

God The Father Who Loved His Son and Us Հայր Աստուած որ Սիրեց Իր Որդի՞ն Եւ Մեզ

Chorus 1

How could it be this baby in my arms
Sleeping now, so peacefully
The Son of God, the angel said
How could it be
Lord I know He's not my own
Not of my flesh, not of my bone
Still Father let this baby be
The son of my love

Chorus 2

Father show me where I fit into this plan of yours
How can a man be father to the Son of God
Lord for all my life I've been a simple carpenter
How can I raise a king, How can I raise a king
He looks so small, His face and hands so fair
And when He cries the sun just seems to disappear
But when He laughs it shines again
How could it be...(Michael Card)

Have you ever wondered about Joseph, the man who was engaged to Mary, the man who was informed by God that his fiancé was pregnant and that she would give birth to Jesus the Messiah?

If Joseph sang this song, we too, as fathers and mothers, remember “singing” similar songs when we raised our children. I was terrified when my kids were born. How could I raise my kids? How much responsibility is given to us as fathers and mothers?

I am contemplating in this season of Advent and thinking about this Jesus that will come to us like a child -- God the Father sending His only Son. Some of Jesus' names are: Son of God, Son of Man, Only Begotten, Holy Child Jesus, Brightness of the Father's Glory (KJV) (The Son is the radiance of God's glory (NIV)).

God the Father, the amazing Father who sent His Only Child, Jesus-Christ-Man-God, to us, to humanity.

Last Sunday we heard from badveli Kevin about the triune God, one God in three persons who are in community of love and unity.

Let me see this from the Father's perspective. Some of us think that the care and love of God the Father starts from the New Testament times. I see that starting from the book of Genesis.

1. Sending Abram to the new land.

“Now the LORD said to Abram, ‘Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing.’” (Gen 12:1,2 ESV)

Although we do not see the word “father” referring to God in this event, but let me ask you. Who gives land to someone? Usually fathers pass their lands to their children. From the beginning, we see how God took care of Abram. God also gave Abram new name, Abraham (father of many) to learn to be father for his family and for his nation.

2. Abraham, the Father of Isaac

After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.”² He said, “Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.” (Gen 22:1,2 ESV)

A tough passage to read, yet a very important passage to understand. God is preparing Abraham to learn to trust HIM fully. **“Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love...”** Please notice the words.

The words that we read are so similar to what we read during the baptism of Jesus. The voice of God the Father says: **“This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”** (Matthew 3:17 ESV)

God the Father spared Isaac, the ONLY son, and God the Father allowed His Only Begotten SON to be sacrificed. Amazing obedience and trust from Jesus and amazing love from God the Father towards us, humanity.

3. Israel is my Son, the First Born

Moses was in the desert. God appeared to him and prepared him to be the leader of his people. Moses argued with God that he was not able, he could not speak well: **“Oh, my Lord, I am not eloquent...I am slow of speech and of tongue.”** (Exodus 4: 10 ESV) **“Oh, my Lord, please send someone else.”**(Exodus 4:13 ESV). God knew how fragile was Moses. God does not give up from Moses and helps him to have confidence on His God. Listen to what God says to Moses concerning his love and care toward his people:

Then you shall say to Pharaoh, ‘Thus says the LORD, Israel is my firstborn son, and I say to you, “Let my son go that he may serve me.” (Exodus 4:22,23 ESV)

Do you see how God the Father cares for His children?

4. David and Nathan’s Prophecy

I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son. When he commits iniquity, I will discipline him with the rod of men, with the stripes of the sons of men, but my steadfast love will not depart from him...Your throne shall be established forever.” (2 Samuel 7:14-16 ESV)

Here we find God making a covenant with David and with the people of Israel to be their Father, and they would be called His children (sons). This is the Messianic promise. God’s throne was be established forever by Jesus Christ, Son of God, King of Kings, Lord of Lords.

5. The Promise of God fulfilled in the Christmas Event

The same of God of OT continues to reveal His love and care towards humanity. How? **Incarnation.**

What child is this? What child is coming to us?

He is God; He is King; He is the Messiah, He is the Savior.

Why? Do we need a savior?

We all sinned and fell short. We did not recognize God's love towards us. We rejected God the Father. The relationship was destroyed. We live in the cursed world, where sin dominates, where humans are selfish.

The world needs a Savior.

God the Father sends His Son for fixing this crazy world. And we need him so much.

How did He fix?

He died on the cross so that we will be not under the curse of sin. He paid the price, so he can save us from the slavery of sin and death.

So let us see God the Father from this perspective this morning. He loves us so much that He is ready to send His Only begotten Son to die for you and me.

C.S. Lewis says: **“The Son of God became a man to enable men to become sons of God.”**

How do we become Sons of God?

Adoption.

We, who believe in Him, are now the adopted children of God.

For all who are led by the Spirit of **God are sons of God.** ¹⁵ For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the **Spirit of adoption as sons**, by whom we cry, **“Abba! Father!”** ¹⁶ The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are **children of God,** ¹⁷ and **if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ**, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him. (Romans 8:14-17 ESV)

How wonderful news is this! I am, you are, and all who believes in Christ as personal Savior and Lord **are adopted by God.**

“I am the beloved child of God.”

Such comforting words that elevate us to be called His children.

Video teacher, father JC Wright

For **IN Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith.** ²⁷ For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have **put on Christ.** ²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all **one in Christ Jesus.** ²⁹ And if you are Christ's, then you are **Abraham's offspring, heirs** according to promise. (Galatians 3:26-29 ESV)

In this Advent season, contemplate on those words from the Word of God. Come Lord Jesus, Come God the Father and Come Holy Spirit. Come and dwell in me. Come and cleanse me from my sin and give me new life daily. Jesus COME to us, Emmanuel.

Amen

A Hymn of Adoption

Galatians 4:4-7; Ephesians 1:3-14, Romans 8:14-17; 23-26, Hebrews 2:11

1. The time of fullness marked the day,
When God sent forth His Son.
Of woman born, and under law,
Redemption's time had come,
Reversing that old curse for us, Adopting us in love,
The blessing of the Trinity, Free Grace, from heav'n above.

2. Joint-heirs with Christ, and Spirit-led
We praise the Trinity
For "Abba, Father!" now we cry
We're in God's family
And Jesus calls us "brothers" now
Our fears are put away.
The Spirit of Adoption's help
Will guide us in the way.

3. Predestined blessings, we enjoy,
According to His will,

Adopted sons, because His work,
His promises fulfill
We stand before Him now in love,
As holy, without blame,
Accepted in God's own Beloved
Forever in His Name.

4. We've heard the Gospel Word of Truth,
Believing by His Grace:
In His own precious promises,
For our accursed race.
The Promised Spirit seals us now
For greater blessings still
God gives us an inheritance
The Living Father's will.

5. The mystery of His good will:
To gather all in Christ,
For in the fullness of the times
He paid redemption's price
As blood-bought sons, we now enjoy
Forgiveness of our sins,
Adoption, and inheritance,
Which Christ's great work begins.

6. Adopted sons, we groan within.
God's Spirit will abide.
Our bodies will soon be redeemed
They will be glorified
We wait with hope and patience still;
The Spirit helps us pray,
By helping in our weaknesses,
And guiding us today.

7. The Father calls us children now
Behold! Amazing Love
Beloved children now we are

But looking up above
What we shall be has not appeared
We know that we are His
But we will be like Christ because
We'll see Him as He is

– Gordon A. Dickson, Dec. 20, 2012

Tunes: I Sing the Mighty Power of God

The Son of God Goes Forth to War

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

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