THE QUESTION

# What did the early Christians believe about God the Father?

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## The short answer *From the text: says what the passages say*

The early writers taught that there is one God, the Father Almighty, the Creator of all things, who has no beginning and never changes. He is eternally the Father of His Son, the Word, and is the source of the Son and the Spirit, yet He is not the same person as the Son.

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## There is one God and Father

***Our note · compiled by machine learning · From the text: says what the passages say***

Ignatius says there is one God and Father, with no other beside Him. Irenaeus, writing against teachers who invented many divine beings, says the Father alone is the one God who made and shapes all things.

**1** “There is then one God and Father, and not two or three; one who is; and there is no other besides Him, the only true God.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Ignatius of Antioch,** *Epistles of Ignatius* (c. 98–117 AD) **Source 1, page 7** Read it in the library ›
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**2** “then He is revealed to be the one and only God who created all things, who alone is Omnipotent, and who is the sole Father shaping and forming all things, visible and invisible”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Irenaeus,** *Against Heresies: Book II* (c. 175–202 AD) **Source 6, page 7** Read it in the library ›
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## He is Creator and has no beginning

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Novatian describes the Father as the Founder of all things, without beginning, unseen and eternal, beyond any comparison. Arnobius likewise says the Father of all alone is immortal and unbegotten, with nothing before Him.

**3** “Thus God the Father, the Founder and Creator of all things, who alone knows no beginning, invisible, infinite, immortal, eternal, is one God.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Novatian,** *Treatise Concerning the Trinity* 31 (c. 240–258 AD) **Source 29, page 8** Read it in the library ›
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**4** “For if we all agree that there is one Father of all, who alone is immortal and unbegotten, and if absolutely nothing is found before Him that could be named, then it follows that all these beings whom the imagination of men believes to be gods have either been begotten by Him or brought forth at His command.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Arnobius,** *Against the Heathen* 2 (c. 290–330 AD) **Source 35, page 9** **Read it in the library ›**
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## The Father is unbegotten and unchanging

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Alexander of Alexandria states the faith of the church: the Father owes His being to no one and never changes. Gregory Thaumaturgus adds that the Father stays unbegotten, while the Son is truly begotten of Him.

**5** “We believe in one unbegotten Father, who has from no one the cause of His being. He is unchangeable and immutable. He is always the same and admits no increase or decrease.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Source 36, page 9** **Read it in the library ›**
**Alexander of Alexandria,** *Epistles on the Arian Heresy* 1 (c. 313–328 AD)
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**6** “The Father remains unbegotten. The Son is begotten of the Father in a true generation, and not formed by an act of will.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Gregory Thaumaturgus,** *A Sectional Confession of Faith* 1 (c. 240–270 AD) **Source 25, page 8** **Read it in the library ›**
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## He has always been Father of the Son

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Gregory Thaumaturgus calls God the perfect Begetter of a perfect Son, His living Word. Novatian reasons that the Son has always been in the Father, because otherwise the Father would not always have been Father.

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7 “There is one God, the Father of the living Word, who is His personal Wisdom and Power and Eternal Image: the perfect Begetter of the perfect Begotten, the Father of the only-begotten Son.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Gregory Thaumaturgus,** *Declaration of Faith* 1 (c. 240–270 AD) **Source 27, page 8** **Read it in the library ›**
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8 “And He is always in the Father, unless the Father has not always been Father.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Novatian,** *Treatise Concerning the Trinity* 31 (c. 240–258 AD) **Source 29, page 8** **Read it in the library ›**
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## The Father is the source within one Godhead

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Gregory Thaumaturgus explains that Father, Son and Spirit share one divinity because the Father is the cause who eternally begets the Son. The Son is also God, as the true image of the Father's one divinity.

9 “And we also speak of one Divinity, one Lordship, and one Sanctity in the Trinity, because the Father is the Cause of the Lord, having begotten Him eternally, and the Lord is the Prototype of the Spirit.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Gregory Thaumaturgus,** *A Sectional Confession of Faith* 1 (c. 240–270 AD) **Source 28, page 8** **Read it in the library ›**
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10 “There is one God, the Father, and there is only one divinity. But the Son also is God, as the true image of the one and only divinity, according to His generation and the nature He has from the Father.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Gregory Thaumaturgus,** *A Sectional Confession of Faith* 1 (c. 240–270 AD) **Source 25, page 8** **Read it in the library ›**
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## The Father is not the Son

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Hippolytus points out that Jesus said He and the Father "are" one, which speaks of two persons, not one. Gregory Thaumaturgus rejects the teaching of Sabellius that the Father and the Son are the same person.

