

# The Best Father and Father's Day

## 1 Cor. 15:27-28

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**Summary:** In America and some other countries, we have an annual Father's Day. Hear about our ultimate Father, our dear heavenly Abba, and the coming ultimate and best "Father's Day" of all time. I pray this teaching will help you develop a closer but reverential relationship with our Creator, your Father. Also: should we ever refer to the Almighty as "Daddy"? The Hebrew alphabet and our Father. And much more.

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*(Note: this "Transcript" is a close transcript, but not word for word. Therefore I recommend you use these notes while listening to the audio so you don't miss so much that is in the audio that we did not have time to capture in this "transcript". Note I refer to our Savior both as Jesus the Christ and Yeshua the Messiah throughout. YHWH is the tetragrammaton of the Almighty's name, and so I sometimes say Yahweh for the Eternal God.)*

Hello, children of the heavenly Father's House. If you are part of His house, then you are my brothers and sisters, and we are of the same Father. Sooner or later we will all come together as one. We are divided now, but that is going to change soon. Today I want to talk about our Father: our father's house, a coming "Father's Day" and much more.

**We've just observed Father's Day in America in June.** It's a fitting day to have. Our father's day and Mother's Day have no pagan baggage or overtones. Father's Day is simply linked to a woman 100 years ago who wanted to honor her widowed father who raised eight children by himself.

On this most recent Father's Day, our children and grandchildren in the area came over, though we missed our daughter way across the country. However they sent wonderful large family portraits and remembered their Dad as well. I thoroughly enjoyed the time together with my grandchildren and daughter and son-in-law. How I wish my Dad were still alive, but he died in 1983. How I miss him so. How I wish we could have spent more time together. It's amazing how much more we miss that which we can no longer have.

This is Philip Shields, sharing good news that we have such a wonderful Father, God in the Highest, the God and Father of Jesus Christ our Lord. He is *our* Father, our Abba, and our Creator God.

I want to talk about our heavenly Father today. Abba, God the Father, God in the Highest. I want to talk about how everything in Scripture ultimately points to His plans, His will, and His glory. I also want to talk about how the Hebrew alphabet points to Father. How the Hebrew calendar points to Abba, our Father in heaven. How all things point to the Father – as well as the tremendous reverence we are all to have to this incredible Father. And by the time we're done – the best Father's Day ever.

I also want to talk about

- His name. Is He Yahweh? Is Jesus (Yeshua) also Yahweh?
- Is it right to address the Almighty God – as "Dad"? That will evoke a mixed reaction I'm sure as we talk about it.

- I want to show you what is revealed as we have Father revealed in us. It's going to surprise you and excite you.
- We'll talk about how Yeshua's mission was to reveal the Father. Psalm 47:2 calls Him "Yahweh *most* High".

One reason I'm doing this is because we seem to jump into one ditch or the other. There are groups that either glorify primarily Jesus, and there are groups that primarily speak of God, meaning the Father, and ignore the Messiah. Both ditches are wrong. Both God the Father and Yeshua, the Son of God, are worthy of praise and honor. It is wrong to ignore Yeshua. Most Protestant groups speak of and sing to Jesus the Christ, but not the Father so much. I glorify the Messiah too. HE is my Rock and my salvation. But in doing so, we sure don't want to leave Father out in any way.

I suspect most Sunday-keeping Protestants actually pray mostly to Jesus, and not to the Father of Jesus the Christ (Yeshua the Messiah). When people say, during a prayer, "Lord, ..." I think most people are thinking of Jesus, and not God the Father. Most of the hymns that are sung in church services are lauding the love, wonders, power and glory of Jesus, and not the Father.

It's fine to praise our Lord and King Jesus the Christ (Yeshua the Messiah) – but let's not leave out Father or do less for Father. Actually Yeshua constantly praised and lauded His Father as our perfect example.

Yeshua's whole role was to do the Father's bidding, as we will see. He spoke Father's words. He did His Father's work. What a great example He set. He was all about Father. *Yeshua's own role was only important to Him inasmuch as it fulfilled what Father wanted.* He was constantly saying things like "My food is to do the Father's work". "I am not here to do my own will, but the will of Him who sent me."

Yeshua was not a do-your-own-thing kind of a man, nor a "looking out for #1" kind of person either. He looked out for #1 alright, but His #1 was His Father. Scripture constantly points us to the fact that everything is for the ultimate glory of the Father and to His will.

I want to ask this: Isn't Yeshua Himself God? Yes He is. John 1:1-3 makes that clear. Even as a man on earth, Yeshua made it clear to Satan that we are to bow down and worship God alone (**Matthew 4:10**). And yet Jesus allowed Himself to be worshiped. Many worshiped Him from His birth onwards, and those people did not sin by doing so. So yes, even Jesus – or Yeshua – was God. John 1:1-3 makes it clear He was the Logos, the Word, the Spokesman who said the words, "Let there be light" in the very beginning. Everything that was created was created by the Christ (**Col. 1:15-18**). God the Father created through the Word, through Jesus the Christ, or Yeshua the Messiah. Yeshua was with God, and was God. In **John 1:1-3**, clearly the One we know as God the Father is there, and the One who was the Word is also called God. And the Word became flesh (John 1:14). Clearly Yeshua was God.

I'm personally convinced that both God the Father and the Son of God are called Yahweh in scripture, as we'll show. And I'll explain what this has to do with Father and Father's Day as we go along as well. One way we know this is that Scripture clearly says no human has ever seen or heard the Father, or His voice, or His form.

**John 6:46-47**

“Not that anyone has seen the Father, except He who is from God; He has seen the Father.

**John 1:18**

“No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him.”

**John 5:37-38**

“And the Father Himself, who sent Me, has testified of Me. You have neither heard His voice at any time, nor seen His form.”

