

# *Who is the Father?*

## *Experiencing God as Father*



### Scripture

- **Ephesians 2:1-6**

And you were dead in your trespasses and sins, in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience. Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest. But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places...

- **Malachi 4:6**

He will restore the hearts of the fathers to their children and the hearts of the children to their fathers, so that I will not come and smite the land with a curse.

- **3 John 1:2**

Beloved, I pray that in all respects you may prosper and be in good health, just as your soul prospers.

- **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.

- **John 13:3-4**

Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come forth from God, He got up from supper, and laid aside His garments; and taking a towel, He girded Himself.

### Other Scriptures

- Matthew 11:14
- Ephesians 1:3

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### **Main Points**

- The most profound need we have as humans is to know God as Father.
- Jesus' mission was to die for our sins and reveal the Father to us.
- The name Jesus was revealing was the name of Father.
- Jesus showed us how to live in relationship with the Father by modeling for us what it means to be a son.
- Through the Holy Spirit, we can walk out the same lifestyle that Jesus did.
- Live from an abundant mentality, knowing that the Father has given you all things.
- When we know who our Father is, we will know who we are.

### **Discussion Questions**

1. As Rabbi as taught about the roles of the Father and Jesus' role in bringing us to the Father, what are some things that have impacted your thinking in this area? Does it bring comfort to you to know that you are not a spiritual orphan? No longer isolated in your sin, you have now been united with your Father. How does Ephesians 2:1-5 speak to your spiritual fathering?
2. How does living an Eph. 2:1-5 life bring blessing to our lives?
3. Jesus modeled the Father/son/daughter relationship. The Rabbi suggested underlining the word Father each time it was used by Jesus in the book of John. Begin the process of doing that now. Keep record of how many times you noted it, and what you learned from this project.
4. How does knowing who you are to the Father affect your service for the Father?