**11** "For the word "are" is not used of one person. It refers to two persons and one power."

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Hippolytus,** *Against the Heresy of Noetus* 1 (c. 200–236 AD) **Source 19, page 8** **Read it in the library ›**
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**12** "Therefore we clear ourselves of Sabellius, who says that the Father and the Son are the same."

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Gregory Thaumaturgus,** *A Sectional Confession of Faith* 1 (c. 240–270 AD) **Source 26, page 8** **Read it in the library ›**
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## He is over all and sends the Son

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Irenaeus describes the Father as above all, the Word as working through all, and the Spirit as dwelling in us. The Apostolic Constitutions explain baptism the same way, naming the Father as the Author and Sender and the God over all.

**13** "Thus, one God the Father is acknowledged, who is above all, through all, and in all."

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Irenaeus,** *Against Heresies: Book V* (c. 175–202 AD) **Source 7, page 7** **Read it in the library ›**
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**14** "The Father is the God over all. Christ is the only begotten God, the beloved Son, the Lord of glory."

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Apostolic Constitutions** (c. 250–380 AD) **Source 32, page 9** **Read it in the library ›**
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## The church prays to Him as Father

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The early liturgies address God directly as Father. One prayer praises Him as the only One from whom every family is named. The creed said in worship begins with faith in one God, the Father Almighty.

**15** “Holy are You, O God our Father, truly the only One, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Early Liturgies,** *Liturgy of Adaeus and Maris* 1 (c. 200–400 AD) **Source 17, page 8** **Read it in the library ›**
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**16** “I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, and the rest of the Creed.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Early Liturgies,** *Divine Liturgy of St. James* 1 (c. 200–400 AD) **Source 16, page 8** **Read it in the library ›**
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THE LIMITS

## What these passages don’t tell us

- These passages say the Father begets the Son but say His generation cannot be explained or searched out.
- Most of them describe the Father alongside the Son and Spirit, so they say little here about the Father's care for believers day to day.
- A word-for-word match shows that a quotation really is in our text. It does not show that our reading of it is right, or who wrote each work.

WHERE EVERY QUOTE CAME FROM

## The Sources

The 37 early Christian passages and 232 Bible verses we kept for this question (repeats and weak or off-topic search hits were left out): early Christian passages first (sources 1–37, grouped by writer, earliest first), then Bible verses in The Faith Once Delivered Bible (sources 38–119, in Bible order), then 150 more verses THF links to these passages, by reference. **Quote 1, page 2** beside a source shows where the study quotes it. Passages are in THF’s updated English unless marked “1885 English” (the Roberts–Donaldson translation, public

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## EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITERS *37 passages from 17 writers*

### **Ignatius of Antioch**, *c. 98–117 AD · source 1*

**1** *Epistles of Ignatius* **Quote 1, page 2** "is then one God and Father, and not two or three… [continues online] **read ›**

### **Justin Martyr**, *c. 130–165 AD · source 2*

**2** *First Apology* Me, and My people do not understand." Jesus the Christ, because the Jews did not know what the Father was, or what the Son was, similarly accused them; and He… [continues online] **read ›**

### **Tatian**, *c. 150–180 AD · source 3*

**3** *Diatessaron* 35 (1885 English) "have one Father, who is 53 God. John 8:42 Jesus said to them, If God were your Father, you would love me: I proceeded and came from God… [continues online] **read ›**

### **Theophilus of Antioch**, *c. 169–183 AD · sources 4–5*

**4** *To Autolycus* 4 (1885 English; on point 2) "because he is before all things; Fashioner and Maker, because He is creator and maker of the universe… [continues online] **read ›**

**5** *To Autolycus* 36 (1885 English; on point 1) "is one only uncreated God, Who reigns alone, all-powerful, very great, From whom is nothing hid… [continues online] **read ›**

### **Irenaeus**, *c. 175–202 AD · sources 6–11*

**6** *Against Heresies: Book II* **Quote 2, page 2** "are there a series of heavens; nor is there a virginal light… [continues online] **read ›**