***People heard and saw Yahweh, but not the Father***

And yet also clearly, people by the millions heard Yahweh's voice at the giving of the 10 commandments from Mt. Sinai. Elohim (God) said, “I am the LORD (Yahweh) your God. You shall have no other gods before Me.” (**Exodus 20:1-2**). That was voice of the One who became the Messiah, who is also God. And Moses, Aaron and his 2 older sons, the 70 elders, “*saw* the God of Israel” on Mt. Sinai (Ex. 24:6). They saw YHWH, but not God the Father.

Abraham entertained Yahweh (Gen. 18:1). It clearly says in Gen. 18:1 that Yahweh appeared before Abraham. Gideon was sure He had seen God – but that was actually the Messenger of the Father. You can also see this in Gen. 17:1-3, 22. Moses heard Yahweh's voice – Ex. 3 and 4. So many others did also—even Solomon (2 Chronicles 1:7-9). This was clearly the One who became Yeshua, Jesus the Christ. But Yeshua was also God. So perfectly one with Father, that He could say to Philip, “If you have seen me, you've seen the Father” (John 14:9).

Are you seeing how intriguing this is?

***Yeshua has a God who is greater than He***

Both God the Father and Yeshua are called GOD (John 1:1-3). *But Yeshua's “God” is God the father (Eph 1:3, 17). Yeshua has a God. That may be new to some of you.* The Father is never said to have a God, but Jesus' God is the Father (John 20:17; Eph 1:3, 17; Rev. 1:6 – “His God..”). Jesus clearly refers to His Father as “*the only true God*, and His Son whom you sent” – John 17:3. Later He speaks of the glory He had with Father before the world began (John 17:5).

**Eph 1:3,17** – written long after Jesus' resurrection and glorification

“Blessed be *the God and Father of* our Lord Jesus Christ...

v. 17—“that *the God of our Lord Jesus Christ*, the Father of glory...”

Yeshua also, after the resurrection, spoke of going to “My Father and your father, to my God and your God” (John 20:17). This is the ultimate Father of whom I speak today. Yeshua has a God. God the Father is never said to have a God. He is it. He's the one ultimate God.

Yeshua clearly says the Father is greater than He (**John 14:28**). Our Father is greater than Messiah! 1 Cor. 11:3 says “...and the head of Christ is God”. So why do so many Christians speak so seldom of our Father, who is God MOST High, who sent His Son for us, and loves us dearly?

All things were created by God the Father *through*, via, Jesus Christ (**Col. 1:15-18; John 17:5**).

Our God, who is father, is also the one called the one God.

**1 Corinthians 8:5-6**

For even if there are so-called gods, whether in heaven or on earth (as there are many gods and many lords), *6 yet for us there is one God, the Father, of whom are all things*, and we for Him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, through whom are all things, and through whom we live.

**Ephesians 4:6 and John 17:3** say the same thing: there is one God our Father --and one Lord.

**Plus we have the famous passage in Deut 6:4 saying, “Hear, O Israel, YHWH our God, YHWH is one”.**

So something's going on! One God, but clearly at least two personalities here, whom Scripture label as “God”. Clearly one is higher than the other. Clearly one is the spokesman and more visible than God in the Highest.

**Who is Alpha and Omega?**

Both God the Father and Yeshua are Alpha and Omega, the First and the last, A and Z, or in Hebrew, the Alef and Tov.

- **Revelation 1:6-8**, clearly in context of Yeshua. Same for **Rev. 22:12-13**. Study these if you need to. It's a great study to wrap your mind around.
- But **Revelation 21:6-8** seems to me to be about God the father, also the First and Last. This is speaking of God coming down at least to tabernacle with men.

***Both God the Father and Yeshua are so ONE in mind and purpose, that they together are called one God.***

In Hebrew, the word for one unit is *echad*, one, one unit. However, *echad* is also used for Adam and Eve, “and they shall be one, or become one, *echad*” (**Gen 2:24**). Echad is also used in other cases of oneness but where there is more than one person. Clearly, the word echad can be used to refer to 2 or more distinct personalities, as in Adam and Eve. Jesus clearly uses the pronoun “we” in **John 17:20-23** in referring to Himself and God His father -- and yet scripture is clear there is but one God. So we have the Father who is God, and we have the Son who is God – according to John 1:1-3.

We are being taught that “God” is a team working so closely together that they appear as one, speak as one, in total and complete harmony but under the absolute headship of the One we know as our Father, God the Father. I've seen underwater dance teams that swim in such harmony, perfectly synchronized, that though there are many, they dance as one body. In fact, the body of Christ, the church, is to come together in that same perfect oneness and unity, as one as Jesus and the Father are one (**John 17:20-23**). But it is all about Father, in the end. It is HIS family, His church, His plans, His goals. He is God in the Highest. He is the head of Christ. He is Yeshua's God – and my God.

Yeshua was “son of the Highest” (Luke 1:32) and “prophet of the Highest” (Luke 1:76). He is the Son of God. God is building a family. He has children – sons and daughters.

This is the Father of whom I speak today. “..the head of Christ is God” –1 Corinthians 11:3.

In **Matthew 22:42-45** it clearly shows Yeshua explaining how the Messiah was considered the Son of David, and yet David calls Him “my Lord”, my Master - in **Psalm 110:1**. Study the passage in Matt. 22:42-45. It's clear. “YHWH said to my Lord [Adonai], ‘Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies your footstool’”. In this example, Yahweh is clearly the One we know as God the Father, and clearly is over the other Lord in the text – the One who became Messiah.

If I were to talk about Psalm 110:1, I might say something like this (this is not a quote, but talking about it): “Yahweh, God the Father, said to my Lord Jesus, ‘sit at my right hand...’”

The One who sent the Messiah, and the one sending is greater than the one sent, according to Jesus the Christ (John 13:16). Yeshua prayed to His heavenly Father. That also indicates Father is greater. Do we find any instance where Father prays *to* Yeshua?

We could go on and on showing the Father is greater than the Son. So why do we speak so much *more* gloriously of the Son, instead of doing at least as much for the Father? ***It's time we understand that both deserve to be glorified and honored.*** Some groups I know omit the glory due to Christ, and other groups seem to completely forget Father! Well, not this sermon!

