

The Father of Life

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It is a great blessing for me to be with you today on this Father's Day, when we are just going to hear the message of God's love for us as a Father and how He cares for us.

Father, thank You so much for Your goodness and Your kindness. Thank You for Your love and Your grace. Thank You that You care for us as a Father and that we can be secure in the love that You have for us and in what it means for You to be our Father. Thank You that we could come to the revelation of what it means that You, our Father, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, and that we can stand secure knowing that we have eternal life through You. Thank You, Holy Spirit, that You will speak powerfully through me today as I bring this message of encouragement to people that hear this, Thank You for the power of life that just gushes forth in us all the time. It is such an honor to have You work in and through us! Amen

Today is Father's Day and I would like to encourage you. I know that there are many people today that are excited and happy because of Father's Day. There are also a lot of people that, when it comes to Father's Day, it is a sad day for them because they didn't have an earthly father that's what they thought they should have had. So, I would like to encourage people on both sides of the spectrum today.

What makes me happy, as a father, is when I look at my children and I see them call on God as their Father. That is one of the things that can make me the most happy. When I look at the achievements they have in this world, whatever they achieve, I am very with them in sharing in the joy of what they achieve be it business, be it studies. Whatever it is, I am happy for them and truly from my heart. But when I see them calling on God as their Father, there is nothing that brings a joy to me like that because I know that all life is found in God as Father. There are many of us that are hearing this message, that share in that.

For all the children that are listening today, as fathers, the vision that we have as Christian fathers that are in love with God and what He has given to us, is to lead you to a place with the leading of God. We know that no human can actually lead anybody to Jesus. It is the Father working in the hearts of people. But we want to bring that voice of resonance to our children. To the young people that are hearing this, even as long as what you are a child of someone that is in love with God and that is a Christian, that wants to bring the gospel to you. What our hearts are as fathers is to see people, our young people, our children, grab ahold of God as Father. I've always taught this to my children from when they were young and that is that I am your father but both of us are looking at our Father, which is God.

I think it's a very important thing, for us as fathers, never to bring the impression that our children can look at us and see God. That is not the way that it is supposed to be. Jesus said, "If you have seen Me, you have seen the Father." When we, my children and I, or you as a father and you kids, look at the Father, look at Jesus, we are beholding our Father. You know, so many times we've made the mistake thinking and bearing this burden on us that we should be the representation of God to our children. We have found that when that is preached and when that is the ideal and what we are aiming for and teaching that to parents, it puts a burden on them that they cannot bear. And it brings a wrong impression to the kids of who God is because both of us, the children and the father, are looking at God our Father. But in this day, we are celebrating and you know I am celebrating seeing that my children are believing in Jesus.

I've had somebody write to me and said that they know that I am delusional and a bit of a crazy person preaching the gospel and the existence of God and all those kinds of things. But they have hope that my children would see the light and not believe in this God, these "fairies" that I kind of believe in. I have the joy that I could write back to them and say that it is too late! They already believe and they are flooded with this whole truth of God and they have already experienced God's provision for them. They have already experienced the life of God inside and through them! So, glory to God for that!

I just want to say this: The wisest people on the planet are Christians. There is no wiser person than a Christian! You might say that Christians have made many mistakes. You know, there are people who are not believers that have built the most beautiful buildings and have written the most beautiful plays and music, and all those things. What does it help that you've built everything but everything is for nothing. It is absolutely foolish! We need to know that the wisest thing you can do on this earth, is to believe in God and have your trust in God so that who you are can be preserved forever. Whatever you've done is just lost. It's all about having eternal life. So, the wisest thing you can ever do is to believe in God and to put your trust in Him as the One that is the author and the finisher of what He has promised you, which is eternal life, which He has proven in the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

In this Father's Day, I am very happy, very blessed, in the sense of having my children believe in God. But as I am happy, there might be some people here that when you think of your father, you don't have a good memory. Some of you never even knew your father. You know that you must have a father but you have never known him personally or what you have known of him is not good and you have pain in your heart. I would like to encourage you today to say that God's vision, at the end of the day, is that we can find Him as our Father. That is the vision and that is the vision that I also see in my heart with my kids. It is, "Yes, I am their father, but at the end of the day, it is for them to find God as their Father. Then we can together, pray, "Our Father" to God our Father.

