

# FATHERS and the coming Ultimate Father's Day



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*If you are a dad or mom, or have a living father or mother, or really any loved ones, be sure to hear this sermon. This weekend in the USA is Father's Day. We focus on Fathers, the 5<sup>th</sup> commandment, on the One true Father in heaven. We discuss why being a good daddy is so helpful in helping our children understand Father in heaven as a loving and wonderful Father. We talk about our holy children, our marriage covenant and divorce, and when dad and children become estranged from each other. You'll also find wonderful links to father-child songs that will pull at your heart strings. PLUS...the coming GREAT FATHER'S DAY of all time!*

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How important is your father to you? The one who begat you here on earth – plus our Father in heaven, too – how important and valued is your father? For that matter, how important is YOUR role as a father, if you're a dad? In the USA and Canada, we have Fathers' Day and Mothers' Day this weekend as I speak. They seem to be great days to pay homage to our fathers and mothers with no pagan connections, at least in this country.

And I love, love, love to see Facebook postings of sons or daughters with their dads and saying their dad is their favorite person on earth. How refreshing!

I want to talk about Fathers today. Fathers have an enormous responsibility and calling. It's easy to beget a child and become a father. It's much harder to live as a proper loving Daddy, representing in a way, our heavenly Father. MUCH harder.

In this day and age when men and fatherhood are being minimized, even often ridiculed in movies, commercials and sit-coms, I hope you will give this message very serious thought. If you're a dad, or about to be one, you have a very, very high calling, duty and responsibility – that even I realize now I didn't fully comprehend when I first became a dad.

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When I think of Fathers in relation to the Bible, what are my first thoughts; what are yours? Where do you go first?

### **WHERE “fatherhood” STARTED**

I think of the fact that the very title or name we use – “Father” – really points back to God the Father.

***Ephesians 3:14-15***

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

Paul reminds us by inspiration from God himself, that the fact I can call myself a father goes back to GOD the Father. He's the ultimate Daddy, and he happens to be King of the Universe, Almighty God YHVH MOST High. All of us dads connect back somehow by this very title – “Dad” – back to YHVH God Most High, Abba our Father.

So I think I'm not overstating it to say this: God the Father in heaven takes very seriously how we fathers on earth ACT, ***for we represent Him in many ways***; AND he takes very seriously how children and their fathers get along, for that also points back to God the Father and HIS children.

I hope I have your attention. And if you're a woman or daughter or wife – your role is vital as well. But please understand the vital role daddy plays.

Do you men who are fathers remember that moment when you first became a father? If you didn't have a home-birth, do you remember the trip to the hospital – and holding that precious bundle of new life, in your arms? You felt awkward at first, but this was *your* little girl, or your little boy. There was a lot of joy but also some nervousness. A sense of “this is getting serious now” as you hugged your precious wife recovering from the stress of childbirth.

Do you remember, how every little moment she did was a Kodak moment? That first smile, and as she grew up- that first squeeze she gave YOU? And urging her on with her first steps... “Don't worry, little one”, we said, “I'll catch you if you fall”. Remember? Remember the times you caught her or him

doing naughty things- but somehow some of them were genuinely funny... like when my girls used a FELT PEN to write words all over all the walls and desks, including words of “I love you dad” on the side of my desk. Or the time they practiced cutting each other’s hair and left little on their heads?

Remember? And then what happened? We got busy. We had more children. More time was needed. We had to work overtime. We had bills to pay. We weren’t there to read to them at night as much. Reminds of the song “Cats in the Cradle”.

But even now, when I look over old family pictures and old memories pop up – and I remember singing “Itsy bitsy spider...” with my girls and our son when they were little. . . and how I love it when my son calls or when my daughter here in FL comes by with the kids. How I love it.

### **COMMANDED by God himself TO HONOR**

This topic is so important that it’s **part of the very 10 commandments**. We are all to HONOR our father and our mother – period. No ifs, ands or buts. We are not told to honor your father and mother IF they are honorable or deserving of honor in our opinion. There are no follow-ups on that.