Now let's talk about the appropriateness of calling this incredible Father we have as “Dad”.

### ***Should we Call God the Father – “Dad”?***

Now how should we refer to our Father in heaven -- the great Yahweh in the Highest, the Most High God, the Creator of Heaven and earth who created through the Word, the Almighty Elohim? More and more I'm hearing people, even in prayers, saying simply “Dad” as they refer to Yahweh in the Highest, the father all His children.

I think the reason this teaching that we can and should refer to our Heavenly Father as “dad” is that the Aramaic word “Abba”, used by Yeshua in the Garden of Gethsemane, and used at least 2x by Paul, is a very endearing word. It's more intimate than “Father”. So expositors more and more began to explain “it is akin to our word ‘dad’ or ‘daddy’”.

I have no problem understanding Abba means “dear Father”, or is even similar to our English word “daddy”, but remember that so often it is impossible to perfectly translate all nuances from one language to another. In Hebrew the equivalent word is a bit more formal – *HaAv*, or simply *Av* (the English “B” sound is often pronounced or even spelled with a “v” sound in Hebrew. In Israel, for example, they have a big city called *Tel Aviv*, instead of Tel Abib).

The first recorded time that we read the Aramaic word “Abba”, was when it was framed on the tortured lips of our Messiah in the Garden of Gethsemane, the garden of “the oil press” (Mark 14:36)... “Abba, Father, all things are possible for you...”. But notice that Yeshua doesn't just say “Abba” by itself, but says “Abba, Pater” (Aramaic, then the Greek word for ‘father’). He

In the Greek New Testament, every single time “Abba” is said in Scripture, the word Abba is combined with the Greek word “pater” for Father. Yes, Abba is comfortable, trusting, endearing, and intimate. It is all of that. But He did say, “Abba, Father...” And showed profound respect for His Father at all times. Profound respect. It seems to speak to me this way: Sure, say Abba, but follow

my Son's example who basically was saying, "Dear Father, my Father...", or if you wish, "Daddy, my father..." But I'm just not personally comfortable referring to the great Yahweh in the Highest, who is Holy, holy, holy – as "Dad". Maybe that's just me. I called my earthly Father 'Dad' or 'daddy' and have no problem with that.

So my take on it is this: Scripture combines the teaching that our God is our dear father – with the teaching that we must approach His presence with reverence, awe, godly fear and most of all, profound respect. It's as if He is saying, "Yes, I am your loving father, but I am your father."

Every other time outside the Garden that God the Father is referred to as Abba, it is always with the next word, "Father" (Pater, in Greek). Every time (Rom. 8:15; Gal. 4:6). "Abba, Father" in the Greek. It's almost like we're being told, "Yes, the word 'Abba' is very intimate, but couple it with the profound respect the Father of all deserves."

Though truly we find a few who were able to talk to Yahweh as a man does His friend – as Moses for example experienced – we also find a very high level of respect and reverence in Moses' dealings and conversations.

*So my teaching is that truly the great Creator is great Eternal God, and is also our Abba, our dear father – but I personally would teach and advise that is being too familiar to just call Him "Dad".*

I'm sure many of you will no doubt disagree with me, but I hold to that stand. I believe in our culture today, Fathers have become just one of the family, "that's Dad" – and we no longer hold Fathers in the high esteem, respect and even awe that fathers in other times had. I recommend you do a simple concordance study of the word "Father" to see what I mean. Compared to our society today, fathers were respected much more than we see today.

We are to honor our father and mother, and especially our heavenly father. Elohim commanded that if a man would not obey or respect his father or mother, it was not to be tolerated in Israel. Read it for yourself in Deut. 21:18-21.

*So here's the bottom line: when our Example – the Son of God Himself taught us to pray, He taught: "When you pray, say – 'Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name' (Matthew 6:9). Other translations say, "May your name be honored as holy" or "may your name be kept holy".*

So yes, you and I can call him Abba, dear father – but couple that with a deep, deep reverence for His name. Hallowed be thy name. Yeshua stuck that in immediately, after saying "father". So until and unless Father shows me otherwise, you'll never hear me referring to Him, going forward at least, as 'Dad'. I may have in the past. I won't, going forward. His name is special. Even saying "Abba" is to be hallowed, revered, used with profound respect. Hallowed be your name.

As we call on our father, we need to ask ourselves if we are availing ourselves of the opportunity to be in touch with Him. I wonder if we are making the most of the opportunities to connect with our moms and dads and loved ones – even our children and grandchildren – as we could be? Probably not. I was touched the other day by a client telling me how she calls on her 96 year old father every single day. She said "call on", not just 'phone'. **That must make him feel very special.**

Now, think about this: are we “calling on” our heavenly father, every single day, often within a day? Are we seeking to connect frequently? Are we seeking to build a strong bond and relationship? Read Col. 3:3 right now – pause the message. We are able to be in GOD Himself, because we are now in Christ. Our old life is hidden in Christ, who is in God (Col. 3:3). Because of what Yeshua has done, you and I are able to come boldly to the throne of ...of what? – of grace (Heb. 4:16). How? In Christ. In HIS name. As part of His body, every part of which is holy. (Can any part of the body of Messiah be anything but holy? Either we are part of Him, and holy – or we’re not, and are unholy). So as a body part of Messiah, you and I are able to come into the holy of Holies, and cry out, “Abba, Father” to Elohim in the Highest.

**Colossians 3:3-4**

For you died, and *your life is hidden with Christ in God*. 4 When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.

Father asserts that if we “draw near” to Him, He promises HE will draw near to us (James 4:8). We saw that in the story of the Prodigal Son in Luke 15, right? He came to Himself at one point and decided to go back home. He wanted to draw near to his father again. And what happened?

**Luke 15:17-24**

17 "But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my *father's* hired servants have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! 18 I will arise and *go to my father*, and will say to him, "*Father*, I have sinned against heaven and before you, 19 and I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants.'"

