

God the Father

Father in the Old Testament:

Some have said that Jesus introduced the idea of God being the Father, but in reality the Old Testament makes many references to God as the Father. Here are references that equate God and Father.

Deuteronomy 32:6 & 18 – reminding Israel that they had “forgotten the God who fathered” them.

2 Samuel 7:13-14 – God makes a promise to David and says He will be David’s Father.

Psalms 89:26 – prophetic saying – David will call God Father – but also a likely reference to the future Messiah.

Psalms 103:13 – God is given the attribute of a father.

Isaiah 63:16 and 64:8 refer to God as the Father.

Malachi 1:6 – refers to God as the Father.

Father in the New Testament:

There is certainly an overabundance of references to God as the Father of those who know Christ in the New Testament. Sometimes the scriptures show the relationship between God and Christ and at others it is between God and believers.

Sermon on the Mount – Matthew 5 to 7 – many references to the Father, including who is to receive our prayers.

Book of John – almost every chapter refers to God as the Father.

Romans 8:15-16 & 1 John 3:1 we are adopted by God the Father.

Jude 1- God has the title of Father.

Children of God:

John 1:12, Ephesians 5:1, and Philippians 2:15 refer to those who are believers as ‘children of God’.

We should understand that our relationship to God is one of family. When we come to Christ, we are ‘born again’ into a new family. What an amazing and comforting thought.