#### **Exodus 20:12**

"Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which YHVH your Elohim (God) is giving you."

#### **1 Peter 2:17**

"Honor all. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king."

So scripture says to honor your father and mother and to honor all. To honor the king – or whoever is top official in your country. Honor him or her. Just because God says so. No preconditions. I know, I know—we’ve all heard it: honor and respect must be earned. But there’s no such teaching when it comes to fathers and mothers. They are to be honored just because they are dad and mom – and that’s what God says. Period.

*There’s no place for the widespread dishonoring especially of men and fathers that’s going on right now* in the liberal media. NO place for it.

Commercial after commercial makes dad seem dumb, stupid and ignorant – and even his 7 year old granddaughter has to set him straight, or so the commercial implies.

So this is one of the areas that we probably have some repenting to do. The constant put downs of mom and dad, especially as they age and run into health issues or have difficulty hearing or start to get Alzheimer's.

And let me add: there's no honoring going on if you never write or call your dad or let him come to visit or do anything to honor him on Father's day.

*Any of you who have cut off your father from the honor due him may be breaking that 5<sup>th</sup> commandment. To HONOR your dad takes active doing. Most of the commandments are about what NOT to do (don't kill, don't steal, etc.) – but this one is about what we are to actively DO: honor the man you call Dad.*

Abba – our heavenly father – says whether your dad is the best dad in history or if your dad is a drunken drug addict and rapist – because he is your dad, do not disrespect him, but always respect that he is your dad, and the Father of us all will work with him in time to come and look forward to that. I grant you, it would be hard to honor such a horrible dad, but honestly – if truth be fully known, even the best of dads have had horribly bad days they hope nobody finds out about. But even if you do...GOD the Father says, HONOR him.

***WHY? Because I think it all somehow points back to, and weaves back to, God the Father.***

We've all sinned, but we should never ridicule dads and moms. Never. And yes, I think it's great to have a Mother's Day and Father's Day. At least call your dad and mom on those days and let them hear your voice and statements from you of how you appreciate them and specific things they have done.

I've often counseled with people who have had horrible relationships with their own dad. With those people, it's amazing how even the smallest gestures can convey love from the father to the child.

There was a man in Canada I was counseling with one time who said the warmest moment he felt from his dad was when they were both sitting outside on the deck and dad was peeling an orange. Then the father threw an orange peel at his son and laughed. The man I was counseling thought that was a moment of connection and love with his dad. There were so few great father-son moments that this orange peel incident was a high-light to him.

I think of my own father. He divorced my mom after a bitter divorce when I was 12. I wept every night in bed and fell asleep as a 12 year old boy, quietly

sobbing on a tear-soaked pillow. I promised myself right then that I would do all in my power to never divorce my own children's mother if God gave me a wife and kids someday. I didn't like that about my dad and mom – divorcing each other – and I asked both of them to please not tear the other down in front of me, as I loved them both. I was 12 when I asked that of each of them.

Some of my own stories of the things that made me feel loved by my dad:

- Racing home from church and how he beat me in that foot race. My dad was large, and his long steps to my 3 steps beat me!
- Fishing – outrigger boat in the Philippines capsized! Together in the waters for quite a while. Felt safe and secure with my dad in the water.
- Whenever I was afraid at night – I remember Dad kneeling by my bedside and praying with me and then just sitting with me a while.
- One day he listened intently to me as I told him about the bullies in school. He offered to take care of it, but also urged me to stand up to them. I felt he cared at these moments.

Dads, no matter the age of your sons and daughters, take a moment to write them a nice email note, or better yet, an old-fashioned hand written mailed note of your thoughts of them.

### **ELIJAH'S COMMISSION AND THE WARNING OF MALACHI 4**

Our God wants so badly to have strong, loving families with dads who are close to their children when Christ returns that he says THIS:

#### **Malachi 4:4-6**

"Remember the Law of Moses, My servant, which I commanded him in Horeb for all Israel, with the statutes and judgments.

