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## HONORING OUR FATHER

**T**oday we are celebrating Father's Day and many families send greeting cards to their fathers and tell their fathers how much they appreciate them. When it comes to our heavenly Father in heaven, there is very little honor given to him. Many consider it a bother to even spend a portion of one day in church honoring our heavenly Father. Others despise their father along with their heavenly Father.

David was a father in Israel whose son Absalom desired the throne of Israel, even causing a civil war with his father.

### **2 Samuel 15:1-37**

1 And it came to pass after this, that Absalom prepared him chariots and horses, and fifty men to run before him.

2 And Absalom rose up early, and stood beside the way of the gate: and it was so, that when any man that had a controversy came to the king for judgment, then Absalom called unto him, and said, Of what city art thou? And he said, Thy servant is of one of the tribes of Israel.

3 And Absalom said unto him, See, thy matters are good and right; but there is no man deputed of the king to hear thee.

4 Absalom said moreover, Oh that I were made judge in the land, that every man which hath any suit or cause might come unto me, and I would do him justice!

5 And it was so, that when any man came nigh to him to do him obeisance, he put forth his hand, and took him, and kissed him.

6 And on this manner did Absalom to all Israel that came to the king for judgment: so Absalom stole the hearts of the men of Israel.

7 And it came to pass after forty years, that Absalom said unto the king, I pray thee, let me go and pay my vow, which I have vowed unto the LORD, in Hebron.

8 For thy servant vowed a vow while I abode at Geshur in Syria, saying, If the LORD shall bring me again indeed to Jerusalem, then I will serve the LORD.

9 And the king said unto him, Go in peace. So he arose, and went to Hebron.

10 But Absalom sent spies throughout all the tribes of Israel, saying, As soon as ye hear the sound of the trumpet, then ye shall say, Absalom reigneth in Hebron.

11 And with Absalom went two hundred men out of Jerusalem, that were called; and they went in their simplicity, and they knew not any thing.

12 And Absalom sent for Ahithophel the Gilonite, David's counsellor, from his city, even from Giloh, while he offered sacrifices. And the conspiracy was strong; for the people increased continually with Absalom.

13 And there came a messenger to David, saying, The hearts of the men of Israel are after Absalom.

14 And David said unto all his servants that were with him at Jerusalem, Arise, and let us flee; for we shall not else escape from Absalom: make speed to depart, lest he overtake us suddenly, and bring evil upon us, and smite the city with the edge of the sword.

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15 And the king's servants said unto the king, Behold, thy servants are ready to do whatsoever my lord the king shall appoint.

16 And the king went forth, and all his household after him. And the king left ten women, which were concubines, to keep the house.

17 And the king went forth, and all the people after him, and tarried in a place that was far off.

18 And all his servants passed on beside him; and all the Cherethites, and all the Pelethites, and all the Gittites, six hundred men which came after him from Gath, passed on before the king.

19 Then said the king to Ittai the Gittite, Wherefore goest thou also with us? return to thy place, and abide with the king: for thou art a stranger, and also an exile.

20 Whereas thou camest but yesterday, should I this day make thee go up and down with us? seeing I go whither I may, return thou, and take back thy brethren: mercy and truth be with thee.

21 And Ittai answered the king, and said, As the LORD liveth, and as my lord the king liveth, surely in what place my lord the king shall be, whether in death or life, even there also will thy servant be.

22 And David said to Ittai, Go and pass over. And Ittai the Gittite passed over, and all his men, and all the little ones that were with him.

23 And all the country wept with a loud voice, and all the people passed over: the king also himself passed over the brook Kidron, and all the people passed over, toward the way of the wilderness.

24 And lo Zadok also, and all the Levites were with him, bearing the ark of the covenant of God: and they set down the ark of God; and Abiathar went up, until all the people had

done passing out of the city.

25 And the king said unto Zadok, Carry back the ark of God into the city: if I shall find favour in the eyes of the LORD, he will bring me again, and shew me both it, and his habitation:

26 But if he thus say, I have no delight in thee; behold, here am I, let him do to me as seemeth good unto him.

27 The king said also unto Zadok the priest, Art not thou a seer? return into the city in peace, and your two sons with you, Ahimaaz thy son, and Jonathan the son of Abiathar.

28 See, I will tarry in the plain of the wilderness, until there come word from you to certify me.

29 Zadok therefore and Abiathar carried the ark of God again to Jerusalem: and they tarried there.

30 And David went up by the ascent of mount Olivet, and wept as he went up, and had his head covered, and he went barefoot: and all the people that was with him covered every man his head, and they went up, weeping as they went up.

31 And one told David, saying, Ahithophel is among the conspirators with Absalom. And David said, O LORD, I pray thee, turn the counsel of Ahithophel into foolishness.

32 And it came to pass, that when David was come to the top of the mount, where he worshipped God, behold, Hushai the Archite came to meet him with his coat rent, and earth upon his head:

33 Unto whom David said, If thou passest on with me, then thou shalt be a burden unto me:

34 But if thou return to the city, and say unto Absalom, I will be thy servant, O king; as I have been thy father's servant hitherto, so will I now also be thy servant: then mayest thou for me defeat the counsel of Ahithophel.

35 And hast thou not there with thee Zadok

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and Abiathar the priests? therefore it shall be, that what thing soever thou shalt hear out of the king's house, thou shalt tell it to Zadok and Abiathar the priests.

36 Behold, they have there with them their two sons, Ahimaaz Zadok's son, and Jonathan Abiathar's son; and by them ye shall send unto me every thing that ye can hear.

37 So Hushai David's friend came into the city, and Absalom came into Jerusalem.

Absalom desired to usurp his father's throne and become king. David in his wisdom did not want war to come upon the capitol of Israel, so he left the city and went to the wilderness. While David honored the anointing of the Lord, even when Saul was hunting him, David would not challenge the Lord's anointed. Absalom, on the other hand, had total disregard for the anointing of the Lord except where he attempted to deceive his father.

David knew that the conspiracy was strong against him, but he still loved his son, even while his son was plotting his overthrow.

Jesus loves all of his children, even when they have little or no regard for him. Jesus even loves those who are working against him and are servants of the devil. God's holy word tells us:

### **John 3:16**

16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Jesus loves us so much that he was nailed on the cross of Calvary so that we might live. Can you imagine a love so great, where someone is willing to be tortured, beaten, and have nails driven through their hands and feet, while without any anesthesia? Imagine the

agony that the Lord suffered for us on the cross, so that we might spend eternity with him in heavenly bliss. This love deserves our love and devotion. Jesus went to the cross taking our place in judgment. He paid the price so that we might live.

There are many in the world who despise the Lord Jesus Christ, his followers, and the righteousness of his saints. Jesus still loves them. He will forgive them if they just ask. He paid the price on the cross so that the sinner could be saved from his own wicked ways. Jesus seeks those who are lost to come to him and repent of their sins.

### **Luke 19:10**

10 For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

Our heavenly Father has done so much for us that we owe him our allegiance. Won't you come to Jesus Christ today? He is seeking for you and wants you to be forgiven of your sins.

If you were alive in Jesus' day, you would also have been one of the crowd shouting to crucify him. If you dare to say that you wouldn't, you are deceiving yourself. Jesus is seeking to save you from all of the wicked deceptions that are in the world.

### **2 Corinthians 6:2**

2 (For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.)

How is the time to honor Jesus Christ by seeking his divine forgiveness and grace. Today is your day to be saved. Today is your time to have your name written down in the Lamb's book of life. Come to Jesus while there still is time.

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