I want to say this to you: I think that it is very powerful and good to have what we would call a loving earthly father that leads you to Jesus. But if you have come to Jesus and you have seen God as Father, don't think that you fall behind any person that had found God through a loving, earthly, father. God, as your Father, will always fill you to the fullness.

The Bible says that the fullness of the Godhead is in Jesus bodily and in Christ that is what belongs to us. Then when we look at our earthly fathers, we will always have something that we can think of where we think our friend's father was a better father to his children than what our father might have been. You may think, "What would it have been like if that was the case with me? Wouldn't I have been further in life or any of those kinds of things?" Let me say to you, "The goal in life, the goal of every father, should be that his children find God." And from God, as they obey and listen to the voice of the Father inside them, they can reach the highest quality of life. And the highest quality of life is not measured in the abundance of our possessions or any of those things. But, the highest quality of life is measured, is found, in God bringing forth love and peace and joy in a person's heart. That is the highest life there is! We can find that we can build the most beautiful buildings. We can have the most beautiful transport systems and whatever you can imagine, and people not being in peace about that, fighting about it, having it, even our achievements, as the foundation from where wars break out and bitterness and hatred and all those kinds of things.

So, the highest quality of life that you can ever find in this world is a life that is born from a revelation, as well as the power, of God's love for you! So, if you didn't have a father that you feel you can truly look up to and have respect for because the things that he has done is just not good. One thing you can think is, "Well, thank God, if it wasn't for him, I wouldn't have been here. I wouldn't have existed. The fact that you exist, gives you the opportunity to know God as your Father from where you can have the opportunity of eternal life.

So, if you have not known your father in these days, don't let that be in your mind all the time. Think of God as the One that loves you., God as the One that cares for you. And if you had the best father that could ever have been, his goal would have been to bring you to believe in Jesus and to help you and assist you in that. That assistance would be with God already working in your heart where he would bring a voice that resonates with what God is already speaking in your heart.

From there I want to just quickly turn to fathers that have children that don't believe in God or whose lives are falling apart. You can look to yourself and say, "I have not been a success." And in this Father's Day, maybe you didn't receive a call from your kids and they hate you for some reason or they have rejected God or they don't want anything to do with you. Maybe it is for good reasons, things that you have done that is not good. Maybe this is just because they don't want anything to do with God. I would encourage you and I want to read a scripture from **John 6:**

**43 Jesus therefore answered and said unto them, Murmur not among yourselves.
44 No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.**

So, Jesus says that nobody can come to Jesus unless the Father draws him. Now you might say, "But all people are not coming to Jesus. Why is the Father not doing His job?" And this is what it is saying here in the next verse:

45 It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that has heard, and has learned of the Father, comes unto me.

It means that the Father is actively speaking to your child. I want you to know that the Father, since, at the end of the day, He is the Father of the human race and He had a dream for people before the world began. He loves your child much more than what you could ever love him! He is much more actively involved in speaking to your child's heart than what you can ever do through any plan that you can try and construct and bring forth in your own ability. God is speaking to his heart. It is a matter for him to obey and you can say, "Well, maybe he has not obeyed the Father." You don't have to give up hope. God speaks in ways that are much better than what we can ever do. All we can do is just say, "Father, thank You that I know that You love him! Thank You, Father, that I don't have to base the salvation on my child according to my ability to live right or any of those kinds of things."

For the fathers that have children that have not given you a call on this day or loved you or shown any form of appreciation. Or children that have rejected God, that are maybe atheists, don't believe in God, and maybe you feel you've been too legalistic sometimes in your life or you've brought a wrong gospel. You didn't even know the gospel of Grace and now you think that is the result of your wrongdoing. I want to just remind you: You received Jesus and you believe in Jesus maybe under a very law based gospel where God has spoken to your heart and you responded to that inclination that came to your heart, that way in which only God knows how to communicate Himself in an effective way to you. Know that God is also doing the same for them and God only works from the foundation of personal relationship. So, He is actively involved with them! Glory to God!