5 Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet

Before the coming of the great and dreadful day of YHVH (the LORD).

6 And he WILL turn the **hearts** of **the fathers to the children**,  
And the hearts of the children to their fathers,

**Lest I come and strike the earth with a curse."**

John the Baptist was a type of the final end time Elijah. Notice what Yeshua said:

**Matthew 11:14** – Yeshua says "he (John) is the Elijah who is to come."

But as you combine **Mark 9:12-13**, you get the statement that the Elijah is yet to come (implied in v 12), and has already come through John (v. 13).

So I believe that there is yet a coming Elijah work, perhaps as one of the Two Witnesses of the end time, who will totally fulfill all the statements about the Elijah, such as turning the hearts of fathers to their children, and restoring all things and preparing the way before the great and dreadful day of the LORD.

Notice a couple things here:

- **The turning of the hearts *starts* with us DADS** turning their hearts to their children. That comes first. We are seeing an epidemic scourge of millions of children being raised in households where there is no dad. Dads, if you're one of those who has left your children, give this serious thought. Or sometimes we can be physically at home – but still not with the children with our hearts.
- **Then, second -- the children's hearts are turned to their dads too.**

**Think about God our Father and his relationship with you. Who started that relationship?** You might think it was you who started the relationship with God, but it was Abba and his love that started it. He chose us (**John 6:44**) long before we chose him. He worked with us and loved us while we were yet sinners. You know the scriptures, don't you, in **Romans 5:8-10 and Romans 2:4** and others? Who forgives and reaches out? It's the father.

So dads, copy your heavenly Father and reach out to your children. Then it makes it easier for them eventually to turn their hearts back to YOU, no matter what you've done.

- **And if not – Elohim the Living God says he could strike the earth with a “curse”.** That word (curse) in Hebrew means “complete destruction.” The CJB says “complete destruction”. English Standard Version says “utter destruction”.

*Am I grabbing your attention as to how important this is to God OUR Father? If we don't have enough dads and children doing this, it's all over, folks.*

Now John the Baptist was a type of the Elijah to come but he certainly did not come just before the “great and dreadful day of the Lord”. That time is still ahead of us, and maybe not that long ahead of us.

**Luke 1:13-17**

But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zacharias, for your prayer is heard; and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name **John**. 14 And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth. 15 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."

Let me say again – the onus, the responsibility, is put on the Fathers to first turn *their* hearts to the children. Some believe there is also a spiritual meaning here – that the church fathers, the leaders in the called-out assemblies, really focus on the brethren and even the children.

That is why we try to help 28 orphans in Kenya with this tiny work we have and I welcome you to help me do that. ALL 28 have no father or mother. But we have a pastor in Kenya who is seeing to it that they have a home, with beds, food, medicines, clean well water, and now schooling and education – and all of that costs lots of money, many hundreds of dollars every month for the schooling and food and clothing. Most of all, we are helping them to see Yeshua in their lives and a loving Father in heaven who loves them deeply and takes care of them. So I ask you, help us if you can. We've been at it for maybe around 6-8 years now, and so now the youngest are 8 yrs old and oldest are 17.

### LOVING EXAMPLES OF DADS

At the **1992 Barcelona Olympics**, there was such a powerful heartfelt demonstration of a father's love. I'll never forget it. USA runner Derek Redmond was favored to win the 400 meter race. But just 150 meters from the finish line, he collapsed in searing pain from a torn hamstring. That hurts! He could barely get up or walk, but he was determined to finish the course, the race, even in searing pain. Then out of the 65,000 spectators an older man broke through security and ran up to the man in pain. The spectator was Derek's dad.

**Watch this --** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RM3ccY55KLs> **to see** what I'm talking about. He pulled Derek's arms over his shoulder and together they walked towards the finish. At the last few meters, the father let his son finish on his own amidst cheers of 65,000 in the grandstands. I can't watch this without tears flowing from my eyes.