20 "*And he arose and came to his father.*"

I find it so inspiring that it says in Luke 15 that as the prodigal son returned home, the father saw him a long ways off. That means He must have been looking. He’s probably thinking, “Is it true? Is this my son, on His way home?”

What did Dad do? Did he lock the door? No, He ran to meet Him. That is my Father, and that is your Father. Go back to God as your loving father if you’ve had enough of the world’s ways. Let’s read it in Luke 15:17. I want you to notice how many times the word “Father” is used. I’ll pick up in verse 17, as he started to come to himself.

Sometimes this is the problem we have: we wallow in our depression and in our sorrow and worthlessness. I’ve done it many times myself, so I know. After you come to yourself, do what the prodigal did: wake up, get up and make your move back to your father. Don’t just keep wallowing!

***You have a great Father now***

Some of you hearing this have not had great fathers. And I’d dare say, all of us who are fathers often wish we could be better fathers than we are. I do. Sometimes I find people struggling with the concept of God as our loving father, and they’re usually the ones who had hateful fathers, or absentee fathers. It’s easier to believe Yahweh is an awesome father when we had a great father ourselves.

Well, now we all do. Regardless of what kind of father we each had, or what kind of father we ourselves have been, everyone called by God into His family has the opportunity to have the ultimate Father: Yahweh Himself. He's been depicted as a "hanging judge" by some, but we know Father by the fruit of His Spirit.

If you had a father who abandoned you, let's be clear what Father in Heaven says:

Some of us have to recognize ourselves in the Prodigal Son story more than ever. Some of us are allowing ourselves to wallow in the slop of this world. We have accepted some sin, something that should never be in the house of God. We need to give up the spiritual pigs of our life, the slop, the sins – and like the prodigal son, walk away from it all and do what? *We need to go home to Abba.* Some of us need to recognize we have strayed from home. We have strayed away from our Father, our dear Abba. Time to go back to the Father's house, our home, our house. And look what happens.

But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him.

Father wants to draw close to you. Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. He RAN to His son. He's not holding the grudge when He sees we are repentant. That's the kind of father you have now.

***Though I don't have a father alive now, I do – in God the Father.*** Some of you have your earthly fathers but they were not fathers to you. Perhaps your father brought shame on the family, or abandoned you, or a myriad of other things that could happen. Let's make it clear: God wants you especially, to be His child. He wants to be your father. Let Yahweh tell you that Himself:

**Psalm 27:10**

***"When my father and my mother forsake me, then YHWH will take care of me."***

**Psalm 68:4-5**

"Sing to God! Sing praises to His name. Exalt Him who rides on the clouds—  
His name is Yah—and rejoice before Him.

**5 A father of the fatherless** and a champion of widows  
Is Elohim (God) in His holy dwelling".

So there you have it. If you didn't have a great Father on earth, you sure can now. I'm fatherless right now, earthly speaking, but I also have the ultimate dear father. Perhaps even the fact you're hearing this very message right now is His way of telling you: "come on, come to Me – I'm your Father now. Come be with me, my child. I'm your Father now, and that's the way I want it to be."

By the way, in those days, its true – the tone and gender was predominantly directed to the male gender. The scripture predominantly speaks of males – "brothers, brethren, fathers, sons". But even in that society when this was written, Almighty God made it clear that His "children" include daughters:

**2 Corinthians 6:18**

I will be a Father to you, And you shall be My sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty."

So ladies, I hope you feel much validated and included, even when we will shortly read scriptures about “sons” or “brethren”. Understand you are part of the family as much as any male.

**My Job as a father: Introduce them to Abba Above**

I feel so strongly about this, that Yahweh, God Almighty is the ultimate Father, that I even raised my children with the view that my job really was to introduce them to their REAL father—to Abba, God the Father, Yahweh in the Highest. My mental picture of this was that my job was to take my children to the point where God is at the end of a bridge. I take them to the bridge where Father is waiting on the other side. It is then *their* decision to walk across that bridge to Abba, our Father, or not. But my responsibility is to introduce them to their heavenly Father.

Our children are holy, according to 1 Cor. 7, when at least one of their parents has the anointing of God's Spirit. However, that does not mean they have no choice. We always have to make our own decisions. So they have an open door to Father because of my relationship – but it is still the child's choice to “walk across the bridge” and decide to get to know their heavenly Father. I can't do that for them. But I can help them want to be close to their father or I can turn them off of God as a father.

My job is to introduce my children to their heavenly Abba. It is their sole and exclusive decision whether they choose to seek him and build a relationship with Him or not. That decision must not be forced or taken away from them or it may not be real anyway.

Now I'm going to segue into a different topic: how the Hebrew alphabet even points to father above.

**Alef Beit – the Hebrew Alphabet and Calendar – and God the Father**

***The very first letter of the Hebrew alphabet points to the Father. Did you realize that? It is ALEF, which points to Father.*** The pictogram in the Hebrew alphabet is “the strength of the house” – showing an ox, meaning strength. God is also called El in Hebrew, literally meaning Strength, or Strong One. The First letter of their alphabet points us to Strong, strength, the Strong One—to Abba, our father. Alef, the first letter, the first letter in Av, or Abba – our Father.

***Their 2<sup>nd</sup> letter is Beit. The picture for Beit is a house, originally a tent. So the word “Abba” or Av, refers pictorially to the Strength of the House.*** In their very first two letters, we have the word Av or Ab, Hebrew for Father, and are being pointed to Abba, the more intimate Aramaic word meaning Dear Daddy... but here's my point:

**“Av” pictorially in the Hebrew alphabet shows us the picture of “the Strength of His House”. Isn't that amazing?**

**Av, pictorially, means “the strength of the house, or home”.** The first 2 letters spell Father. Av, or Abba...where we begin, where we get our strength, and in whose House we should be. Father is the strength of the house. Av.

So Av pictures for us that our Father is the Strength of His home. It also implies Father is the Leader and Protector of the home. Alef carries with it the sense of “first”, “leader”, strength.

