

Our Father's Nature Revealed

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One of the Christ Jesus's purposes was to revealed our heavenly Father by bringing him further out of the shadows into a more perfect "Son" light. Thus, the Word was made flesh and walked among us in fulness of expression beyond that of any of the shadow type figures of the O.T. Jesus expressing the fulness of the Godhead bodily, humanly ...God (the Father) manifested in the flesh; ...Jesus the express, exact clear image of God, not only as Prince of Peace, but also as Emanuel "God with Us", our Everlasting Father.

Jesus was revealing the Father. *Philip saith unto him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us. Jesus saith unto him, **Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father**; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father? Joh 14:8-9All things are delivered unto me of my Father: and no man knoweth the Son, but the Father; neither knoweth any man the Father, **save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal him.** Mt 11:27 (Luk 10:22)*

===== NATURE OF THE FATHER... =====

I used to think of God merely asEternal, unmade being, without beginning or end, Of the Everlasting God, as a Spirit – not a man -- beyond limits of matter, time & space.

I thought of Him as Omnipotent, Omniscient, and Infinite; Omnipresent in his presence. That God is Holywho alone is Worthy. All those things are true but He wanted to reveal more of himself to us.

===== OUR FATHER - HAS EMOTIONS & FEELS =====

Ge 6:5 And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

Ge 6:6 And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it **grieved him at his heart.**

Eze 6:9 And they that escape of you shall remember me among the nations whither they shall be carried captives, because **I am broken with their whorish heart**, which hath departed from me, and with their eyes, which go a whoring after their idols: and they shall lothe themselves for the evils which they have committed in all their abominations.

Ps 78:38 But he, **being full of compassion, forgave their iniquity**, and destroyed them not: yea, many a time turned he his anger away, and did not stir up all his wrath.

Mic 7:18 Who is a God like unto thee, that **pardoneth iniquity, and passeth by the transgression** of the remnant of his heritage? he retaineth not his anger for ever, because **he delighteth in mercy.** v19 He will turn again, he **will have compassion upon us**; he will subdue our iniquities; and wilt cast all their sins into the depths of sea.

Zep 3:17 The LORD thy God in the midst of thee is mighty; he will save, **he will rejoice over thee with joy**; he will rest in his love, he will joy over thee with singing.

Mt 23:37 O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, **how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen** gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!

Lu 15:7 I say unto you, that likewise **joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth**, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance.

Lu 19:41 And when he was come near, he **beheld the city, and wept over it,**

Joh 11:35 **Jesus wept.** Joh 11:38 Jesus therefore again **groaning in himself cometh to the grave.** It was a cave, and a stone lay upon it.

Isa 53:3 He is despised and rejected of men; **a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief**: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

Eph 4:30 And **grieve not the holy Spirit of God**, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

===== GOD IS A CARING & MERCIFUL FATHER... =====

De 10:15 Only **the LORD had a delight in thy fathers to love them**, and he chose their seed after them, even you above all people, as it is this day.

De 10:18 He doth **execute the judgment of the fatherless and widow, and loveth the stranger, in giving him food and raiment.**

Ps 10:14 Thou hast seen it; for thou beholdest mischief and spite, to requite it with thy hand: the poor committeth himself unto thee; thou art **the helper of the fatherless.**

Ps 68:5 A **father of the fatherless, and a judge of the widows**, is God in his holy habitation.

Ps 103:13 ..as a **father pitieth his children**, so the LORD pitieth them that fear him.

Ps 146:8 The **LORD openeth the eyes of the blind: the LORD raiseth them that are bowed down: the LORD loveth the righteous:**

Ps 146:9 The LORD **preserveth the strangers; he relieveth the fatherless and widow: but the way of the wicked he turneth upside down.**

===== GOD is a FATHER who is SLOW TO ANGER.... =====

Ho 11:1-4 When Israel was a child, As they called them, so they went from them: they sacrificed unto Baalim, and burned incense to graven images.... I taught Ephraim also to go, taking them by their arms; but they **knew not that I healed them... I drew them with cords of a man, with bands of love:**

Eph 6:4 And, ye **fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.**

Heb 13:5 Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for **he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.**

Mt 28:20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, **I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.**

Joh 10:10 The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: **I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.**

2Ti 2:13 If we believe not, yet **he abideth faithful: he cannot deny himself.**

===== A FATHER whose BANNER,.FLAG,. STANDARD ...is LOVE =====

*Song 2:4 He brought me to the banqueting house, and **his banner (Flag-Standard) over me was love.***

*Song 2:10 My beloved spake, and said unto me, **Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away.***

*Song 2:13 The fig tree putteth forth her green figs, and the vines with the tender grape give a good smell. **Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.***

