

*KNOWING THE FATHER*

# BEYOND ABRAHAM

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“BESIDES THIS, WE HAVE  
HAD EARTHLY FATHERS  
WHO DISCIPLINED US  
AND WE RESPECTED  
THEM. SHALL WE NOT  
MUCH MORE BE SUBJECT  
TO THE FATHER OF SPIRITS  
AND LIVE?”

HEBREWS 12:9

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# C O N T E N T

**I - God the Father beyond Abraham**

**One - As the Father of our Lord Jesus**

**Two - As the Father of many sons**

**Three - As the Father of the weak**

**Four - As the Father of the wayward**





## AUTHOR'S NOTE

### ***The Father is beyond Abraham***

Abraham encountered God as an unbeliever, and turned to a believer through that encounter with God. He became a follower of God (*Hebrews 11:8*) and an heir of God (*Romans 4:10, 12*). He became a possessor of blessings and inheritances from God, and in God.

These inheritances and blessings came through God's Word of promise to Abraham, and he appropriated these promises through faith and patience. Abraham was promised by God to be so blessed by God, so much that he himself will be a blessing to other nations of the earth through his sons and his city. The Holy Spirit revealed to us that ***"he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God"*** Hebrews 11:10. This was the content of Abraham's faith. He captured an eternal and divine city in his soul, the very purpose that God had in mind. Abraham entered into God's mind and purposes, and for this God counted it to him as righteousness (*Genesis 15:6B*), as perfection. Abraham possessed the heart of God, no wonder he was called, as James recounted; ***"Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness"—and he was called a friend of God"*** James 2:23. God spoke to Abraham as a man speaking to His friend, even saying

on one occasion; “***Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do***” Genesis 18:17, and true to God’s word, after revealing to Abraham that He was going to destroy Sodom and Gormorah because of their iniquity, Abraham didn’t just listen but Abraham interceded on the basis of God’s heart for the people, which is righteousness (***Genesis 18:22-33***). Abraham knew God, and knew God’s heart.

Abraham knew that the knowledge of God is living, and can only be reached by the wisdom of following Him, in faith (*Hebrews 11:6*). Abraham showed us that following God is a lifetime thing, and it’s a heritage we pass to our children.

This reveals God, because God the Father is an eternal God, with sovereignty and eternal dominion. There’s no end to Him, and the only way to know Him and be like Him is to follow Him forever, and pass the heritage of following Him to our children in this life, as we continue following Him forever. God is glad to release blessings, and He makes us also glad to release blessings. This is the knowledge of God as love. May we continue to grow in this real and vital knowledge of God in Jesus name.

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## Jehovah God

God is first revealed to us as “*Elohim*” and then, as “*Jehovah*”.

When we read ***Genesis 1-3*** in the Hebrew language as it was written, we would see an interesting introduction of God. First, He is introduced to us as “God” which is translated “Elohim”. The Bible tells us about creation as something that God prepared. “**In the beginning of God’s preparing the heavens and the earth-**” Genesis 1:1 YLT, showing us that before creation, God had an identity, being the self-sufficient eternal being of love and union, since “Elohim” is a plural word, used to describe a personal and single deity. This points us to the Trinity of God. He is beyond creation, and He is much more than just being creator.

God created and ordained the earth, by ordaining all things on the earth, and when it was time to create man, He said “**And God saith, `Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness, and let them rule over fish of the sea, and over fowl of the heavens, and over cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that is creeping on the earth.’ And God prepareth the man in His image; in the image of God He prepared**

**him, a male and a female He prepared them.”** Genesis 1:26-27 YLT, going to show us that “Elohim” is indeed a community of eternal personal beings. He also made man in His image, meaning, they would also be eternal personal beings who are a community, who will live and do things like God, which is about having dominion. God is eternal love in Himself, and He is eternal power in regards to everything else, because His eternal love and eternal life in Himself is above and beyond all creation, and must reign in all creation. This is what we call eternal power.

And God created man in His image, in a community of male and female as one race, to reflect Elohim, who was different persons in one nature and being.

