



## The Father's Wings

The warm embrace of a parent is to be in the place of their intimate presence. It is ultimate intimacy and the deepest form of communion between two family members. The picture portrayed in the very beginning of the Gospels in the Bible is the Son being embraced on the bosom of the Father.

### **John 1:18**

No man hath seen God at any time, the only begotten Son, which is on the bosom of the Father – he did declare [Him].

What a beautiful picture between the Father and the Son. The preceded verses stated that Grace and Truth came via Jesus Christ. In other words, the embrace between the Father and the Son on the Father's bosom is the origin of His Grace toward Man. It is an open invitation to include you in their intimate presence that you may be embraced on the bosom of the Father as well. It is a call to form the perfect family – the desire of all mankind.

### **John 17:6**

I have manifested Your name to the men whom You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours, You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word.

He is Creator to the non-believer; He is Yahweh, Elohim, and Adonai to the Jew. Common man had already known God through all the names mentioned in the Old Testament.

*-So what was that name Jesus came to reveal?*

Jesus came to reveal a non-judgmental God wanting to embrace you as He embraces His only begotten Son. This is why, to you as a believer in Christ, He came to reveal God as **Abba Father** or the common English term – Daddy or Poppa.

This time, as we near the end of the Gospels in the Bible, the beautiful picture between the Father and the Son suddenly takes a drastic overturn. Throughout Jesus's ministry, He revealed God as "My Father" but on the cross, as all of your sin was imparted to His body, Jesus called the Father, "My God" for the first and only time:

"My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?" (Matthew 27:46)

God the Father forsook His only Son and unleashed all curse upon His body to fully pay for your sin. He took your place on the cross, so you would take His place on the bosom of the Father. Now, as the son or daughter that He so loves, you may call Him Abba Father and be under His embrace 24/7/365.

**John 17:11-12**

“...Holy Father, you have given me your name; now protect them by the power of your name so that they will be united just as we are. During my time here, I protected them by the power of the name you gave me. I guarded them so that not one was lost...”

As you get to know God as your Father and awaken to His intimate presence in wanting only to embrace you, I believe you will be surrounded by supernatural protection, that even angels have been commanded to keep you in all your ways.

During the ministry of Jesus, the disciples were unharmed. Of the eleven who trusted in the Lord, not one was lost. No bolstering wave could drown them; no Pharisee could outwit and condemn them, no temptation could overcome them; no disease could touch them; no Roman soldier could lay a hand on them. They were the Untouchables!

However, many years after the resurrection of Jesus, according to historians, many of the apostles came to suffer persecutions and violent deaths. The only one to live continually under the prayer of Jesus was John. John lived a long life and died a peaceful death. John is known as the writer of the Gospel of John, where Jesus’s prayer is recorded. Furthermore, John was also the writer of First Epistle of John, where the Father’s love is clearly portrayed. This comes to show that John lived his life with a sense of being embraced by the Father’s love.

**John 17:26**

And I have declared to them Your name, and will declare it, that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them.

Align yourself with the prayer of Jesus and declare the power of His name, you who has received the Spirit of Sonship by which you cry out to God – Abba Father! When you declare the power of His name to address God, by faith, the love by which He loves Jesus will also be in your heart to embrace you and protect you from all evil.

**Psalms 36:7**

How precious is Your lovingkindness, O God!

Therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of Your wings.

In the Old Testament none had the privilege to call God, Father. David, the best of them in the Old Testament, only went so far as *Elohim*, which is the original word for **God** in the Hebrew in this verse. Notice, David was only a child of man, but not of God. He needed to trust that he remained under the shadow of God’s wing, but it was always an uncertainty.

But you, as a precious righteous child of God in Christ, are under the shadow of the Father’s wings continually, the place of uttermost protection. Know Him as Father, practice His intimate presence, and discover how much He loves Jesus, because He gave Him up for you.

**Declare:** “God, you’re my Abba Father. Thank you for loving me as You love Your Son, Jesus.”

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