

## **Gloriously God – The Father – Who is the Father?**

Revelation assumes God, since it is the revelation of God and by God. Without God, there would be no revelation, no one to do the revealing. Millard Erickson

We know from the Scripture that there is only one God. This God is three persons. Each of the three persons is fully God – not a part of God, not merely a creature, not merely a subordinate, finite godlike being. Vern Polythress

### **The Father**

- 26 Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? 27 Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life? 28 "And why do you worry about clothes? See how the lilies of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. 29 Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. 30 If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? Matthew 6:26-30
- <sup>6</sup> yet for us there is but one God, the Father, from whom all things came and for whom we live; and there is but one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom all things came and through whom we live. 1 Corinthians 8:6
- Paul, an apostle—sent not from men nor by a man, but by Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised him from the dead— <sup>2</sup> and all the brothers and sisters with me, To the churches in Galatia: <sup>3</sup> Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>4</sup> who gave himself for our sins to rescue us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, <sup>5</sup> to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen. Galatians 1
- <sup>2</sup> Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Ephesians 1
- <sup>2</sup> who have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and sprinkling by his blood: Grace and peace be yours in abundance. 1 Peter 1:2

### **He is the Lord**

The term Lord is found 7,776 times in 6,603 out of 31,086 verses of the Bible. John Frame

A number of passages in Scripture focus on the nature of God's lordship, and in these passages are three recurring themes: control, authority and presence. John Frame

Control means that God has the power to direct the whole course of nature and history as He pleases. Authority means that He has the right to do that. Control and authority are not synonyms but they imply each other. Since God created and governs all things, He is the original interpreter of creation, the One who understands the world in all its depths – not only its material nature, but also its ultimate meaning and purpose. God, therefore, has the ultimate viewpoint on the world, the broadest, deepest understanding of it. His word, therefore, about Himself or about the world, is more credible than any other word, any other means of knowing. It obligates, belief, trust and obedience. John Frame

<sup>24</sup> "The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands. <sup>25</sup> And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything. Rather, he

himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else.<sup>26</sup> From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. Acts 17

<sup>21</sup> Many are the plans in a person's heart, exercise but it is the LORD's purpose that prevails. Proverbs 19:21

God is able to completely and perfectly exercise His control and authority because He is all present.

<sup>7</sup> Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?

<sup>8</sup> If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.

<sup>9</sup> If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea,

<sup>10</sup> even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast. Psalm 139

<sup>3</sup> The eyes of the LORD are everywhere, keeping watch on the wicked and the good. Proverbs 15

God is able to completely and perfectly exercise His control and authority because He is all knowing.

<sup>1</sup> You have searched me, LORD, and you know me.

<sup>2</sup> You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar.

<sup>3</sup> You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways.

<sup>4</sup> Before a word is on my tongue you, LORD, know it completely.

<sup>5</sup> You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me.

<sup>6</sup> Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain. Psalm 139

### **The Attributes and Works of The Father**

Many of the attributes and works of the Father are attributed to both the Son and the Spirit. All three persons of the Trinity are involved in creation, providence, redemption and consummation.

### **The Love of the Father**

14 May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. 2 Corinthians 13:14

<sup>3</sup> Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.<sup>4</sup> For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love <sup>5</sup> he <sup>[u]</sup> predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will...Ephesians 1