We are going over to the message and what stands out for me on Father's Day is that Jesus Christ has come and revealed God to us as a Father. Now, each one of us, if you've had a good father or a bad earthly father, it doesn't matter. There is something inside us that would tell us, just in the depths of our heart, what a good father would be. Many people might be upset because their father wasn't a good father and you would say, "Well, I didn't have the right opportunities because my father was bad to me.", or whatever that is. And the reason that you are angry is because intuitively there is already a standard inside you. There is a moral law already written in the depth of your heart telling you what a good father should be like. And I want to tell you that standard that you are referring to where you might be looking at your earthly father which causes you pain, that standard that is already written inside you is what God can fulfill and what He has fulfilled. That is what Jesus Christ appeals to and what He draws on when He reveals God to humanity.

We all know, intuitively, what a good father would be like. It might take time for you to write it down and define it on paper but you automatically know what a good father is. And here Jesus comes and He says, "Our Heavenly Father", and He refers to Heavenly Father only once if I'm not mistaken. Most of the time it doesn't just talk about God in heaven, as a heavenly Father trying to bring a separation between the earthly father and the Heavenly Father. No, most of the time He just refers to God as our Father where I think He tries to bring home this whole thing of that we should not relate to God just from a distance. But we should bring Him closer and actually make Him our Father.

What Jesus comes and reveals is that we can refer to God from, what I call, family logic. What would be logical according to what we would know a good father to be is what God can basically be judged by. He comes and He reveals to us what is logical in a good family relationship is how He wants to reveal Himself to us. That means that He wants to reveal Himself as one that provides, that provides financially, that provides emotionally, provides as pertaining to a safe place where you can feel safe, where you can learn, where you can come home to... a place that is your home. When we look at God and Him revealing Himself to us, when He comes through Jesus Christ and reveals Himself to us inside family logic, it is the most intimate way wherein we can understand God. God comes and reveals Himself to us as friend, as husband, as wife, as father, as mother, as provider, as the One who cares, as the One who provides a safe place... that parameter is the best parameter and the best foundation from where we can know who He is.

If God is a Being that we cannot understand because He is in the unseen world and He comes into the seen world and He reveals Himself, and He is a very intimate, loving, Being, what better place than to reveal Himself inside what we know as family logic. He has come to reveal Himself! An outstanding passage is Ephesians chapter 5 where Paul basically says that as you look at a husband-wife relationship and talk about the oneness of flesh, and you refer to Genesis and you say that a husband will leave father and mother and will cleave to his wife for they shall be one flesh. Wherein the husband says, "This wife is closer to me than my direct family, that I will leave my father's house and I will cleave to her." That logic is used by Paul, I believe, in referring to the return of Jesus Christ where He would basically leave heaven, His Father's house, and cleave to His wife because we are flesh of His flesh and bone of His bone and He will come and live amongst us. When we think of God, God comes and He reveals Himself to us inside this family logic which is absolutely amazing!

So, when you think of God and you think of Him as a good Father, whenever you pray, read your Bible, you can read your Bible and you can pray to see God as that loving God. If you don't see God as a loving God in Scripture, I think you can simply say, "I don't understand that passage." That is it. I've had many people come to me and say, "This is a difficult passage and that's a difficult passage. Look here... God killed babies or God commanded the Israelites to even go and kill babies. God commanded this and all these bad things. How can God be a loving Father?" This is what I do: I say, "Well, all the Old Testament Scriptures and what God has prophesied in the Old, the Bible says, "In these last days He now speaks to us."

In other words, everything that He prophesied in the Old is now being revealed and then God now speaks to us through His Son, Jesus, whom He raised from the dead and is seated at the right hand of the Father. When I behold this Jesus at the right hand of the Father, which is the Father's voice of love to me, I just simply say this: "If I find any passage in the Bible that does not correlate with that message of love, I simply say, "I don't know how to make that link, yet. But I know that if I understand that passage correctly, it will show forth what I see in the resurrected Jesus and what that means and says to me today."