We see Av or Ab meaning “father” also in the names Abraham, Abba. By the way, Jews often pronounce what we see as a “b” as a “v” sound. Hence, we have Tel Aviv, instead of Tel Abib (meaning “hill of green ears, ripening barley”).

**We also see Alef, and specifically Av, in the true first month of the Hebrew calendar.** Most Americans say Abib, and pronounce it with a heavy B sound, but in Hebrew it is more like Aviv – as in Tel Aviv. Again, the first month – Aviv, Av – is the strength of the calendar, the first of the calendar, the leader, the Father, of the calendar. Unfortunately, Judaism today has accepted the 7<sup>th</sup> month as the New Year, as their first day. That's not what scripture teaches in Ex. 12.

*They call the beginning of their alphabet – Alef Beit. Where do you think the word “alphabet” came from? Can you hear our English word “Alphabet” in “alef beit”? Could it be a corruption of the words Alef Beit? And Alef Beit give you the word AV or ab – from whence we get Abba, or av, meaning FATHER. He is the beginning of all things, the Creator, who created through His Word, through the One who became the Son of God, the Messenger of the Highest. Father created all things through the Word, the One who became our Savior, who was also God there with God, as John 1:1-3 says.*

***The first letter Alef is considered a silent letter, but strong. Interesting that God the father is largely silent too. He is our strength but He speaks through the Son, the Word.***

**All of eternal life is ultimately about coming into a saving and knowing relationship** with God and His Son Jesus Christ, or as I often say, Yeshua the Messiah, as I use the Hebrew or Aramaic name he would have heard growing up. John 17:3 is a key verse that runs my life.

**John 17:3-5**

*And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. 4 I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do.*

What is eternal life? How did our Savior define it? It's about knowing God the Father AND his son. “Knowing” is referring to deep intimacy. Yeshua wants us to know Father. He says He came and revealed the Father. He says He glorified Him on earth and finished His work. That's the model for all sons and daughters of this father: what we *all* should say we are here to glorify HIM, to finish HIS work.

**So we pray “OUR Father”. He is not just “a” father, or just “my” father, but He is “our father”, as in the prayer in Matthew 6. The Father of many.** He is the greatest of all Fathers. He is really *my* own Father, my God, my own Creator. He owns me and I am His, but in a sense, He is also mine, so I can say “MY father”, or “Our father” or even “my God”. There's a relationship being hinted at here. Even ownership. Yeshua so often spoke of “My father”. But He can be *my* father and your father as well. We aren't just praying to Yeshua's father, but to OUR father too. We are to have a relationship with Him. That's the essence of eternal life.

The prayer in Matthew 6 begins with our Father. That's the focus. *Everything starts with our heavenly father and recognizing we have a love relationship with Him.*

In fact, the *concept* of “fatherhood” comes from GOD:

**Ephesians 3:14-15** “For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, 15 *from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named...*”

**Another reason for this message, is that central to the 10 commandments is the 5<sup>th</sup> commandment (Exodus 20:12) which has to include GOD as our Father:** it's all about honoring our Father and mother. That of *course* includes God, as our Father as well as our earthly father – without any preconditions given.

**Elohim is forming a family. His name is on that family.**

- The family is the Father's House. It is the House of God.
- It is the Church (called-out ones) of God. “My father's House”.
- “You made my Father's House a den of thieves”.
- “You are the temple of the Holy Spirit”. The church of God is the house of God. It's not a building anymore. WE are that spiritual building.

We know it in our heads, but I wonder if it has really sunk into our hearts, that the same Father that Jesus has, is our father as well? The father of Jesus – or I often say Yeshua, His proper name that He heard as he grew up in Galilee - - is also *our* Father. The One we call “God the Father” is *His* father and God (Ephesians 1:3, 17), but is also *our* God and *our* Father as well. No wonder Yeshua told Mary Magdalene at the garden tomb, now the garden *resurrection* site, “I must ascend to My father *and your father*, to My God and your God” (John 20:17).

Father is His God (Eph. 1:3,17) and is our God. His Father is my Father and your Father.

### **The Tale of Two Fathers**

However, there are 2 fathers according to Yeshua, or if you prefer, Jesus. Turn to John 8:31 and let's read what He said. Be careful we are doing the work of the true father. Here Yeshua speaks to Jews who believed Him (John 8:31). He gets into a discourse about how His followers would obey the word. They counter that they are children of Abraham. Yeshua says if you were, you'd do what Abraham did. They accuse Him of being born of fornication – basically calling him illegitimate, a bastard.

#### **John 8:41-47**

41 You do the deeds of your father."

Then they said to Him, "We were not born of fornication; we have one Father — God."

They say what every believer in the Messiah would say today: “God is our Father”. When we pray, we say, “Our Father, who art in heaven..” but what did the Son of God say to them?

42 Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love Me, for I proceeded forth and came from God; nor have I come of Myself, but He sent Me. 43 Why do you not understand My speech? Because you are not able to listen to My word.

**44 *You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do.***

Yeshua is teaching us here that children walk like their dad, sound like their dad, do the things that are family values. You can recognize children and connect them to their fathers without too much

effort. If we are of God, we are doing the things of God. If we are not doing the things of God, we are still of the other father – Satan. I preach to myself also.

Jesus constantly was saying how he was here not to speak His own words, but the words of His father. He was not here to do what He wanted to do, but what Abba wanted. He was not a “do your own thing” kind of Savior. He was not a “Look out for #1”, meaning yourself, kind of leader. He came to open the door to the Father.

**John 6:38**

For I have come down from heaven, *not* to do My own will, *but the will of Him who sent Me*.

So we have to become a part of a different family.

I'm going to use several translations as we go along, because sometimes we lose the power of some scriptures when we've heard it in the same translation over and over.