*Song 5:2 I sleep, but my heart waketh: it is the voice of my beloved that knocketh, saying, **Open to me, my sister, my love, my dove,** my undefiled: for my head is filled with dew, and my locks with the drops of the night.*

*Song 6:3 **I am my beloved's, and my beloved is mine:** he feedeth among the lilies.*

*Song 7:10 I am my beloved's, and **his desire is toward me.***

*Song 8:7 **Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it:** if a man would give all the substance of his house for love, it would utterly be contemned.*

===== HEAVENLY FATHER'S HEART ...revealed further IN CHRIST... =====

I would never have thought that I would take the time or even think it necessary or worth anyone's time to illustrate the heart and nature of our heavenly Father. But, ...Jesus spoke so much of His Father (& our Father) that now I see it all so differently.

The New Testament reveals to mankind clearly the nature of the God of this universe within the life and living expressions of the son of God, and son of Man,...the Lord Jesus Christ..

We see how he provides, protects, keeps promises, disciplines, corrects, and never rejects nor abandons us...

He is slow to anger...He provides for usabove the minimums... so we are not called or known as **the SURVIVORS of God!** ...He rains on the JUST & on the UNJUST!

*Mt 5:45 That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, & **sendeth rain on the just & the unjust.***

*Ac 14:16-17 Who in times past **suffered all nations** to walk in their own ways. Nevertheless he left not himself without witness, in that he **did good**, and **gave us rain** from heaven, and **fruitful seasons**, filling our hearts with **food and gladness.***

=== CREATED A WORLD ... for Man's Dominion, Authority, & Power over.. ===

...of Man...Gen ...1:28 be fruitful, multiply and replenish the earth...*subdue it and have dominion* over every living thing that moves upon the earth.

...of Messiah...Psa 110:1-2 ...sit on my right hand until I make your enemies thy footstool...The Lord shall send the rod of thy strength out of Zion : rule thou in the midst of thine enemies...

...of Man...Ps 8:4 What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?

Ps 8:5 For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour.

Ps 8:6 Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet:

...of Man...Lu 10:19 Behold, I give unto you power (authority, jurisdiction, right) to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power (authority, jurisdiction, right) of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

...He likes talking to us ...Pr 15:8.....: but *the prayer of the upright is his delight.*

...He gives us Strength & Power ...Ps 68:35 O God, thou art terrible out of thy holy places: the God of Israel is he that giveth strength and power unto his people. Blessed be God.

...He gives us Families ...Ps 68:6 God setteth the solitary in families: he bringeth out those which are bound with chains: but the rebellious dwell in a dry land.

===== HE GIVES TO US ...BETTER THAN GOOD THINGS... =====

Ro 8:28 And we know that all things *work together for good to them that love God,* to them who are the called according to his purpose.

Ro 8:31 What shall we then say to these things? *If God be for us, who can be against us?*

Ro 8:32 He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?

Ro 8:35 *Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?* shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

Ro 8:38 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,

Ro 8:39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, **shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

Mt 7:9 Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone?

Mt 7:10 Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent?

Mt 7:11 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, **how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?**

Mt 6:26 Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. **Are ye not much better than they?**

Mt 18:12 How think ye? if a man have an hundred sheep, and one of them be gone astray, doth he not leave the ninety and nine, and goeth into the mountains, and seeketh that which is gone astray?

Mt 18:13 And if so be that he find it, verily I say unto you, he rejoiceth more of that sheep, than of the ninety and nine which went not astray.

Mt 18:14 **Even so it is not the will of your Father which is in heaven, that one of these little ones should perish.**

2Pe 3:9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; **but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.**

Lu 6:35 But love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest: **for he is kind unto the unthankful and to the evil....**Lu 6:36 Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful.ie....(Ark of Testimony & the Mercy Seat)

Lu 12:32 **Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.**

Joh 14:1 Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.

Joh 14:2 **In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.**

Joh 16:27 **For the Father himself loveth you, because ye have loved me, and have believed that I came out from God.**

Lu 15:17 And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! **...I'm going home to my father's...**

Ro 8:15 For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, **whereby we cry, Abba, Father.**

Ro 8:16 Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that **we are the children of God:**
Ga 4:6 And because ye are sons, **God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.**

1Jo 3:1 Behold, **what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God:** therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.