After being introduced to us as “Elohim” beyond creation, and then, the creator, of earth, things on earth and man, then, He is introduced to us as a “Patriarch” or “Father” or “Glorious One” of sort who “blesses”. Elohim is not only the personal creator whose creation speaks of His own person, but He is also a personal father, who shares Himself and personal experiences of Himself with His creation. He blessed them. **“And God *blesseth them*, and God saith to them, `Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue**

**it, and rule over fish of the sea, and over fowl of the heavens, and over every living thing that is creeping upon the earth.”** Genesis 1:28, God used His word in creating but He is now using His word to bless. This means that His word can bring form, from the invisible to the visible, translating His nature, but His word can also be used to empower, impart, upgrading the form of a thing into higher spiritual essence and destiny. God’s word is creative in nature and its “restorative” in power.

**“God blessed them”.** This shows us that Elohim shared something of himself with man. This thing He shared with us is His authority and power, so that we can express His personal nature and personal power on the earth, since His general nature and general power was already on the earth. But there was also corruption in existence, that we were supposed to “subdue”, the corruption we glimpsed in the “formlessness and voidness” of the earth. The corruption we also glimpse from the presence of Satan in a serpent.

All the empowerment to **“Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it, and rule over”** that came as commands, are all content of the dominion mandate, which comes as a blessing from God as a personal father. *To be fruitful* means that we’ve been empowered

by the blessing to bring many cultures out of the nature we've been given. We are to make visible the throne and authority given to us. This is bringing form to the formlessness of God. *To multiply* is to spread this cultures of God's nature everywhere in the earth, which means filling the earth with the knowledge of God. *To fill the earth* is to get God's culture to literally everywhere in the earth, to the ends of the earth, because the whole earth is the Lords, and it must be filled by Him. This is the breadth of our mission. *To subdue* the earth means that we would be overpowering every lesser power and every corrupted thing, such that it will not be in expression or wouldn't be fruitful. Then, to rule, over all the creatures in different dimensions of the sea, the heavens and the earth.

When I read this, I cannot but see the parallel with Jesus' blessing that came with a restored dominion mandate, which said **"wherefore, also, God did highly exalt him, and gave to him a name that [is] above every name, that in the name of Jesus every knee may bow--of heavenlies, and earthlies, and what are under the earth-- and every tongue may confess that Jesus Christ [is] Lord, to the glory of God the Father."**

Philippians 2:9-11 YLT. Here we read “of heavenlies” as though referring to the “fowls of the heavens”, and the “earthlies” as though referring to “every living thing that is creeping upon the earth”, and the “*what are under the earth*” as though referring to “fish of the sea”. Since this is most likely the case, we have every reason to believe that these are different dimensions in which God reigns and has sent us to reign in His stead. We read of “the air” severally in the epistles. **“Also you--being dead in the trespasses and the sins, in which once ye did walk according to the age of this world, according to the ruler of the authority of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience,”** Ephesians 2:1-2, showing us that the air is an authority, it’s a dimension, it’s like the heavenlies, and this authority of the air affects people’s thoughts, imposing worldliness upon minds than godliness. There are thrones and authorities using the authority of the air, that man lost at the fall, to oppress men. We also read that when the Lord comes, He will come to the air. **“then we who are living, who are remaining over, together with them shall be caught away in clouds to meet the Lord in air, and so always with the Lord we shall be;”** 1 Thessalonians 4:17, showing us that there’s a link between “clouds” and the “air”. When our alignment with Jesus is complete in the



air, then, we will always be with the Lord, because the sin that separates us from the Lord begins with Satan usurping the authority of the air, which is the authority of soul, which is the realm of understanding. In Ephesians, we read that in the heavenly dimension, there are different realms and places. **“Blessed [is] the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who did bless us in every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ,”** Ephesians 1:3 YLT, showing us that these heavenly places and realms are different experiences of our inheritances. These are things we are to enjoy with Christ in unique experiences, both on earth and for eternity. The heavenly places is a dimension of heavenly realities that manifests as earthly experiences. Before anything can manifest on earth, it must be established in heaven, and in heavenly places. Our soul functions in heavenly places. This is why the Holy Spirit was given to us, to help us possess our inheritances, willed to us by the Father, because we would have to do warfare with princes and powers in the dimensions, and realms, in the heavenly places. **“because we have not the wrestling with blood and flesh, but with the principalities, with the authorities, with the world-rulers of the darkness of this age, with the spiritual things of the evil *in the heavenly places*;**

