

## Who Is Your Father?

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I would suppose that it goes without saying that most, if not all, of us know who our earthly father is. But who is your spiritual Father?

If you're reading this article, then you would probably say that God is your spiritual Father. That's the right answer, but how do you know for sure? The Jewish enemies of Jesus claimed that Jehovah was their Father, but Jesus denied it and said that the Devil was their father! What a difference that is! So let's suggest a few proofs that tell us who is really your father:

**If God is your Father, then you trust Him with all your heart.** *"Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding" (Proverbs 3:5). While Jesus was on earth in a position of subservience, He learned to put His trust in the Father (Hebrews 2:13). We must do the same.*

**If God is your Father, then you believe what He says.** Jesus said, *"He who is of God hears God's words..." (Jn. 8:47).* It is not enough to say that God is our Father, we must demonstrate it by that in which we believe.

**If God is your Father, then you delight in His company.** *"Therefore submit to God. ... Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts you double-minded" (James 4:7a, 8). God's house of worship is your delight: "I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go into the house of the LORD'" (Psalm 122:1).*

**If God is your Father, then you strive to be like Him.** *"But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, **that you may be sons of your Father in heaven**; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust" (Matthew 5:44-45).*

There are other proofs of sonship, but these are sufficient to give you something by which to examine yourselves. Who **IS** your father?

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