I want to say that you don't have to have an understanding of every scripture in the Bible in order to have a powerful relationship with God and a life that is born from the life of God. The New Testament people didn't have the Bible. They did copy the letters of Paul and sent them to the different churches. Then once a week or once a month they would read Paul's letters to the Church. Then they didn't go home with letters. They just went home with a message that God's promise, which is eternal life, has now broken into this world and we find that Jesus was raised from the dead and He is Lord. And from Him we can boldly expect eternal life as well as the fruit of the Spirit. That is the depth of most of the church's understanding back then. They didn't understand every scripture. Neither was it their job to understand every scripture and explain every scripture in a way where you reveal God as a loving God. When we look at the simplicity that there is in Christ, it is this: Christ gives you life! Just believe Him. That is it! That is basically the summary of the whole Gospel. That is the Good News that can be preached.

So, I want to say to you that when you have believed that God is a loving Father and you have looked at the death and the resurrection of Jesus and the hope of eternal life in that, that is what everything amounts to. You've already come to the fullness of the understanding that all the Scriptures can bring. If you cannot make the link on how the Old says that and how it relates to it, it doesn't matter. You have already now seen the revealed Word, what all the Old wanted to say. As you believe upon that, you can find rest in your heart.

Now I want to look at this loving Father from **Luke 15:11**. This is just the story of the prodigal son and we are going to quickly run through there and just look at how God loves and how Jesus came and revealed this love. He didn't go into many texts trying to reveal every text. He didn't go into that. Neither did Jesus even command anything of what He said to be written down. He knew that what He said is so eternal that it would not but be written down later on. Even now, if nothing was recorded, I believe that the message of eternal life would still have been as well as what it is today because it is eternal life. That is what it is. You never find Jesus, with the scribes following Him, saying, "Okay, write this. Now, write that. Let Me explain this scripture. Let Me explain that scripture." No, **He knew that Who He was is the explanation of everything.**

He knew that Who He was and what He has come to do is the force of life from the Father, basically, making God the Father of people in this sense: That God, through what happened in Christ, gives birth to what He has dreamt for us, thus being our Father then.... Being the Father of our thoughts, being the Father of our life, being the Father of our peace, being the Father of the kindness that He's brought forth in us, being the Father of life in us, in the sense of the life we live. And in the end, also being the Father that will give birth to our physical bodies in this sense, that our bodies will be born from the Father and not our earthly mothers so that our bodies may even become eternal, on account of Him, never to die.

Luke 15:

11 And he said, A certain man had two sons:

12 And the younger of them said to his father, Father, give me the portion of goods that falls to me. And he divided unto them his living. (He divided to them his living... how beautiful is that!

13 And not many days after the younger son gathered all together, and took his journey into a far country, and there wasted his substance with riotous living.

14 And when he had spent all, there arose a mighty famine in that land; and he began to be in want.

15 And he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country; and he sent him into his fields to feed swine.

16 And he would fain have filled his belly (He wanted to fill his belly) **with the husks that the swine did eat: and no man gave unto him.**

We know the whole story and how this prodigal came to a point where he just felt, "I'm sorry for what I have done. I'm going to return to my father's house." And what did we find the father do? We get the feeling that the father was looking out for the son. And that the father basically, lived from the sorrow of, "My son has died!" And when the son returned, the father ran and kissed him and washed him and gave him a robe and the fatted calf, put a ring upon his finger, restored him fully. And He said, "This son of mine that was dead is alive. The son of mine that was lost has come back home." When he says, "This son that was lost has come back home!" he basically said that even when the son was lost, he was never **not** my son. He never did not belong to Me anymore. You cannot say something is lost without inferring that he belongs. It is an inference made towards "He belongs".

We find that the son was called the prodigal, or the lost son, because he belongs to the Father and the Father always said, "He is My son!" Never was there a point that anything that that prodigal did could have put him in a place where he was not the son. If we study this passage out in its context, we find that Jesus is basically referring to the Gentiles here. He is saying that the Gentiles went and basically worshipped idols. They went and worshipped false gods. They got involved in sex orgies and worshipping the goddess Diana.

I mean, if you just take from the Mesopotamian time, just from after Adam, what these people, these Gentiles, did was they basically took what God has given then and said, "I want to give you life." They said, "No. We are going to take the life You offered us and we are going to live it by ourselves, in our own power." He is referring to the Gentiles and how they messed up. The Jews, on the other hand, were here in the Father's house and they thought that through their works they are going to change the Father into a Master. But works cannot change a father into a master. He is still going to be, father.

