

What We Believe: The Father

John 14:8-10



God the Father is the
distant God.

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The Father (3a): We believe in God the Father, almighty Creator of heaven and earth, eternal in His being, perfect in holiness, sovereign over all creation, all-knowing (omniscient), all-present (omnipresent), and all-powerful (omnipotent)...

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✱ Eternal

Isaiah 40:28a

Do you not know?

Have you not heard?

The Lord is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth. (NIV®)

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- * Eternal

- * Holy

Leviticus 19:2b

‘Be holy because I, the Lord your God, am holy’ (NIV®)

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- * Eternal
- * Holy
- * Sovereign

Proverbs 16:9

In their hearts humans plan their course,
but the Lord establishes their steps. (NIV®)

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- * Eternal
- * Omniscient
- * Holy
- * Sovereign

1 John 3:20

If our hearts condemn us, we know that God is greater than our hearts, and *he knows everything*. (NIV®)

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- * Eternal
- * Holy
- * Sovereign
- * Omniscient
- * Omnipresent

Jeremiah 23:24

Who can hide in secret places
so that I cannot see them?”
declares the Lord.

“Do not I fill heaven and earth?”
declares the Lord. (NIV®)

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- * Holy
- * Sovereign
- * Omniscient
- * Omnipresent
- * Omnipotent

Matthew 19:26

Jesus looked at them and said, “With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.” (NIV®)

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The Father (3b): ...We rejoice that He concerns Himself mercifully in the affairs of men, hearing and answering prayer, and that He saves from sin and death...

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✱ Love

1 John 4:8

Whoever does not love does not know God, because
God is love. (NIV®)

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- * Love
- * Faithful

1 John 5:14-15

This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him. (NIV®)

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- * Love
- * Faithful
- * Merciful

Luke 6:36

Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. (NIV®)

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John 14:9-10 Jesus answered: “Don’t you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? *Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father*. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Don’t you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. *Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work.* (NIV®)

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John 20:17 Jesus said, “Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, ‘I am ascending to *my Father* and *your Father*, to *my God* and *your God*.’” (NIV®)

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Draw near to the Father.

Big Idea: God the Father is the distant
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