It was through the saving work of our older brother Yeshua, our King and Lord, that this became possible. **Father in heaven handpicked you long ago**, perhaps eons ago according to many scriptures, and told Yeshua to introduce you to Him, to Yahweh, the Eternal Elohim who created all things through His Word. You were known and selected by the highest Being in the universe, who wanted you to be His son or daughter. You! And me! He *wanted* US to be His children. Let that sink in. You and I are nobodies, so it sounds alarmingly impossible, but that's what scripture says.

Let's read a few verses about that, on this sermon about the Ultimate and Best Father's Day – and how Yahweh becomes our very own Father.

**John 6:65**

And He said, "Therefore I have said to you that *no one can come to Me unless it has been granted to him by My Father.*"

**John 6:44-46**

*No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him;* and I will raise him up at the last day. 45 It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Therefore everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to Me.

What happens next? Father then tells His Son to introduce and reveal the Father to those being called.

**Matthew 11:27-28**

All things have been delivered to Me by My Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father. *Nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and the one to whom the Son wills to reveal Him.*

**Romans 8:28-30 Complete Jewish Bible**

Furthermore, we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called in accordance with his purpose; 29 ***because those whom he knew in advance, he also determined in advance would be conformed to the pattern of his Son,*** so that he might be the firstborn among many brothers; 30 *and those whom he thus determined in advance, he also called; and those whom he called, he also caused to be*

*considered righteous [justified]; and those whom he caused to be considered righteous he also glorified!*

**Ephesians 1:3-6 New King James**

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, **4 just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, 5** having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, **6** to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved.

**Ephesians 1:7-12 Apologetics Study Bible**

7 In Him [in Christ] we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace 8 that He lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding. 9 He made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure that He planned in Him 10 for the administration of the days of fulfillment—to bring everything together in the Messiah, both things in heaven and things on earth in Him. 11 In Him we were also made His inheritance, predestined according to the purpose of the One who works out everything in agreement with the decision of His will, 12 so that we who had already put our hope in the Messiah might bring praise to His glory.

So because of the saving work done by our Lord and Savior, Yeshua the Messiah, or Jesus the Christ if you prefer, you and I can call God in the Highest, our Father. Now let's read John 1:10-13, and it is speaking of Yeshua.

**John 1:10-13 New English Translation**

He was in the world, *and the world was created by him*, but the world did not recognize him. 11 He came to what was his own, but his own people did not receive him. **12 But to all who have received him - those who believe in his name - he has given the right to become God's children** 13 - children not born by human parents or by human desire or a husband's decision, but by God.

Are we yawning, or are we getting it? This should be HUGE news.

I cannot claim to be a child of Yahweh while doing the things of the evil father Satan, from whom God Almighty redeemed me. How? By the new covenant in the blood of His Son, who gave Himself for me, who died for me, who bought and paid for me – and you, if you will accept His calling -- with His own blood. OUR new Father paid the ransom price to redeem us from the clasp of the kidnapper Satan, who took over the children of God when they – through Adam and Eve – were banished from the Garden of Eden.

Yeshua continues In John 8:44...

“He (Satan) was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it. 45 But because I tell the truth, you do not believe Me. 46 Which of you convicts Me of sin? And if I tell the truth, why do you not believe Me? 47 *He who is of God hears God's words; therefore you do not hear, because you are not of God.*”

**So it is clear: we are “of” one family or another. We are either “of God”, or “of Satan”. Our words, conduct, actions, thoughts, way of life, our values – who we look like, who we sound like, who we are like – all reveal which Father we are of.**

**Let's be clear. There are 2 types of children, and 2 fathers in the world today. God the Father has children. Satan has children.**

- Gen. 3:15, speaking to the serpent, God said there would be trouble between the serpent's seed and the woman's seed.
- The tares and wheat of Matthew 13, the tares are “sons of the wicked one” (Matt. 13:38).
- Elymas, the sorcerer in Acts 13:10 is called, “the son of the Devil”.
- Cain is described as being OF “the wicked one” (1 John 3:12).

So which Father are you and I of? Which Father is our father? No wonder our Father says, “come out of her (Babylon), my people”. He wants us to have nothing to do with Babylon. “Come out of her” is also very explicit language. I believe God is implying we are whoring around with the world, as James also does in James 4:4. He wants us intimate with His Son, whom we will be marrying. We can't be children of the Highest while doing the things of the other father.

People can be worshiping the other father without even knowing it. We can be doing the deeds of the wrong father. Our job is to come fully back to the correct God.

Even Elijah – and John the Baptist – made it their mission to bring the children of Israel back to their father, Yahweh. We can read the words of Elijah on Mt. Carmel. That was also the task of John the Baptist. If you've been called OUT of this world, we are either responding – or not. We are either overcoming and changing – or not. I preach to myself too. We can't be children of the Highest in name only, while doing the things of “other” father. Perhaps you haven't been thinking of Satan as a father. But he is. People can pray to him, be worshiping him, be doing HIS way of life – without fully realizing it. As Yeshua said to those who were not obeying God's word: “You are of your father the devil. And his desires are your desires”.

What message did the original **Elijah** bring on Mt. Carmel? We can read of this in **1 Kings 18**. He pointed them back to the one true God. He proposed a challenge, using the supposed strength of Baal – which was fire and warmth – to see which God would answer. The one thing He wanted to get across: “Come back to Yahweh, the one true God. Come to know your God. Worship Him and Him alone.” Elijah repairs the altar and in a few short minutes shows them by the powerful miracle from heaven, who the one true El, the one true God, is.

**Elijah prays in 1 Kings 18:36-38 “that this people may know that *you* are the Eternal God, and that *you* have turned their hearts back to You again.”**

You see, even the desire to seek and find the one true God is something Yahweh does. HE calls us (John 6:44) into relationship with Him. He leads us to the door, Christ – who then leads us to what? Into a deeper relationship with Abba. Yeshua's task was to reveal His Father to those being called.

In John 14:6 He said He was “the Way”. Way to what? To the Father, to the Father's Way, to the Father's House, to the Father's kingdom. He also said this in Matthew 11:27. There's no other Way, no other Door, no other name to salvation.

