



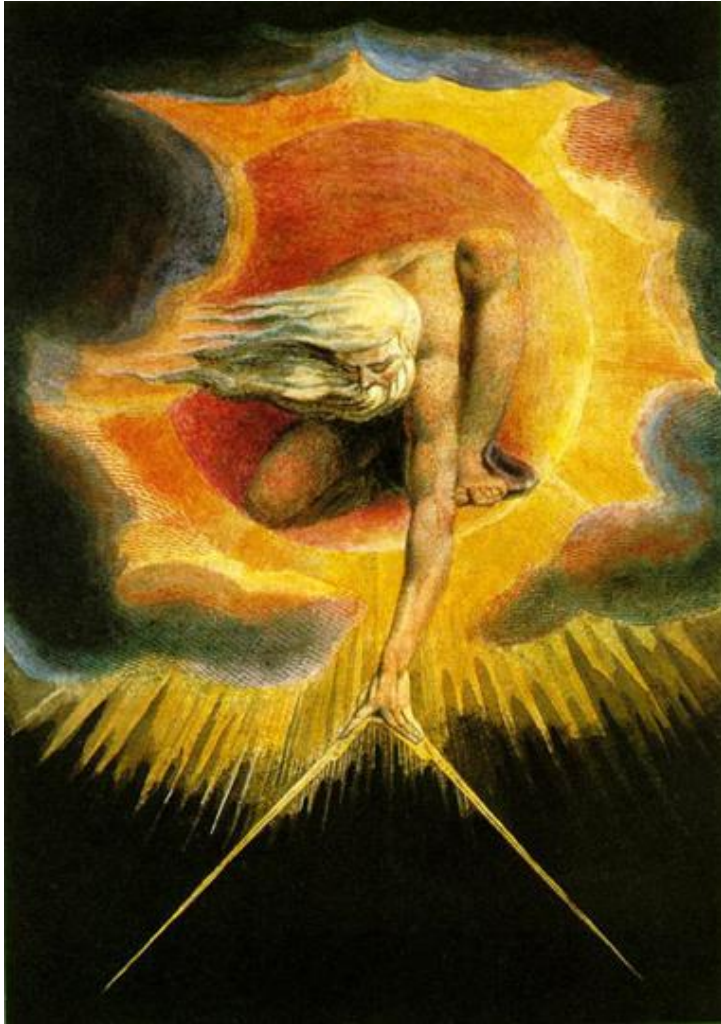
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The LORD God



This is the history of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the **LORD God** made the earth and the heavens, ⁵ before any plant of the field was in the earth and before any herb of the field had grown.

Genesis 2:4-5

The Closing of Eden



“Therefore the **LORD God** sent him out of the garden of Eden to till the ground from which he was taken. ²⁴ So He drove out the man; and He placed cherubim at the east of the garden of Eden, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to guard the way to the tree of life.

Genesis 3:23-24

Abraham: 1st to Call God “Lord”



Abraham said: **“Lord GOD,** what will You give me, seeing I go childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?”

Genesis 15:2

Abraham Feared God



"And he said, "Do not stretch out your hand against the lad, and do nothing to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me..."

Genesis 22:12

Moses Feared God

"Do not draw near this place. Take your sandals off your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground." ⁶ Moreover He said, "I am the God of your father--the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob."



And **Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look upon God.**

Exodus 3:5-6

Israel Feared God



For you have not come to the mountain that may be touched and that burned with fire, and to blackness and darkness and tempest, ¹⁹ and the sound of a trumpet and the voice of words, so that those who heard it begged that the word should not be spoken to them anymore.

²¹ ...so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I am exceedingly afraid and trembling.")

Hebrews 12:18-22

Jesus' First Mention of "Father"



“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.”