Like with my children... I'm not going to provide for them on the basis of their works. I provide for them on the basis of me being a loving father and it doesn't matter how many good works they do for me. It's not going to turn me into a master where I now start to reward them according to their works. In the very same way, and in a greater way, our works will never change God from Father into master. Many times we want to do that. And one of the things in the Church is we think that if we pray or if we fast, or if we do many of these things, tithing, sowing and reaping, whatever principle we want to write in there, then God is going to reward us.

I watched a heartbreaking video where a lady said that she has now basically rejected God. She doesn't believe in God anymore because she was taught in the Church that if she lived pure and never sleeps with any guy until she gets married, then God would basically make it possible that she can have a good marriage. Now I want to tell you that God is not, because she's lived pure, going to give her, now work it out, that based on her purity and how pure she lived, that God will now provide a good husband for her. That is just the Law! That is just the Jewish way of thinking. Then that lady looked at other people that didn't live pure lives and they got husbands who are faithful and loving and caring and all those kinds of things. And there she was and she was thinking, "I lived this pure life and now my friends who didn't do that, they have good husbands. They actually lived a very promiscuous life and then they got saved and they have a good marriage. That's unfair!" Murmuring, gnashing with the teeth against them...

But the one wanted to make God a master and the other one relied on him as father.

Now, I do believe that it is good to live a pure life but, it's good to have a pure life based on God's love that brings forth a pure life in you and not living a pure life so that God can do something for you. It's a big difference! I think, in the very same way as what the father remains a father to the prodigal, He remains a father to the one who is even in the Law that tries to serve by works. It's never going to be a reward system for Him based on your works. He is going to remain your Father.

So, we find that in this whole story of the prodigal son that the father just says, "Come back home! This is your home. This is a safe place for you. This is a place where you can find comfort and care and peace. I will clothe you with what I've dreamt for you. And even if you've wasted the living, you've wasted what I've given you, you've basically wasted eternal life because you didn't want it, there is always eternal life from Me! Just come home! Here is life at home." And even you who have worked for everything by your own works, you say that you think that you are going to get the Father to provide life for you on the basis of your works. The moment you say that, you want to remove from Him who He is! He is a Father.

The word, father, according to Thayer definition, metaphorically means the following: the originator or the transmitter of anything from where life comes; the author of a family or a society of persons animated by the same spirit as himself.

If you go to the bowling club, there are certain people that are very excited about that. They are so excited about all that they do there. I remember when they started the cycling club here in Malmesbury. The person who does that has got this, I almost want to say, the spirit of cycling inside him. And then from there, he infuses that spirit of cycling in others and so who he is, is born in the others and it forms a club. He would then be called the father of that club. In the very same way, God is called our Father. He infuses His spirit of eternal life into us. His spirit of peace, His spirit of joy, His spirit of love and kindness. His spirit of life, He infuses into us and then becomes the originator of life in us. That's what it means to have God as your Father.

Can you see how there is no place for law and works to deserve, in the presence of a Father who is the actuator, the giver of life. You don't have to have laws in, "You must love", in the presence of One that can produce love in you and bring it forth inside you.

Thayer says that Father is the one that infuses His own Spirit into others, who actuates and governs their minds. Isn't that absolutely beautiful!

I want to just end off by going to John 3 and just wrap this up into what it truly means to have God as Father. You know, when we look at the story of the prodigal son, we are still talking analogy language. But, when we look at John 3, we start to now talk about what it truly means to have God as your Father. What is the true meaning of God as Father?

John 3:

2 The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that you art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles (signs) that you do, except God be with him.

3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

When we talk about a father or a mother, especially in the Jewish sense here when He talked about a father and a mother, this is how it basically worked: Because a father cannot give birth to a child... This is in a Jewish sense and like how we use Abraham and Sarah, we find that Sarah bore Abraham a son. Because he didn't have the ability to give birth to a son because he's a male, his wife bore him a son. So, it was Abraham's son. We can basically say that he's the son of Abraham although he was the son of Sarah when we look at Isaac. In the very same way, God comes and says here, "Unless a man is born of the Father, or born of God, he cannot see the kingdom of God." What He is talking about here is **God being the One who gives birth to your very life.** That is what it is all about.