Now, if you could have watched that same father 24/7 the previous 10 years of his life, would you conclude he was *always* a loving, perfect dad? I assure you, none of us are perfect dads. But we have a high, high calling to look more and more like our father in heaven and thus make it easier for our children and grandchildren to love us – and, more importantly, to come to love and turn their hearts to God their father in heaven! We dads can make that process easier or harder by our children's experience of what their own dads were like.

The greatest example of a loving Dad of all time, ever, anywhere, is God our Father in heaven. Paul asks in **Romans 8:32** – if God didn't spare his own son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with Him freely give us all things?"

**He's depicted in the Prodigal son's father in Luke 15.** If you didn't have a great father, you can have one now in God the Father. But still – honor your earthly dad in any way you can. Do your part to obey the 5<sup>th</sup> commandment – the only commandment with promise ("that your days may be long upon the earth". )

When the prodigal son comes to his senses – he decides to turn back to home again. What a great story. Notice how many times "Father" is used in the story.

**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. He sprinted out 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.

**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 YHVH is an awesome father when we had a great father ourselves. **But in faith, believe you have such a father now.**

**I see myself in the wasteful, prodigal son story... but more importantly, I see Abba in heaven in that story as the loving father.** My earthly father died in 1983 when I was but 30 years old. But I have a wonderful father anyway in God the Father.

**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.

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

**2 Corinthians 6:18**

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

**HOLY CHILDREN. DIVORCE – GOD HATES IT**

***Because of having Holy Spirit in me and in my wife, our children are holy. My job is to introduce my children to their heavenly father. One of the worst things in all of this is the scourge of divorce. YHVH says he HATES divorce (Malachi 2:14-16).***

**Malachi 2:14-15**

Yet you say, "For what reason?"

Because YHVH has been witness between you and the wife of your youth, with whom you have dealt treacherously; yet she is your companion and your wife by covenant.

15 But did He not make them one,  
Having a remnant of the Spirit?

**And why one?**

**He seeks godly offspring.**

Therefore take heed to your spirit,  
And let none deal treacherously with the wife of his youth.

**16 For YHVH Elohim (LORD God) of Israel says**

**That He hates divorce,**

For it covers one's garment with violence," says YHVH of hosts.

"Therefore take heed to your spirit, That you do not deal treacherously."

If you're divorced, well – repent and move on. But if you're not divorced, understand that when you divorce, you are tearing asunder what God has joined. We are commanded by Christ himself, "therefore what God has joined together, let no man put asunder" (**Matthew 19:5-6**).

Read **1 Corinthians 7:10-16** on your own please. Paul ends that section on marriage by reminding us that our children are holy in that union and who knows, if by working at the marriage, God may call and save our unbelieving husband or wife – and the children are holy to God because of you.

**1 Corinthians 7:14**

"For the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband; otherwise your children would be unclean, but now they are HOLY."

But if you divorce, they lose that valuable time with either their dad or mom. I realize, some dads or moms can be dangerous to the children. But that's the exception.

God seeks that godly offspring. (**Malachi 2:15**).

Our children are given to us as gifts, or a heritage, from God himself. He seeks to have children – boys and girls – of his own, and he's endowed us with His children to raise up in a godly home, with mom and dad present, where mom is honored by her husband, and where Dad is honored by his wife and by his children.

**Psalms 127:1-3**

"Unless YHVH builds the house, they labor in vain who build it;  
Unless YHVH guards the city, the watchman stays awake in vain.

2 It is vain for you to rise up early, to sit up late,  
To eat the bread of sorrows; for so He gives His beloved sleep.

**3 Behold, children are a heritage from YHVH.**

The fruit of the womb is a reward.”

Fathers, you and I have a role in this. I've failed miserably from time to time as a daddy. Miserably. But I am a daddy and Father has given me his children for me to love and raise and now grandchildren to love and lead back to him, in spite of my failings. MY father was a great dad in many ways, and a failure in many ways. But I still honor him.

(Hear the audio how God restored the estranged relationship between my dad and I, 35 years ago, while I was still only 30).