**because of this take ye up the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to resist in the day of the evil, and all things having done--to stand."** Ephesians 6:12-13 YLT, so, while the HolySpirit is revealing to us the things freely given to us in God, demonic forces and horde are trying to hoard it, blind us and shield us from it, through alluring of sin, through the flesh and world. It's our dominion and manifesting that Satan and demons are after. The very thing that God prepared us for. In Paul's words "**He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee**" 2 Corinthians 5:5 ESV, this "*Spirit as a guarantee*" is also "*the earnest of the Spirit;*" YLT, the reality and passion of the Spirit, empowers us, as wind, so that we can have a greater force to overcome the prince of the power of the air. This is what Jesus meant when He said "**the Spirit where he willeth doth blow, and his voice thou dost hear, but thou hast not known whence he cometh, and whither he goeth; thus is every one who hath been born of the Spirit.**" John 3:8 YLT, showing us that the will of the Spirit is an empowerment from God for battles in the dimensions and realms, in heavenly places, against the principalities, authorities, spiritual forces of wickedness and all. Our warfare is by hearing the voice of the HolySpirit and responding. This is the experience of someone born of

the Spirit, meaning this person is living in the reality of the blessing. The HolySpirit is the promise of the Father (*Acts 1:4-5 YLT*), and the blessing of Abraham (*Galatians 3:14 YLT*), and the blessing of David (*Isaiah 11:1-16 YLT*).

When we read of the promise of a Spirit-filled leader over God’s redeemed and restored Army, in **Isaiah 11**, we read **“And a rod hath come out from the stock of Jesse, And a branch from his roots is fruitful. *Rested on him hath the Spirit of Jehovah, The spirit of wisdom and understanding, The spirit of counsel and might, The spirit of knowledge and fear of Jehovah.* To refresh him in the fear of Jehovah, And by the sight of his eyes he judgeth not, Nor by the hearing of his ears decideth. And he hath judged in righteousness the poor, And decided in uprightness for the humble of earth, And hath smitten earth with the rod of his mouth, And with the breath of his lips he putteth the wicked to death.”** Isaiah 11:1-4 YLT. A rod speaks of authority and kingdom, and a branch speaks of a king with authority. Then, we read that **“Rested on him hath the Spirit of Jehovah”**, we don’t read “Spirit of Elohim” but “Spirit of Jehovah”, this is first because the HolySpirit is already in Elohim, as a personal

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eternal being of divine covenant, but when we read of “Jehovah God” in Scriptures, this begins from **Genesis 2**, and we see it through to **Genesis 3**, and to the entirety of Scripture.

When we read **Genesis 2**, of the generations and experiences of mankind, after the ordination of mankind in **Genesis 1**. We read **“These [are] births of the heavens and of the earth in their being prepared, in the day of Jehovah God’s making earth and heavens; and no shrub of the field is yet in the earth, and no herb of the field yet sprouteth, for Jehovah God hath not rained upon the earth, and a man there is not to serve the ground, and a mist goeth up from the earth, and hath watered the whole face of the ground. And Jehovah God formeth the man--dust from the ground, and breatheth into his nostrils breath of life, and the man becometh a living creature. And Jehovah God planteth a garden in Eden, at the east, and He setteth there the man whom He hath formed; and Jehovah God causeth to sprout from the ground every tree desirable for appearance, and good for food, and the tree of life in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil.”** Genesis 2:4-9, all we read from Genesis 2, is “Jehovah God”, which means that God is introduced to us now, as the

King of a Kingdom. God is not only known personally in regard to His ordinations in creation and blessing, but in regards to His reign as king in righteousness, truth, and power, because the world was already open to corruption. The Tree of the knowledge of good and evil was already active.