**7** *Against Heresies: Book V* (1885 English) **Quote 13, page 5** "to others [He gives] after the manner of adoption, that is, what is from God, namely generation… [continues online] **read ›**

**8** *Against Heresies: Book III* (1885 English; on point 1) "even if there were another god above Him, we should say, upon [instituting] a comparison of the quantity [of the work done by each], that the latter is superior to… [continues online] **read ›**

**9** *Against Heresies: Book V* (on point 1) And for this reason, the Lord most clearly revealed Himself and the Father to His disciples, so they wouldn't seek another God besides Him who made man and gave him… [continues online] **read ›**

**10** *Against Heresies: Book III* (1885 English; on point 1) "to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we through Him… [continues online] **read ›**

**11** *Against Heresies: Book V* We could not have learned the things of God in any other way unless our Master, existing as the Word, had become man. No other being could reveal the things… [continues online] **read ›**

### **Clement of Alexandria**, *c. 190–215 AD · source 12*

**12** *Stromata* 6.16 (on point 2) "Creator of the universe is their Lord and Father… [continues online] **read ›**

### **Tertullian**, *c. 196–220 AD · sources 13–15*

**13** *Against Praxeas* 17 (1885 English; on point 6) "as for the Father's names, God Almighty, the Most High, the Lord of hosts, the King of Israel, the One that is, we say (for so much do the… [continues online] **read ›**

**14** *Against Praxeas* 21 (on point 6) "me now, did they believe Him to be the Father, or the Christ of the Father… [continues online] **read ›**

**15** *Against Praxeas* 28 (on point 6) Christ from the mystery of His anointing. Would you in the same way say that Jesus was the Son of God, and at the same time think that Vestitus was… [continues online] **read ›**

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### **Early Liturgies**, *c. 200–400 AD · sources 16–17*

**16** *Divine Liturgy of St. James* 1 (1885 English) **Quote 16, page 6** “believe in one God, Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God: and the rest of the Creed… [continues online] **read ›**

**17** *Liturgy of Adaeus and Maris* 1 **Quote 15, page 6** “are You, O God our Father, truly the only One… [continues online] **read ›**

### **Hippolytus**, *c. 200–236 AD · sources 18–19*

**18** *Refutation of All Heresies* 5 (1885 English; on point 6) “that Father and Son must be styled one God, and that this Person being one, cannot be two… [continues online] **read ›**

**19** *Against the Heresy of Noetus* 1 **Quote 11, page 5** again, he brings up the Lord’s own words when He said, "I and the Father are one," let him pay attention to the fact and understand that He did… [continues online] **read ›**

### **Origen**, *c. 215–254 AD · sources 20–23*

**20** *Against Celsus* 60 (on point 2) “the Father of the Word, by commanding His own Son, the Word, to create the world, is primarily Creator… [continues online] **read ›**

**21** *Commentary on John* 2 (on point 7) not made by the Word, but by One stronger and greater than He. And who else could this be but the Father? Now if, as we have seen, all things… [continues online] **read ›**

**22** *De Principiis (On First Principles)* 2 “that you may understand that the omnipotence of Father and Son is… [continues online] **read ›**

**23** *De Principiis (On First Principles)* 2 (on point 4) expression "invisible image," so that in this way we may perceive how God is rightly called the Father of His Son. And let us, first of all, draw our conclusions… [continues online] **read ›**

### **Dionysius of Alexandria**, *c. 232–265 AD · source 24*

**24** *Miscellaneous Fragments* 1 (1885 English; on point 2) “But if any quibbler, from the fact that I said that God is the Maker and Creator of all things, thinks that I said that He is also Creator of… [continues online] **read ›**

### **Gregory Thaumaturgus**, *c. 240–270 AD · sources 25–28*

**25** *A Sectional Confession of Faith* 1 (1885 English) **Quotes 6, 10, pages 3, 4** “Son sojourned in the world, having of the Virgin received flesh, which He filled with the Holy Spirit for the sanctification of us all… [continues online] **read ›**

**26** *A Sectional Confession of Faith* 1 (1885 English) **Quote 12, page 5** “thus there is a (divinity that is the) property of the Father, according to the word, There is one God the Father… [continues online] **read ›**

