

REASON TO HOPE

the what & why of our faith

Why we say God is “Our Father”
and Why it Matters

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“But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear..”

-1 Peter 3:15



“We believe in God, the Father, an infinite personal spirit, perfect in holiness, wisdom, power and love. We believe that He concerns Himself mercifully in the affairs of men, that He hears and answers prayer, that He saves from sin and spiritual death all who come to Him through Jesus Christ .”

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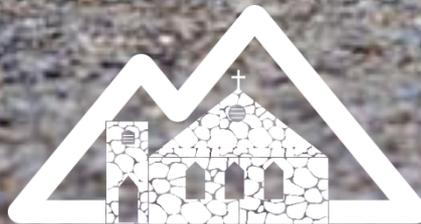
Statement of Faith

Section 3- “The Father”



“In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name...”

-Matthew 6:9



"...if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land."

-2 Chronicles 7:14



Outline

I. The Father is Infinite



“Then Moses said to God, ‘Indeed, when I come to the children of Israel and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they say to me, ‘What is His name?’ what shall I say to them?’¹⁴ And God said to Moses, ‘I AM WHO I AM.’ And He said, ‘Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, ‘I AM has sent me to you.’””

-Exodus 3:13-14



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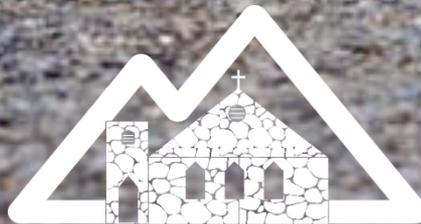
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A. Omnipotence- He is All-Powerful



“I know that You can do everything, And that no purpose of Yours can be withheld from You.”

-Job 42:2



"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. ² The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. ³ Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light."

-Genesis 1:1-3



“By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, And all the host of them by the breath of His mouth.”

-Psalm 33:6

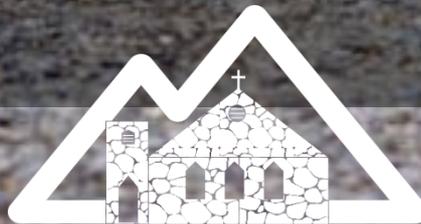


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A. Omnipotence- He is All-Powerful

B. Omniscience- He knows all things



"O LORD, You have searched me and known me.² You know my sitting down and my rising up; You understand my thought afar off. ³ You comprehend my path and my lying down, And are acquainted with all my ways."

-Psalm 139:1-3



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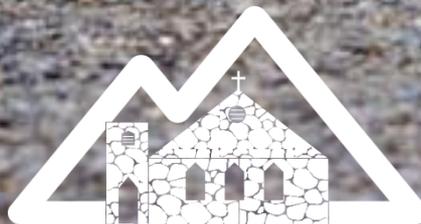
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- B. Omniscience- He knows all things
- C. Omnipresence- He transcends space and time



“Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence? ⁸ If I ascend into heaven, You are there; If I make my bed in hell, behold, You are there. ⁹ If I take the wings of the morning, And dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, ¹⁰ Even there Your hand shall lead me, And Your right hand shall hold me. ¹¹ If I say, ‘Surely the darkness shall fall on me,’ Even the night shall be light about me; ¹² Indeed, the darkness shall not hide from You, But the night shines as the day; The darkness and the light are both alike to You.”

-Psalm 139:7-12



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II. The Father is Personal



“...because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them. ²⁰ For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, ²¹ because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened.”

-Romans 1:19-21



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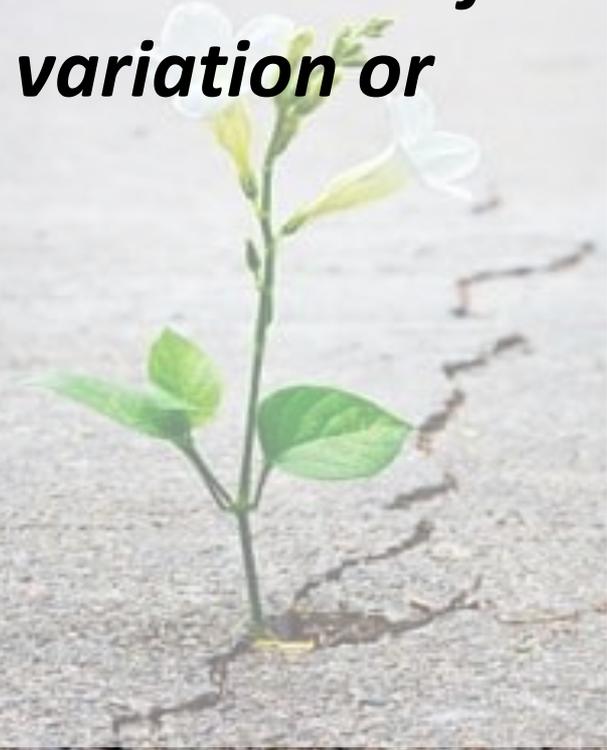
***“Then God saw everything that He had made,
and indeed it was very good. So the evening
and the morning were the sixth day.”***

-Genesis 1:31



“Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.”

-James 1:17



“You are good, and do good; Teach me Your statutes.”

-Psalm 119:68



“Paul, a bondservant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God’s elect and the acknowledgment of the truth which accords with godliness, in hope of eternal life which God, who cannot lie, promised before time began, but has in due time manifested His word through preaching, which was committed to me according to the commandment of God our Savior...”

-Titus 1:1-3



***“If we are faithless, He remains faithful;
He cannot deny Himself.”***

-2 Timothy 2:13



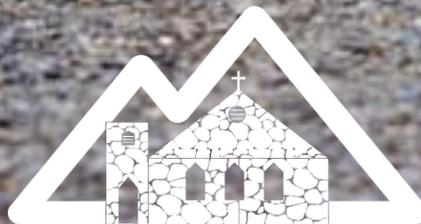
Application

1. He is a Father whom we are to Revere.



“Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear. For our God is a consuming fire.”

-Hebrews 12:28-29



Application

1. He is a Father whom we are to Revere.
2. He is a Father whom we are to Represent.



***"Therefore be imitators of God as
dear children."***

-Ephesians 5:1



“But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name...”

-John 1:12