Everywhere there is knowledge, there's possibility of good and possibility of evil, depending on the wisdom by which this knowledge is applied. This becomes the question of the King of Righteousness, showing us proper wisdom, so that we can have the accurate knowledge of the glory of God. This is why Paul prayed for the believers in Ephesus to receive the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of God (*Ephesians 1:16-19*). For us to know the purpose of God, the riches of God for us, and the power of God available for us, we would need the wisdom of God.

Interestingly, this wisdom happens to be a spirit. It's a throne through which the Holy Spirit moves. There are many thrones through which the Holy Spirit moves. We believe there are seven of them, "***and from the seven spirits who are before his throne***" Revelation 1:4, in speaking about Jesus, we read: "***The words of him who has the seven spirits of God and the seven***

**stars”** Revelation 3:1, again, in regard to the presence and reign of God, we read **“From the throne came flashes of lightning, and rumblings and peals of thunder, and before the throne were burning seven torches of fire, which are the seven spirits of God,”** Revelation 4:5, again, in describing the authority and manifestations of the Lamb of God, we read **“And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth.”** Revelation 5:6, so then, it’s clear that the seven spirits of God are the thrones of manifestation that God and Jesus unveil their glory through.

This throne is the throne of Righteousness, because the context in which we speak of God is Jehovah, the true, powerful and righteous one. The God and Man of righteousness, who speaks Words of righteousness. His highest wisdom is righteousness, his highest understanding is righteousness, His highest counsel is righteousness, His highest might is righteousness, His highest knowledge is righteousness, and His highest fear is righteousness. The first is always a representation of the rest, likewise, righteousness is the fullness of wisdom,

understanding, counsel and might, knowledge and the fear of the Lord.

This makes wisdom of righteousness one of the first spirits to possess, so that from there we can gain access to understanding, and understanding can begin to give us perspective and counsel and leading, into all the resources we need, which is might. By this, we would have true knowledge, something that can be replicated, because the operations of things are known to us, and from there, we can begin to develop the fear of the Lord, because the true knowledge of God will help us realize that all the realities we've been encountering are of God Himself, and everything that is not of God Himself will receive severe judgement, and perishing, and if it doesn't, it's because God bears this pain and this judgement Himself. This will make us fear Him, and we would love to fear Him. Like Jesus, of whom it was said **“And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD”** Isaiah 11:3A, our own delight too shall be in the fear of God. The Holy Spirit would have cultivated that throne in our hearts and lives where we honor God so much and are deeply awake to His Holiness and majesty. It's by this fear of God that we are perfected (*2 Corinthians 7:1*), and that we depart

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iniquity (*Proverbs 16:6*). All these are spiritual activities in our souls, which makes our souls and our spirits aligns, which means we are taking the authority of the air, of the earth, and under the earth, in the name of Jesus.

This is the very blessing the Father has given to us, and has bestowed upon us. God wants to bless us as Elohim, and He wants to walk with us as Jehovah God. He wants to walk with us in righteousness, empowering us to reign with Him, in righteousness and eternal life through Jesus Christ (*Romans 5:17*). This is what gives Him joy, that He can keep resting, being Himself in His own creation, through full self-disclosure with His Son and His sons.

Praise Jehovah, **“who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honor and *eternal dominion*. Amen”** 1 Timothy 6:15-16. He reserves praise to Himself as the blessed and only Sovereign, being the only source of eternal life in Himself, yet He shares His glory in righteousness, with many sons who are kings with He who is the chief King, and who are lords with He, who is the chief Lord.



I'm not sure, but kingship seems to me to be a thing of jurisdiction, and Lordship seems to be a thing of position. Dominion has to do with both position and jurisdiction. May we continue to grow in our real knowledge of God in Jesus name, knowing the impact of this in God's world. The deeper we are in God, becoming "fathers" like Him, the more we are able to dispel the dark thrones of this present civilization.

This is why God reveals Himself to us as the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, the Father of many sons of glory, the Father of cleansed but weak sons whom He is empowering, and the Father of wayward sons whom He is cleansing, getting ready to empower them.

We praise Him forevermore.