Matthew 5:16

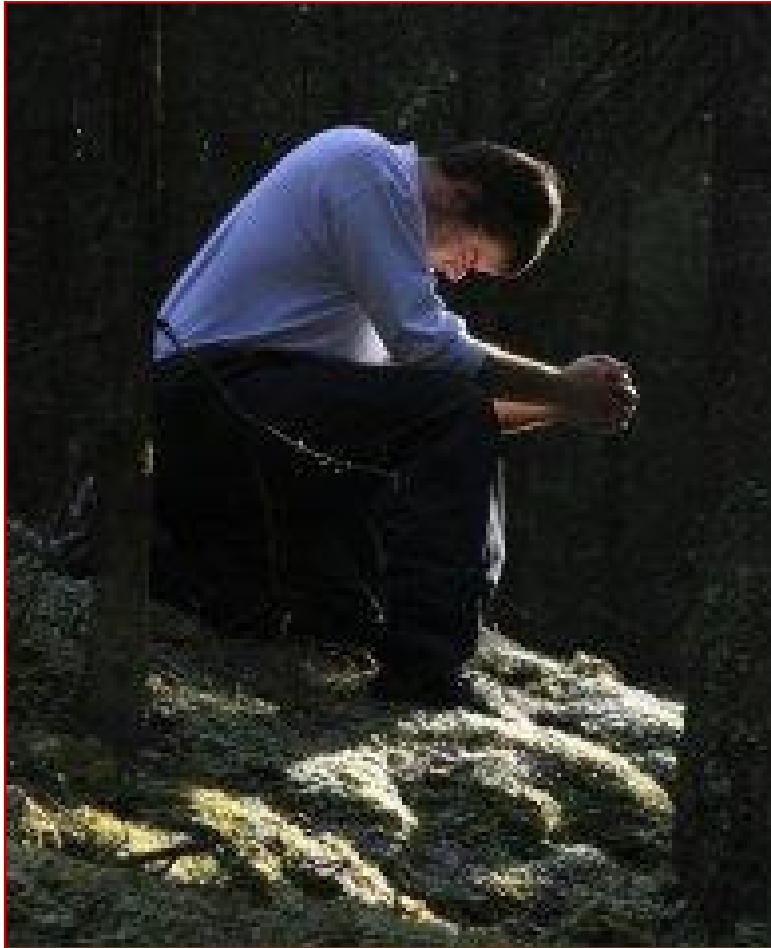
2nd Mention of “Father”



**Therefore you shall be perfect,
just as your Father in heaven is perfect.**

Matthew 5:48

Our Father Sees in Secret



But when you do a charitable deed, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, ⁴ that your charitable deed may be in secret; and **your Father who sees in secret** will Himself reward you openly.

Matthew 6:4

Our Father, Who Art in Heaven

...your Father
Knows the things
you have need of
before you ask
Him. ⁹ In this
manner, therefore,
pray:



Our Father Who art in heaven,
Hallowed be Your name.

Matthew 6:8-9

The Father Judges No One

For the Father LOVES the Son, and SHOWS HIM ALL THINGS that He Himself does; and He will show Him greater works than these, that you may marvel.

²¹ For as the Father RAISES THE DEAD and GIVES LIFE to them, even so the Son gives life to whom He will.

²² For the Father JUDGES NO ONE, but has COMMITTED ALL JUDGMENT TO THE SON

Abba, Father... Take This Cup



And He said,
"Abba, Father, all things are possible for You. Take this cup away from Me; nevertheless, not what I will, but what You will."

Mark 14:36-37

Abba, Father – Joint Heirs with Christ

For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, **"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 joint heirs with Christ...

Rom 8:15-17

The Spirit Cries “Abba, Father!”

And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!"

⁷ Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

Galatians 4:6-7

The LORD Abounds in Love

The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities.

For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him; for he knows how we are formed, he remembers that we are dust.

Psalm 103:8-14

Come, Let Us Reason Together



"Come now, let us reason together," says the LORD. **Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow;** though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool."

Isaiah 1:18

Who Is a God Like Our God?

Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives the transgression of the remnant of his inheritance? You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy. **You will again have compassion on us; you will tread our sins under foot and hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea.**



Micah 7:18-19

I Am Wonderfully Made

For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother's womb. ¹⁴ I will praise You, **for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; marvelous are Your works**, and that my soul knows very well.



Psalm 139:13-14

So Do Not Fear

I said, "You are my servant"; I have chosen you and have not rejected you. **So do not fear, for I am with you;** do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

Isaiah 49:1-10

God Has Plans to Prosper You

For I know the plans I have for you,"
declares the LORD, "**plans to prosper you**
and not to harm you, plans to give you
hope and a future.

Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. **I will be found by you,"**
declares the LORD.

Jeremiah 29:11-14