**27** *Declaration of Faith* 1 **Quote 7, page 4** “is one God, the Father of the living Word, who is His… [continues online] **read ›**

**28** *A Sectional Confession of Faith* 1 (1885 English) **Quote 9, page 4** “yet that there is but one divinity, inasmuch as the Son is the Image of God the Father, who is One — that is, He is God of God… [continues online] **read ›**

### **Novatian**, *c. 240–258 AD · sources 29–31*

**29** *Treatise Concerning the Trinity* 31 **Quotes 3, 8, pages 2, 4** “God the Father, the Founder and Creator of all things, who… [continues online] **read ›**

**30** *Treatise Concerning the Trinity* 30 (1885 English; on point 6) “thus they who say that Jesus Christ is the Father argue as follows:— If God is one, and Christ is God, Christ is the Father, since God is one… [continues online] **read ›**

**31** *Treatise Concerning the Trinity* 28 (on point 6) because they do not know Him who sent me." Since these statements, following the earlier ones, clearly testify that He is not the Father but the Son, the Lord would… [continues online] **read ›**

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**Apostolic Constitutions**, *c. 250–380 AD · sources 32–33*

**32** *Apostolic Constitutions* **Quote 14, page 5** “Father is the God over all. Christ is the only begotten God, the beloved Son, the Lord of glory… [continues online] **read ›**

**33** *Apostolic Constitutions* (on point 4) “God, the Father of one Son, not of many… [continues online] **read ›**

**Archelaus**, *c. 270–300 AD · source 34*

**34** *Disputation with Manes* 1 (on point 4) “God Himself is His only Father by nature, who was pleased to make… [continues online] **read ›**

**Arnobius**, *c. 290–330 AD · source 35*

**35** *Against the Heathen* 2 **Quote 4, page 3** “if we all agree that there is one Father of all, who alone is immortal and unbegotten, and… [continues online] **read ›**

**Alexander of Alexandria**, *c. 313–328 AD · sources 36–37*

**36** *Epistles on the Arian Heresy* 1 **Quote 5, page 3** “for the Saviour Himself said, "My Father is greater than I." John 14:28. And besides the pious belief concerning the Father and the Son, we confess one Holy Spirit… [continues online] **read ›**

**37** *Epistles on the Arian Heresy* 1 (on point 4) God was not always the Father; there was a time when God was not the Father. The Word of God did not always exist, but was made "from things that… [continues online] **read ›**

**THE BIBLE** *82 verses, The Faith Once Delivered Bible (Old Testament from the Septuagint), in Bible order*

**38** **Genesis 1:1** In the beginning God made the heaven and the earth. **read ›**

**39** **Genesis 2:24** For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother and shall be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. **read ›**

**40** **Genesis 22:7** Isaac said to Abraham his father, “Father.” He said, “What is it, child?” He said, “Behold, the fire and the wood. Where is the sheep for a whole burnt offering?” **read ›**

**41** **Genesis 27:18** He brought them in to his father and said, “Father.” And he said, “Behold, here I am. Who are you, child?” **read ›**

**42** **Genesis 42:32** We are twelve brothers, sons of our father. One is no more, and the youngest is with our father today in the land of Canaan.’ **read ›**

**43** **Exodus 3:6** And he said, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” And Moses turned away his face, for he was afraid to gaze in the presence of God. **read ›**

**44** **Exodus 15:2** He became my helper and protector, to bring me salvation; this is my God, and I will glorify him, my father’s God, and I will exalt him. **read ›**

**45** **Exodus 20:3** You shall have no other gods besides me. **read ›**

**46** **Leviticus 19:3** Let each one of you fear his father and his mother, and you shall keep my Sabbaths. I am the Lord your God. **read ›**

**47** **Deuteronomy 5:7** You shall have no other gods before my face. **read ›**

**48** **Deuteronomy 6:4** Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord. **read ›**

**49** **Deuteronomy 6:13** You shall fear the Lord your God, and him only you shall serve; to him you shall cling, and by his name you shall swear. **read ›**

**50** **Joshua 24:17** The Lord our God, he is God; he brought us and our fathers up out of Egypt, and kept us in all the way in which we went, and among all the nations through which we passed. **read ›**

**51** **2 Samuel 7:14** I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son. And if his unrighteousness comes, I will correct him with the rod of men and with the strokes of the sons of men. **read ›**