Restore your relationship with your dad now too. Please do. Don't wait for him to do something. That's the mission of the end-time Elijah – to help restore families –and, that all of us are children of God and need to turn back to our heavenly Father and to stop our sinning that has put a wedge in that relationship.

**Look at the original Elijah's message to Israel.**

**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 Elijah wanted to get across: “Come back to YHVH, 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.”**

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

### **YESHUA' S EXAMPLE**

*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?*

In one of our Father's Days in the past, my oldest daughter actually offered to bring her daughters to play in the yard while she and I worked in the garden for a while. Frankly I couldn't remember her ever 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.

My other daughter here in FL now –plays Pickleball with us, then we all go to one of the 3 lovely pools in our community, then a scrumptious barbecue and games at their home. Lovely daughter.

And the extreme perfect example of honoring the father - is Christ Jesus himself. He came to do his Father's will, to speak his father's words and to obey him. Total honor. In fact I'll soon have a sermon on "Who is this Yeshua (Jesus)?"

*You see, God Almighty Most High, wants to be a DADDY, a FATHER, so he wants you honoring even your earthly fathers. He wants you fathers to act like a holy father full of love and warmth yourself. He wants you and me ILLUSTRATING in even tiny ways we can, what a great Dad we have in heaven because WE are changing to be more and more like him.*

**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 CAN YOU DO?**

So what can you do now to improve your dad-children relationship? What can help build the relationship with your father, assuming he's still with you? The time is coming he won't be here. Then you'll miss him, I promise you. Do and say things NOW, while you can... as I learned with my own dad with our reconciliation.

- **First of all, if your relationship is a poor one, a bad one ---Seek to reconcile if the bond is broken between you and Dad.** If nothing else, just state whatever the past was, you want him to know you acknowledge him as your dad, and can find things to appreciate about him and that you no longer hold any grudge. Pray about it first, then swallow your pride, and just do it.
- **CALL your dad more often. SPEAK to him, listen to him.** Not texts, but speak to, be with, spend time with. Yeshua set us the perfect

example. As a grown man, he spoke with Abba in heaven all night long about which of the 70 disciples should be the 12 whose names would be inscribed forever in heavenly Jerusalem.

- If your dad has died, how about uncles, brothers, other males and yes females, in your life you haven't talked to, or been with, or acknowledged in the past few months or years.
- **RECOUNT some of your favorite moments** you've had with him, even tiny ones –like the orange peel story. It Mike awaken a desire in him to do more loving things with you.
- **EXPRESS your appreciation of big things and little things you can think of that your dad has done for you.** Yes, even if your dad is not the greatest dad in the world. Find some things to tell him, now – that meant a lot to you.
- **Seek your dad's advice and help and comfort** when you can, even if you're an adult. Yes, especially if you're hurting or running a little scared about things. Yeshua did. In the Garden of Gethsemane, what name did Yeshua cry out for? 'ABBA, DADDY...'

### **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.

- If your dad breaks down and says anything like, "I was too tough on you, I was gone all the time, and I don't think I was such a great dad..." .... Please assure him of your love and now that you're an adult, how you understand the pressures of being a dad.

### FATHER-CHILD SONGS

There's a **song "Cats in the Cradle"** – how we want dad to spend time with us when we were kids, but dad was so busy. It's a sad song – but a warning that if we don't spend time with our kids and grandkids, the time's coming that they might be too busy for US. SPEND TIME WITH YOUR SONS AND DAUGHTERS while you can. And sons and daughters – please spend time with your dad. No matter what. MY dad died when I was 30. I didn't know it would go so fast. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KUwjNBjqR-c>

Listen to this song with the link ... and then read the comments. You will cry. And you will understand. And as a dad of any age, neither do we know how long we will have our CHILDREN. I still say, when asked how many kids I have, I say "four". Three are alive. Our first boy died as a baby of 4 months.

TIME goes by and never can be grasped again.