===== Typical Thoughts of the MAN on the STREET are that... =====

He thinks that the God of Old Testament is harsher than the God of New Testament.
They think that...OT God.... Is ...Wrath, judgment, doom & gloom, injustice,
While they think the NT God....is Peace, mercy, brotherly love, ...etc

That is from a typical man's viewpoint and truly far from the truth, the whole picture of God' Nature is that ...the God of Old ... is ...the same God of the New.
He was always the God of the New even as He acted within the Old Testament. The FOUNDATIONAL Bed-Rock of the Father's Naturewas in the O.T. and He operated in that same nature and Spirit, even though we may not have discerned it. He did not use two natures. He was always ...Mercy and Compassion, ...slow to anger, ...full of steadfast love, and ...faithfulness with Forgiveness of Sins and Transgressions, and by no means did He excused, ...then or now, those that were guilty or hated him.

==== Father's Nature - Revealed in ...Description of Himself to Moses... ====

Moses ask God ..Ex 33:18 **Show me your GLORY....**SHEKINAH describes this glory.
God revealed himself: v19: **... "I will make all my goodness pass before you"**

Read... **Exo 34: 6-7 Nature of Father,.....**Ex 34:5 *And the LORD descended in the cloud, and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the LORD.*
Ex 34:6-7 *And the LORD passed by before him, and proclaimed, (called out as in meeting a person)*

-The LORD, ... Jehovah-the self-existing one
-The LORD God, ... Jehovah El,... the Almighty
-Merciful : full of compassion,
-Gracious : bending in kindness to an inferior
-Longsuffering : slow to anger
-Abundant :
(plenteous, abundant) **in Goodness** (kindness-favour)

JONAH knew this... 4:2
You're Merciful
You're a Gracious God
You're Slow to Anger
You're of Great Kindness

-Abundant : in .. **Truth** : (trustworthiness),
-Keeping (guarding & maintaining) **Mercy** (kindness) for (1000's)
-Forgiving ...**Iniquity** (perversity) **You Repent of Evil**
-Forgiving ...**Transgression** (rebellion)
-Forgiving ...**Sin** (often habitual sinfulness)

*****and will by no means clear the guilty...**

and that will by no means clear the guilty; visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children, unto the third and to the fourth generation.

Moses was shown the BACK-SIDE of GODhis name & glory when he was shown God as....

*Merciful – Compassionate & Gracious God ...
Grace & Mercy renewed every morning..
Slow.... to Anger... God is not Touchy....
Abounding in goodness & Truth ...Lavish
His arms are open to us
Extending mercy to 1000's generations
Forgiving Iniquities & Wickedness ...Trangression Rebellion Sin
Punishment ... for those who hate him*

JONAH REHEARSED THESE VIRTUES BACK TO GOD ...in Jonah 4:2

*Jon 4:2 And he prayed unto the LORD, and said, I pray thee, **O LORD, was not this my saying**, when I was yet in my country? Therefore I fled before unto Tarshish: **for I knew that thou art a gracious God, and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repentest thee of the evil.***

These same attributes are in Psa 145:8... The LORD is gracious, and full of compassion; slow to anger, and of great mercy.

Ps 145:9 The LORD is good to all: and his tender mercies (compassion-womb cherishing a fetus) are over all his works.

"I have loved thee with an everlasting love" (Jeremiah 31:3).

==== We meet the "FACE OF GOD" ...in CHRIST Jesus =====

*Re 22:4 And they shall see his **face**; and his name shall be in their foreheads.*

The LORD bless you, and keep you:

*The LORD make his **face** (H6440:face,presence) shine upon you, and be gracious unto you:*

*The LORD lift up his **countenance** (H6440:face,presence) upon you, and give you peace. Nu 6:24-26*

*Psa 16:11 ...In his **presence** (H6440:face, presence) there is fulness of joy*

2Co 3:18 But we all, **with open face** beholding as in a glass **the glory of the Lord**, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

2Co 4:6 For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God **in the face of Jesus Christ**.

===== Father's NATURE Revealed...in PROVISIONS for the Poor...=====

De 15:7 If there be among you a poor man of one of thy brethren within any of thy gates in thy land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, **thou shalt not harden thine heart, nor shut thine hand from thy poor brother:**

De 15:8 But thou shalt **open thine hand wide unto him, and shalt surely lend him sufficient for his need, in that which he wanteth.**

De 15:9 Beware that there be not a thought in thy wicked heart, saying, The seventh year, the year of release, is at hand; and thine eye be evil against thy poor brother, and thou givest him nought; and he cry unto the LORD against thee, and it be sin unto thee.

De 15:10 Thou shalt surely give him, and thine heart shall not be grieved when thou givest unto him: because that for this thing the LORD thy God shall bless thee in all thy works, and in all that thou puttest thine hand unto.

De 15:11 For **the poor shall never cease out of the land:** therefore I command thee, saying, Thou shalt open thine hand wide unto thy brother, to thy poor, and to thy needy, in thy land.

