the son of God.

- **Isaiah 14:13-14**

But you said in your heart, 'I will ascend to heaven; I will raise my throne above the stars of God, and I will sit on the mount of assembly in the recesses of the north. I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.'

- **Ezekiel 28: 11-17**

Again the word of the LORD came to me saying, "Son of man, take up a lamentation over the king of Tyre and say to him, 'Thus says the Lord GOD, "You had the seal of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. You were in Eden, the garden of God; every precious stone was your covering: the ruby, the topaz and the diamond; the beryl, the onyx and the jasper; the lapis lazuli, the turquoise and the emerald; and the gold, the workmanship of your settings and sockets, was in you. On the day that you were created they were prepared. You were the anointed cherub who covers, and I placed you there. You were on the holy mountain of God; You walked in the midst of the stones of fire. You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created until unrighteousness was found in you. By the abundance of your trade you were internally filled with violence, and you sinned; therefore I have cast you as profane from the mountain of God. And I have destroyed you, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire. Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty; you corrupted your wisdom by reason of your splendor. I cast you to the ground; I put you before kings that they may see you.

- **Genesis 3:1-10**

Now the serpent was more crafty than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, "Indeed, has God said, 'You shall not eat from any tree of the garden?'" The woman said to the serpent, "From the fruit of the trees of the garden we may eat, but from the fruit of the tree which is in the middle of the garden, God has said, "You shall not eat from it or touch it, or you will die.'" The serpent said to the woman, "You surely will not die! For God knows that in the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make one wise, she took from its fruit and ate; and she gave also to her husband with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loin coverings. They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of

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the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. Then the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, “Where are you?” He said, “I heard the sound of You in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid myself.”

- **John 14:18**

“I will not leave you as orphans...”

- **I Cor. 15:22**

For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be made alive.

- **John 17:26**

...and I have made Your name known to them, and will make it known, so that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them.”

- **Ephesians 1:5**

He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will.

Other Scriptures

- I John 3:1
- Romans 8:15
- Gen. 3:5
- John 14:6
- John 20:17

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Main Points

- Knowing God as Father is the aim of the Gospel.
- The most desperate need we have is to know God as Father.
- God created Adam in His image so that He could relate to Adam as His son.
- Mankind was created to walk in sonship with God.
- God sent Jesus to restore us to knowing God as Father.
- The price for sin is becoming an orphan.
- Jesus' purpose is to bring us to the Father.
- Your destiny is to know the Father.
- The same love with which the Father loves Jesus, is toward you.

Discussion Questions

1. How was Satan separated from heaven and from God? What was the root attitude of his problem according to scripture?

2. How did Satan introduce his attitude into the garden and to Adam and Eve? What were the consequences for Adam and Eve, particularly in regards to relationship with their Father God?

3. Who did God send to restore the Father-Son/Daughter relationship?

4. What are some of the practical struggles you face in relating to your “daddy” God? Write about them here. Do the ideas of being an orphan, and then an orphan no more create an impact for you? How so?