For those of you who have listened to my messages before, you will know what I am getting at and I don't have time to get into everything but this is the crux of the message:

John 3:

14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up:

15 That whosoever believes in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son The One that is born from the dead, who says, "God is my Father." So, He gave Jesus, born from the dead, having an immortal human body. He gave Him, so that through Him, we will not die but have everlasting life. That means that He can become the Father even of our physical bodies and so of our life, giving birth to us in a way that we don't owe our birth to our natural mothers but that we find that God becomes the Father of our physical bodies. We are born away from mortality into immortality where we can say that the immortal God we can now see His immortal son. At the end of the day, that is what the Gospel is all about.

Yesterday I found a very good friend of mine and I think I was moaning a bit speaking to him. I said, "You know, I don't know how many people will understand this concept." I just felt this a little bit hopeless at that moment because so many times we tend to look at those who don't believe what we say instead of Jesus... not even those that do believe. I was just complaining a bit and I was saying, "You know, getting this concept of God being the Father of our natural bodies to the point that this natural body, we cannot owe our birth anymore to our mothers or our earthly parents. But, where the physical body can be born of God is so simple yet it is such a complex thing to bring over to people because the consequences of what that means is so far-reaching that people are at a place where they say, "I don't know if I can grab ahold of this. It's a bit too much for me. What does it really mean? I don't even think if it is worth anything."

Yesterday, I made a video that I want to upload on Facebook and I never even did, but it's almost as if we say that the resurrection of Jesus Christ is the cherry on the cake. But, through everything that Jesus did and everything that was prophesied in the Old Testament and His death, we can basically have the whole cake! But the only thing that will happen in the resurrection, the bodily resurrection, would simply be the cherry on the cake. Where in Paul's gospel, was not that you can have the whole cake and that the cherry on the cake is the resurrection. No, Paul came and basically said that there is no cake and there is no cherry if there was not a bodily resurrection. There's nothing! Everything is from the resurrection of Jesus Christ! And that is where we define God as our Father.

As I studied this message, I want to tell you that when it comes to Father's Day and I think of God being my Father, and I've come to the place where I don't just think of God as my Father in the One that helped me in this world to get a house. Maybe He worked in somebody else's heart and provided for him financially in his business, that person came and gave me a house from where I am grateful to what the person has done but my thanks is towards God and I say that He's the provider, He's cared for me like how He cares for the birds of the air, and so forth.

I mean, I'm grateful for all of that but as I've studied and come to understand what it means to call God your Father in the light of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. It has just blown my mind! It's come to a place where when I think of Father's Day, there is something so deep taking place in me when I realize when I think of God as my Father and I think of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, I've come to the conclusion that He even gives birth to a body that is in line with His essence! And that is now used as the lens through which I define everything!

When God comes and He declares Himself as our Father, we have to ask ourselves the question, "What does that mean?" Then when God says that in these last days He's spoken to us through the resurrected Jesus, we have to say, "What is God's word on ontology?" That means, "What is God's word on what we are as humans?" Then we see a human being seated at the right hand of God and from there, definition is found in what we are. From there our make-up is defined. From there salvation is defined. From there, purpose is defined. Everything is defined in the resurrection of Jesus Christ!

I would like to tell you this: I think I'm of this mind, that should Jesus have not been raised from the dead, bodily, and the Father could not raise Him from the dead, the whole universe would have ceased to exist! It wouldn't exist anymore. If you take the concept of induction which means.... And David Hume and Bertrand Russell and all those atheists had a big issue with the induction principle. Induction is this: We trust that tomorrow will be like the past because we've seen, we just induce, we say, "Well, because it has been like that from the beginning of time, we find that there is gravity, there is light, the sun rises. We find all these things and then we infer and say, "Well, because of that, the future tomorrow will also be like that."