**Matthew 11:27**

All things have been delivered to Me by My Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father. Nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and the one to whom the Son wills to reveal Him.

So are we hearing it? The goal is relationship with Abba, with the Father. That is why Yeshua our Savior said in His High Priestly prayer of John 17:6, ***“I have revealed YOU to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word.”***

Even John the Baptizer's job was to bring people back to their true God:

**Luke 1:15-17**

For he will be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink. He will also be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb. 16 And he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God. 17 He will also go before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, *'to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children,'* and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, *to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.*"

It's about relationships. It's about seeking what Father wants. And it's about establishing a close bond between you and your heavenly Father.

So I want to focus today on Abba as well. Let's love Father, pray to Father, speak of Him, love Him, even as we love and glorify His Son. As we raise our hands up to Him in prayer, we'll find Him reaching down eager to lift us up and love us.

Yeshua's desires were always focused on what Abba wanted. Wow. Are the desires of the father of Yeshua, Elohim in the Highest, the great Almighty God, the one who is the Head of Jesus – are HIS desires, *our* desires? *When we worship Him, do we seek to do what He wants to do?*

**Seeking to Do what Our Father Wants to do**

***On this last Father's Day, something happened that rang a lot of bells for me and deepened my own understanding of what I should be seeking with my Abba above.*** I had wondered what my local daughter was going to do for Father's Day, especially since she also has a husband who is now a father. I thought we might have a barbecue or go out to dinner. But instead, my daughter Rachel remembered I love to garden. You know what she offered to do with me, on Father's Day? "Dad, if you want, I thought you and I could garden together for a while, while the girls play in the backyard". Frankly I couldn't remember her loving to weed before, in her teen years, so I was taken aback by this – and it got me thinking.

It was totally about what she thought I really would have wanted to be doing on a Sunday. As it turned out, it was raining and we couldn't get out there and deadhead the flowers, or trim the hedges, or pull weeds or top up the bird feeders. But I was touched by her offer. It revealed a desire to be in harmony with what she thought her Dad would like to be doing, rather than what *she* wanted to do for her Dad. There's a depth of nuance in that which is dramatic.

In the same way, surely Abba above is touched, if we sincerely start the day with "Abba, Father, my Creator, what do you want to do today? Is there something I can do with you?" Do you hear the

difference between that and “here are things I have to do today and can you bless me?” We should be asking “What do you want to do today, Abba, and can I do it with you? I want to get in harmony with you today. I would like to be part of your Work, your plan, do what is pleasing to you, be involved where you would want me to be, if that is your will. Please speak Abba, please speak, for I am listening. Mold me like soft clay in your hands. Lead me where you want me to be.”

I would go on with requests to “please help me quit worrying. Fill me with your mind, your spirit, your priorities. Help us to think like you and to act like someone truly part of your Family. Fill me with your heart and your spirit to do your will, dear Abba, our Father”.

When I start a day like that, in a small way that day, every day becomes my Father's Day. It's all about Him. Our lives should be focused on seeking His will, His desire, His way, His life, His thoughts. I preach to myself, as I don't do that every day yet. But that's my goal. “Abba, what do you want to do today? Can I be part of anything you're doing? I want to be with you today, all day long.”

Our perfect example was Yeshua, Jesus the Christ, the son of God. Yeshua said over and over that He came to do His father's will, to speak His words, to do His Father's work. So should you and I.

### **Love revealed**

Yeshua introduced us to Abba. I mentioned earlier how the first 2 letters of the alphabet – Alef and Beit – Av – point to Father, the Strength of the House pictorially. Something else interesting is in the Hebrew alphabet. The letter Hei has a pictorial of “revealing”. If insert the letter Hei in the middle of Alef and Beit – so you have the letters Alef, Hei and Beit –in other words you are getting inside the Father, revealing His innermost heart – that is the word in Hebrew for Love. Let that sink in. The Father revealed, is love. Love is God, God is love. When you get inside of God our Father, we have love revealed. That's what the Hebrew pictogram shows us.

Now let's understand how our Father so loved us that He sent us His Son to die for us. So now as we pray, and lift up our hands and eyes to Him in praise, like a little child reaching up – we see love. “As I reach up, I find you reaching down”, one song says, and He lifts us up. I'm just amazed that He even knows me and you – but He does. He knows all about you and me.

### **WHAT KIND of Father do we Have?**

His fruit of God's Spirit reveals what He is like. The Fruit of His Spirit is love, joy and peace. Our Father is a father of love. Of Joy. Of Peace.

#### **Galatians 5:22-24**

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.

My Father and yours is a good God. A kind God. A faithful father. A gentle Being, full of self-control. That is our father. I also see Father as a fun Father, not a mean “Hanging Judge”. He knows about pleasures of the right kind.

#### **Psalms 16:11**

“You will show me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy;  
At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.”

So that's for starters. But we also have a God depicted in the story of the repentant wasteful son, or prodigal son.

As Abba sees what the world is doing to His children, He wants you back. Let's continue in Luke 15:21-26 in the story of the Prodigal Son.

21 And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight, and am no longer worthy to be called your son.'

22 "But the father said to his servants, 'Bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet. 23 And bring the fatted calf here and kill it, and let us eat and be merry; 24 for this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' And they began to be merry.

Father wants to clean us up, He wants get us well again. He has a real soft spot when we come to him repentantly and want to do better. He doesn't even speak to the son any correction, He just hugs on Him, and loves Him. And what else? HE covers His repentant son. He restores His position by saying you are more than just a servant, shoeless, no – "you are my son, put your shoes ON"! He restores Him to sonship. Father didn't even *let* the son say the rest of what he wanted to say about being just a servant. Father is basically saying, "no son – you are never just a servant, you are my son, my child, part of my house".

And he clothed Him in the #1 robe, the Best robe. You are the child of God. That makes HIM your father. He clothes us, covers us in His love. Even Adam and Eve were clothed and covered by God. We are covered in Christ and HIS righteousness.

