

# THE FATHER OF LIGHTS

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**INTRO: JAMES 1:17** Before Jesus came, the Jews knew God as Creator, lawgiver, and judge. They knew about His sovereignty and power but had no knowledge of Him as a father. A major thrust of Jesus' ministry was to reveal God as a loving, caring, responsible Father, who desired to bless His children and have a relationship with them. **JOHN 1:18 AMPC, MT. 6:25-34, MT. 7:11.**

## The Father Jesus Knew

1. **JOHN 5:26** – One who gives life and is responsible for the life He gives.
  - A. Creation – Everything created was designed to love man.
2. **JOHN 3:16** - One who gave Himself as the ultimate provider.
  - A. Redemption – He gave His Son to reconcile man.
  - B. **JOHN 14:1-6** - He provided for now and for man's eternity.
3. **JOHN 8:28-29** – A teacher who trains.
  - A. Jesus was taught what to do and what to say.
  - B. **PR. 22:6** - Train means to set on a right path by modeling values, by correcting, and by living out our faith.
  - C. **JOSH. 24:1** - In his farewell address, he expounded on Israel's history and then gave them a challenge (**JOSH. 24:14-15**). "Fear God, serve Him in sincerity and truth, put away false gods, and choose your fate".
  - D. **ROM. 1:18, 25-32 NLT** What message should we teach? If we don't teach our children to worship and serve the Creator, the culture will teach them to serve the creation and themselves.
    - **ROM. 3:10** - Everyone needs saved.
    - **ROM. 12: 9-21** - Abhor, cleave...
    - **ROM. 13:8-9** - Love others enough to point them to Christ.
    - **ROM. 16:17-20** - Mark, avoid, love, scriptures have the final say. They determine right from wrong.
4. **JOHN 17:15 NLT** – One who protects.
  - A. Keep means to protect from loss by keeping the eye on.
    - Emotionally – encourage, affirm.

- Mentally – watch what they feed on.
- Spiritually – read, pray, study, church.
- Character – evil communications corrupt good manners.

**5. JOHN 10:17-18** One who loves and transferred the ability to love.

**A.** Jesus knew His Father loved Him. Love begets love.

**1 JOHN 4:19.**

**B. JOHN 16:27** - The Father loves us.

**CONCLUSION:** Love is the greatest thing a father can pass on to His children. Love gives, provides, teaches, protects, and makes it possible for others to love as we've been loved. The Father of Lights is a Father's perfect example of fatherhood.