But, if you truly look at that whole system and you studied out scientifically, we have no reason to continue in a circular argument thinking that tomorrow will be like the past. Why? Will tomorrow be like the past? We have no reason to believe that and there is no such a principle and because God has said, "Tomorrow might not be like yesterday", for He has promised us eternal life. There's going to be a day where tomorrow will not be like yesterday, where gravity will not work like yesterday, where we will not be at a place where we are going backwards anymore, but where we will find that we are consumed with life. That means the only reason why we can still expect that the sun will rise tomorrow is on the mercy of God allowing people to have an opportunity to believe in Him. That is why Hebrews says that He upholds all things.

The reason why this earth is turning, the reason why everything is taking place today, the way it takes place, was because in the Old Testament there was a promise of a bodily resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ. And the reason why it is continuing today is because He was raised from the dead bodily. And the reason why this world, even in its fallen state, continues is because of this resurrected Jesus working in being merciful to people, that they can come to the belief inside Him. And then there will come a day when who and what He is will explode into this world and we will find the fullness of the Godhead, bodily, manifesting in this world. The Apostle Paul takes the Christ event, the Resurrection, as the lens through which everything is interpreted and from there, He calls God, our Father. That is the foundation and the definition for everything.

That is from where we define what it means to be a child of God, what it means to be born again, what it means to be born of God, what it means to have the Spirit of God, what it means to be holy, what it means to be righteous. Everything is defined not from what the watered-down gospel of the resurrection is just the cherry on the cake, but from the gospel which says that the resurrection and the recreation is not the cherry. It is the cake and the cherry and the recipe and everything, for it is God bringing His people to Himself, reconciling the world to Himself. Glory to God!

Church, I want to just say to you that when we think of God as our Father, we cannot use, and I'm sorry that I use these terms that many of you might not have studied out and looked at, but we cannot have a platonic foundation of looking at God as our Father. We cannot have our whole Christianity laid inside the Greek philosophy that Plato had. We have to have it in the concrete physical resurrection of Jesus and what God has planned for man from the beginning, revealed in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. As complex as what these things might sound, it is as simple as this: God made humans on this earth and He promised the humans plus the earth, that they will bear the fullness of God eternally. And we find that what God has promised has started to shine forth when Jesus was raised from the dead. And we found the first example, and not just an example, but the breaking into this world of what God has promised and the beautiful thing is that He has left it to this man, Jesus, to bring forth what He has promised in our lives. We just believe it and there we rest. Glory to God

Father, I want to thank You that we can be so comforted by You. Thank You that we even find in science, we find how You even solved circular reasoning. We find that how you solve all these things by what You have promised. We find that You have come and You are upholding this whole world by Your mercy where we have no reason in our own ability to think that tomorrow will be like today. For we are mortal beings in a world that is dying. We cannot think that tomorrow must be like today but we find that it is that way for You are keeping Your promise. You are keeping Your covenant with us and we will find what You have shown us, in Your mercy, manifest.

Father, there are people today that have pain in their hearts thinking of their physical fathers and thinking about their children being lost and all those kinds of things. But, thank You, Father, that You are a merciful God keeping this world going even as You see corruption and wickedness in this world. And You are doing it in the hope of convincing Your people of goodness.

So many times, we want to question You and say, "Why is there wickedness in this world? Why are things continuing this way? Why is God not fixing everything!" Father, I can think how difficult it must be for You to see this wickedness continuing in this world, but You, in Your mercy, are talking to people even in this time. You will raise them up in the last day and You will give them life. And in that way, we know that You are talking to fathers that are not even believing in You. You are talking to children that are not understanding the gospel. Thank You that it is not on our shoulders to make sure Your gospel is accurately communicated. Thank You that it is You speaking to people and that we can have our hearts resonate with that truth and that You bring understanding to us as we walk in relationship with You.

I thank You, Father, that I can declare everyone that hears this, blessed by the mercy and the goodness and the kindness of God. Thank You for Your love, God! Amen and amen!

Thank you that you have allowed me to serve you with this message. I'm so blessed by the love of God and by Him being our Father. That He will never change. He is not going to become a master because of your good works. He is going to stay a Father. He's not going to become a tyrant at somebody that casts you away because of your wrong works and your wrong doings. You belong to Him. He loves you and He shall keep His promise! Just believe Him. Amen