**Isaiah 61:10**

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord,  
My soul shall be joyful in my God;  
*For He has clothed me with the garments of salvation,  
He has covered me with the robe of righteousness,  
As a bridegroom decks himself with ornaments,  
And as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.*

Are we getting it?

**1 John 3:1**

Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God" -- brethren, children of God, that is what we are.

What word did Jesus use in the garden at His darkest hour? What is YOUR darkest hour? When do you feel so alone? When do you need to call on the perfect father? What did Yeshua say?

**Mark 14:32-36**

32 Then they came to a place which was named Gethsemane; and He said to His disciples, "Sit here while I pray." 33 And He took Peter, James, and John with Him, and He began to be troubled and deeply distressed. 34 Then He said to them, "My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even to death. Stay here and watch."

35 He went a little farther, and fell on the ground, and prayed that if it were possible, the hour might pass from Him. 36 And He said, "**Abba**, Father, all things are possible for You. Take this cup away from Me; nevertheless, not what I will, but what You will."

The same word framed on the lips of our savior in Gethsemane – ABBA – Daddy, loving father, Abba – that's the same word you and I can call the Creator, for we have been invited into His family, in His household, as His very own children.

**Romans 8:14-17**

4 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. 15 For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption **by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father."** 16 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if children, then heirs — heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.

We are now of the household of God. We are also children of God. Hebrews 2 tells us our King is not ashamed of us, not ashamed to call us His brothers and sisters.

So I don't have a father in the flesh anymore but I sure have a wonderful Father. But I'd like to invite you to reach up and see your real and ultimate Father – Abba, the highest.

Now let's talk about the Greatest Father's day of all time.

**The Coming Greatest "Father's Day" of all Time**

I've already said how we can make every day a Father's Day – a day of seeking HIS will and His desire. But there's more than that. There's a coming Father's Day, as I see it, that is just going to blow us away.

Right now we are in the day of evil. This world is not God's world. Yeshua is not the king of this world – yet. It is Satan's world, Satan's day right now. But the time is coming when we will come into the Day of the Lord. That's when Yeshua will return with the saints and rule for a thousand years.

That's the day of Christ. That's the Day of the Son. He is of course also "the LORD". But Father is in heaven above while King Yeshua is ruling on the earth. That is clear in the last couple chapters of Revelation.

**1 Corinthians 15:20-28**

But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. 21 For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead. 22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive. 23 But each one in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, afterward those who are Christ's at His coming.

24 **Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power.** 25 For He must reign till He has put all enemies under His feet. 26 The last enemy that will be destroyed is death. 27 **For "He has**

**put all things under His feet." But when He says "all things are put under Him," it is evident that He who put all things under Him is excepted. [Everyone is under the Messiah except God the Father]**

**28 Now when all things are made subject to Him (Yeshua), then the Son Himself will also be subject to Him who put all things under Him, that God may be all in all.**

This is describing two distinct Beings, and One relinquishes all things to God in the Highest in the end.

I see this in a grand hall, or wherever Abba wills it. We'll watch the King of Kings – Yeshua Himself, bow to His Father, and to our father, dear Abba, as we all exalt and glorify the Father of us all, God the highest, God Almighty, the head of Jesus – the #1 Being.

Then Yeshua relinquishes everything to His Father. Then comes the time when there will be new heaven and a new earth and the old heaven and old earth will be no more. Then what happens?

I may be off on this, but I don't think so. I have some speculation: this is the time for the Father. ***This period of time is to me the ultimate Father's day.***

#### **Revelation 21:1-8**

Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away.

The universe as we know it will be created new. Everything Satan had touched will be created new. See **2 Peter 3:10-13**. A new heaven, a new earth. Behold I make ALL things new. Including us.

Let's keep reading now in **Revelation 21, verses 1-2**.

Also there was no more sea. 2 Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. **God Himself will be with them and be their God.** 4 And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away."

This is speaking of God the Father. God the Son, the Logos, the Word - has been on earth for the previous thousand years.

5 Then He who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." And He said to me, "Write, for these words are true and faithful."

6 And He said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts. 7 He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son."

#### **Revelation 21:22-26**

But I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. 23 The city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it. *The Lamb is its light.* 24 And the nations of those who are saved shall walk in its light, and

the kings of the earth bring their glory and honor into it. 25 Its gates shall not be shut at all by day (there shall be no night there).

And then what? We get to be with Abba forever and ever. What kind of Father do we have? An awesome, awesome Father.

When we're all bowing and worshiping, I envision this wonderful Abba we have asking us to get up saying, "Let's go have a feast. I do enjoy a good time with my family – and I have so much to tell all of you."

As we sit down and now listen to Abba tell us what He envisions next, I can't wait.

What I'm saying is this: I envision the time after Yeshua relinquishes all things to His Father, to be Father's Day. It was the Lord's Day up until that moment. And frankly right now we're in Satan's day. But that will be followed by the Lord's Day and then followed by Abba's Day after the new heavens and the new earth. It's His time. It's His glory. Everything is in perfect harmony again. Satan is gone. No more death and no more crying or sighing.

Scripture does not tell us what happens after this point, but knowing Abba it's going to be good, it's going to be real good. Knowing Him, I know it's going to be breath-taking, inspiring and moving beyond description. I just know I want to be there.

It all starts with answering His call to the Wedding Supper. We need to be the people who make no excuses. The Wedding feast is filled with guests in the end. Be sure it includes you.

I think the ultimate Father's Day is after the Millennium, and starting with the new heavens and new earth, when Christ relinquishes all control to Abba.

But in a smaller way, we can make every day now a Father's Day – by seeking HIS will in everything we do and asking Him to show us how to get in line with His will.

Pass the message on to others. We all need to start praising, singing to, worshiping, praying to our Abba far more than we do.

(Ending prayer). We look forward to the day when we can see you, meet you, hear you – directly, with no intermediaries.

Brethren, God bless you and keep you and may His face shine when He thinks of you – because it does. What a wonderful Abba Father we have.

Until next time this is your brother in the Lord, Philip Shields.