My daughter Rachel played this song for the Daddy's dance – "**Butterfly Kisses**". *"For all I've done wrong, I must have done something right, to get butterfly kisses at night...."*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SwlAdEnT-do> I wept thru the whole song at that wedding. Of course I remember my girls and son facing me and standing on my feet as I'd walk them around the house. Plus days in the park and the swings and at the river or ocean, building sand castles and just having a ball on our whole-family weekends at the beaches of the northwest.

A Father's Love – by George Strait It's a love without end, amen.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6HInRBJLkLE>

Daddies don't just love their children now and again – it's a love without end, amen. If our children can experience that in their daddy, that he can forgive

and love even when we've been bad but repent – then it will be so much easier for them to see that in God the father.

Let me say it again and again: if your dad is alive, go spend time with him, love him, and tell him of your love-- while you can. Do and say whatever you can. This life often ends abruptly – heart attacks, stroke, cancers, and car accidents and so on. And dads, you reach out to your kids and tell them how proud you are of them.

**Daddy** – ANOTHER song for Daddy's Dance.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PnUX1CHeDhc>

Certainly if we're a good dad, it makes it easier for our daughters to find a good husband – a man who loves her, and treats her like a queen, like a best friend with a shoulder to cry on. “For Daddy, he loves me, just like you. You respect Mama, and he respects me. You're always... and so is he...” Enjoy the song.

Maybe read him or sing to him the country song, “Daddy's hands’. I'll include that song's words at the end of this message.

I hope this sermon and the songs above will resonate with some of you and help turn around broken relationships, strengthen good relationships, and validate the great relationships out there. May our Abba's blessings be on you?

### **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 Abba's (God the Father) 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 all 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 today, “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 begins the “Day of the Lord” – 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 (Christ) relinquishes all things to God the Highest in the end.

I see this in a grand hall, or wherever Abba wills it, perhaps on the grand Sea of Glass that Revelation speaks of. 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 a new heaven and a new earth and the old heaven and old earth will have burned up and passed away. 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. It's the Day of our Father.***

### **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. Probably everything will be made of non-perishable, non-degradable SPIRIT essence. Planets, the earth, stars, everything – made of spirit, as I think of it. 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 – who has reigned on earth for the previous thousand years – now steps aside and it's all about God the Father, your father, my Father.

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 who is LOVE personified.

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 discuss with 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 DADDY in heaven, our 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, after 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.

(Closing prayer). *We love you, dear Abba. So much. We love you, divine Redeemer Yeshua. Help us dads be more and more like you, dear Abba.*

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I'm including below the song I had mentioned earlier -- Daddy's Hands

**Song – The Love in Daddy's Hands.**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nOAJAWToYMI> YouTube video

**DADDY'S HANDS**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ugZliX0SF1c> Audio

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written and recorded by Holly Dunn

**C** **G7**  
I remember daddy's hands folded silently in prayer  
**Am** **F** **C** **G7**  
And reaching out to hold me when I had a nightmare  
**C** **G7**  
You could read quite a story in the callous' and lines  
**F** **C** **G7** **C**  
Years of work and worry had left their mark behind

**C** **G7**  
I remember daddy's hands how they held my mama tight  
**Am** **F** **C** **G7**  
And patted my back for something done right  
**C** **G7**  
There are things that I'd forgotten that I loved about the man  
**F** **C** **G7** **C**  
But I'll always remember the love in daddy's hands

**F** **C**  
Daddy's hands were soft and kind when I was crying  
**Em** **Am** **Dm** **G7**  
Daddy's hands were hard as steel when I'd done wrong  
**C** **F** **D7**  
Daddy's hands weren't always gentle but I've come to understand  
**C** **G7** **C**  
There was always love in daddy's hands

**C** **G7**  
I remember daddy's hands working 'til they bled  
**Am** **F** **C** **G7**  
Sacrificed unselfishly just to keep us all fed  
**C** **G7**  
If I could do things over I'd live my life again  
**F** **C** **G7** **C**  
And never take for granted the love in daddy's hands