"The Father of Lights"

"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change." (James 1:17)

Jesus - The Revelation of God

Hebrews 1:1-3 – (1) "Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, (2) but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. (3) He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,"

<u>John 1:9, 14</u> - (9) "The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. (14) And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth."

2 Samuel 7:14 - "I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son..."

<u>John 14:8-9</u> – (8) "Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.' (9) Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'?"

<u>John 20:17</u> – "Jesus said to her, 'Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."

Revelation from Our Father

<u>Matthew 16:16-17</u> – "Simon Peter replied, 'You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.' (17) And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! <u>For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven.""</u>

<u>John 14:26</u> – "But the Helper, <u>the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things</u> and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you."

John 16:13 – "When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come."

<u>James 1:5</u> – "If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him.".

The Enlightenment

<u>Hebrews 10:32</u> – "But recall the former days when, <u>after you were enlightened</u>, you endured a hard struggle with sufferings,"

<u>1 Thessalonians 5:5</u> – "For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness."

Ephesians 5:15-17 – (15) "Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, (16) making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. (17) Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is."

Following our Father

<u>Proverbs 4:3-8</u> – (3) "When I was a son with my father, tender, the only one in the sight of my mother, (4) he taught me and said to me, 'Let your heart hold fast my words; keep my commandments, and live. (5) Get wisdom; get insight; do not forget, and do not turn away from the words of my mouth. (6) Do not forsake her, and she will keep you; love her, and she will guard you. (7) The beginning of wisdom is this: Get wisdom, and whatever you get, get insight. (8) Prize her highly, and she will exalt you; she will honor you if you embrace her."

Children's Choice

<u>Proverbs 4:1-2</u> – (1) "Hear, O sons, a father's instruction, and be attentive, that you may gain insight, (2) for I give you good precepts; do not forsake my teaching."

<u>Proverbs 13:1</u> – "A wise son hears his father's instruction, but a scoffer does not listen to rebuke."

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