**52** **2 Samuel 22:32** Who is mighty except the Lord? And who will be a Creator except our God? **read ›**

**53** **Job 9:12** If he takes away, who will turn him back? Or who will say to him, ‘What have you done?’ **read ›**

**54** **Psalms 13:4** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

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55 **Ecclesiastes 1:17** And my heart saw much: wisdom and knowledge, parables and understanding. I knew that this also is a choosing of the wind. **read ›**

56 **Song of Solomon 5:7** The watchmen who go around the city found me; they struck me, they wounded me; the keepers of the walls took my veil from me. **read ›**

57 **Song of Solomon 6:2** My kinsman has gone down into his garden, to the bowls of spice, to shepherd in the gardens and to gather lilies. **read ›**

58 **Isaiah 7:19** and they shall all come into the valleys of the land, and into the holes of the rocks, and into the caves, and into every crevice. **read ›**

59 **Lamentations 1:1** After Israel had been taken captive and Jerusalem made desolate, Jeremiah sat weeping, and he lamented this lament over Jerusalem and said: Aleph. How the city that was full of peoples sits alone! She has become like a widow; she who was populous among the nations, ruler among the provinces, has become subject to tribute. **read ›**

60 **Ezekiel 25:2** Son of man, set your face firmly against the children of Ammon, and prophesy against them, **read ›**

61 **Ezekiel 40:19** And he measured the breadth of the court, from the open court of the outer gate on the inside to the open court of the gate facing outward, a hundred cubits, of the gate facing east. And he brought me to the north, **read ›**

62 **Daniel 10:1** In the third year of Cyrus king of the Persians a word was revealed to Daniel, whose name was called Belteshazzar; and the word was true, and great power and understanding were given to him in the vision. **read ›**

63 **Amos 9:1** I saw the Lord standing upon the altar, and he said: Strike the mercy seat, and the gateways shall be shaken; and cut into the heads of all; and the rest of them I will kill with the sword; no fugitive of them shall ever escape, and no survivor of them shall ever be saved. **read ›**

64 **Micah 4:13** Arise and thresh them, daughter of Zion, for I will make your horns iron, and I will make your hoofs bronze; and you shall melt away many peoples, and you shall dedicate their abundance to the Lord, and their strength to the Lord of all the earth. **read ›**

65 **Malachi 2:10** Is there not one father of you all? Did not one God create you? Why have you each forsaken his brother, to profane the covenant of your fathers? **read ›**

66 **Tobit 13:4** There make known his greatness; exalt him before every living thing, for he is our Lord, and God himself is our Father forever. **read ›**

67 **Judith 9:12** Yes, yes, God of my father and God of the inheritance of Israel, Master of the heavens and the earth, Creator of the waters, King of all your creation, hear my prayer, **read ›**

68 **Wisdom of Solomon 7:23** loving mankind, steadfast, sure, free from care, all-powerful, overseeing all, and passing through all spirits that are intelligent, pure, and most subtle. **read ›**

69 **Wisdom of Solomon 9:1** “O God of the fathers, and Lord of your mercy, who made all things by your word, **read ›**

70 **Wisdom of Solomon 10:1** She guarded the first-formed father of the world, when he alone had been created, and delivered him from his own transgression, **read ›**

71 **Wisdom of Solomon 14:15** For a father, worn down by untimely grief, made an image of his child, so quickly taken from him, and now honored as a god what was once a dead man, and handed down to his dependents mysteries and rites. **read ›**

72 **Wisdom of Sirach 3:2** For the Lord has glorified the father over the children, and has established the judgment of the mother over the sons. **read ›**

73 **Wisdom of Sirach 3:8** Honor your father in deed and word, that a blessing may come upon you from him. **read ›**

74 **Wisdom of Sirach 3:12** My child, help your father in his old age, and do not grieve him as long as he lives. **read ›**

75 **Wisdom of Sirach 4:10** Be like a father to orphans, and like a husband to their mother; and you will be like a son of the Most High, and he will love you more than your mother does. **read ›**

76 **Wisdom of Sirach 15:14** He himself made man from the beginning, and left him in the hand of his own counsel. **read ›**

77 **Wisdom of Sirach 18:1** He who lives forever created all things together. **read ›**