Pr 19:17...He that **hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the LORD;** and that which he **hath given will he pay him again.**

== Father's NATURE Revealed ..in Care of Widows, Father-Less & Strangers ==

There are three vulnerable groups of people without an advocate ...God takes them up... who are Vulnerable...politically, socially, economically... often oppressed, abused, disadvantaged....

Jer 22:3 Thus saith the LORD; Execute ye judgment and righteousness, and deliver the spoiled out of the hand of the oppressor: and do no wrong, do no violence to the **stranger, the fatherless, nor the widow,** neither shed innocent blood in this place.

Jas 1:27 Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the **fatherless and widows** in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.

=== Father's NATURE Revealed in Providing a Jubilee Year of Release... ===

Le 25:10 And ye shall hallow the fiftieth year, and **proclaim liberty** throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof: it shall be a jubilee unto you; and ye shall **return every man unto his possession**, and ye shall **return every man unto his family**.

==== Father's NATURE Revealed in ... "THEME SONG" of the HOUSE ====
(2Ch 5:13, 7:3...Ezr 3:11, Jer 33:11, 1Ch 16:34)

2Ch 5:13 It came even to pass, as the trumpeters and singers were as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the LORD; and when they lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of musick, and praised the LORD, saying, For he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever: that then the house was filled with a cloud, even the house of the LORD;

2Ch 7:3 And when all the children of Israel saw how the fire came down, and the glory of the LORD upon the house, they bowed themselves with their faces to the ground upon the pavement, and worshipped, and praised the LORD, saying, For he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever.

=== Father's NATURE RevealedIn the MERCY SEAT ...Communes with Us ===

Ex 25:22 And there **I will meet (fix upon, summon, engage, betroth)** with thee, and I will **commune (speak, subdue, answer, promise, rehearse)** with thee from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubims which are upon the ark of the testimony, of all things which I will give thee in commandment unto the children of Israel.

=== Father's NATURE Revealed..in JUDGES "Slavery vs Freedom" Years ===

It was +-400 years of the book of Judges which describe A ROCKY, ROLLER-COASTER RIDE where all are doing whatsoever is right in their own eyes. When you sum up all the years spent in bondage it totals about a 100 years. Thus, out of Judges ups and downs, Israel experienced 100 yrs of bondage out of 400 year. That is a ratio of 1 year of bondage out of every 4 years. 1 year bondage- 3 years free.??? That is quite merciful.

=== Father's NATURE Revealed...in "Commandment of Levitical Blessing" ===

Num 6:23speak to the Priests (Aaron & His Sons) On this wise you shall bless the children of Israelsaying to them....

"The LORD Bless you and keep you.

The LORD make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace"

And they shall put my name upon the children of Israel and I will bless them.

**Since all believers are “Kings & Priests” we should speak the same to one another.

=== Father’s NATURE Revealed inHis Morning Renewal of Compassions ===

La 3:21 This I recall to my mind, therefore have I hope.

La 3:22 It is of the LORD'S mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not.

La 3:23 They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness.

La 3:24 The LORD is my portion, saith my soul; therefore will I hope in him.

=== Father’s NATURE Revealed inAvoiding Battles we’re Not Ready For ===

Ex 13:17 And it came to pass, when Pharaoh had let the people go, that God led them not through the way of the land of the Philistines, although that was near; for God said, Lest peradventure the people repent when they see war, and they return to Egypt:

Ex 13:18 But God led the people about, through the way of the wilderness of the Red sea: and the children of Israel went up harnessed out of the land of Egypt.

=== Father’s NATURE is Revealed IN ... the Prodigal Son Story ... Luk 15 ===

We see the father allowing a son to make poor, wasteful decisions and yet, when he sees him returning home, THE FATHER RUNS in compassion to embrace and kiss him. Glad that the lost son has returned. Father says NO to Son being in servant relationship but a SON. In an atmosphere of celebration he clothes the wayward son as though he had never made his selfish error in judgment and calls for others to celebrate with him. Look at the Nature of this Heavenly Father.

===== Father’s Nature was Last Revealed in Calvary... =====

One of the heavenly Father’s last words thru Christ were **written in blood** ..**spoken in blood**...**I love you**. Could it be that there was a divine design in where, who, and when the ministry of God in Christ manifested? God could have simply touched everyone all at once within the boundaries of Israel...healed sick at once, ...healed all blind at once, ...healed all cripples at once, ...raised all dead at once, ...cleansed all lepers at once, ...cast out all demonic influences at once. Why not?

What he had to say was to individuals, ...not to the crowd. None of us live as a crowd. Each of us lives as a separate distinct, individual person.

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