78 **Wisdom of Sirach 24:9** Before the age, from the beginning, he created me, and to the age I shall never fail. **read ›**

79 **Wisdom of Sirach 30:4** His father died, and it is as though he had not died, for he has left behind him one like himself. **read ›**

80 **Wisdom of Sirach 41:7** Children will blame an ungodly father, for they will be disgraced because of him. **read ›**

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81 **Wisdom of Sirach 50:17** Then all the people together hastened and fell upon their faces to the ground to worship their Lord Almighty, God Most High. **read ›**

82 **Baruch 3:35** This is our God; no other will be reckoned in comparison with him. **read ›**

83 **2 Maccabees 1:17** Blessed in all things be our God, who has handed over those who acted ungodly. **read ›**

84 **2 Maccabees 1:24** The prayer was like this: “O Lord, Lord God, Creator of all things, you who are awesome and strong and righteous and merciful, who alone are King and gracious, **read ›**

85 **2 Maccabees 1:25** who alone are the provider, who alone are righteous and almighty and eternal, who deliver Israel from every evil, who made the fathers your chosen ones and sanctified them, **read ›**

86 **2 Maccabees 7:23** Therefore the Creator of the world, who formed the origin of man and devised the origin of all things, will in his mercy give breath and life back to you again, since you now disregard yourselves for the sake of his laws.” **read ›**

87 **3 Maccabees 5:7** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

88 **3 Maccabees 6:2** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

89 **4 Maccabees 7:19** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

90 **4 Maccabees 7:21** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

91 **4 Maccabees 16:20** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

92 **1 Enoch 1:1** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

93 **1 Enoch 62:7** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

94 **Matthew 1:16** Jacob became the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary, from whom was born Jesus, who is called Christ. **read ›**

95 **Matthew 1:18** Now the birth of Jesus Christ was like this: After his mother, Mary, was engaged to Joseph, before they came together, she was found pregnant by the Holy Spirit. **read ›**

96 **Matthew 11:27** All things have been delivered to me by my Father. No one knows the Son, except the Father; neither does anyone know the Father, except the Son and he to whom the Son desires to reveal him. **read ›**

97 **John 1:3** All things came to be through him, and apart from him not one thing came to be that has come to be. **read ›**

98 **John 1:6** There came a man sent from God, whose name was John. **read ›**

99 **John 1:18** No one has ever seen God; the only-begotten Son, who is close to the Father’s chest, he has made him known. **read ›**

100 **John 2:10** and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first, and when the guests have drunk freely, then that which is worse. You have kept the good wine until now!” **read ›**

101 **John 3:35** The Father loves the Son, and has given all things into his hand. **read ›**

102 **John 5:23** that all may honor the Son, even as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent him. **read ›**

103 **John 8:42** So Jesus said to them, “If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came forth from God and am here. For I have not come of myself, but he sent me. **read ›**

104 **John 10:30** I and the Father are one.” **read ›**

105 **John 14:10** Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? The words I speak to you I do not speak of myself; the Father who remains in me does the works. **read ›**

106 **John 17:21** that they may all be one; even as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be one in us; that the world may believe that you sent me. **read ›**

107 **Acts 7:14** Joseph sent and summoned Jacob his father and all his relatives, seventy-five souls. **read ›**

108 **Romans 9:5** of whom are the fathers, and from whom is Christ as concerning the flesh, who is over all, God, blessed forever. Amen. **read ›**

109 **1 Corinthians 8:6** yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things, and we for him; and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things, and we through him. **read ›**

110 **2 Corinthians 1:3** Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and God of all comfort, **read ›**

111 **Ephesians 4:6** one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in us all. **read ›**

112 **Colossians 1:15** He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. **read ›**

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**113** **Hebrews 1:2** whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also made the ages, **read ›**

**114** **Hebrews 1:5** For to which of the angels did he ever say, “You are my Son; today I have begotten you”? And again, “I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son”? **read ›**

**115** **James 1:18** Of his own will he gave birth to us by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of first fruits of his creatures. **read ›**

**116** **1 Peter 1:3** Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to his great mercy caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, **read ›**

**117** **1 John 2:23** Everyone who denies the Son does not have the Father either. **read ›**

**118** **1 John 5:7** For there are three who testify: **read ›**

**119** **Revelation 1:8** “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.” **read ›**

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