

## **Names of God from the Bible**

### **55 – The Son**

*I like the concept that Jesus is the Word since, for me, the Word conveys more of Jesus' eternal qualities, and yet, Jesus had to be the Son.*

#### **Reading: Hebrews 1:1-13**

It is very difficult to build a relationship with Word and God. Nevertheless, we are into relationships. That is why we were created and why relationships are so important to us.

God is also into symbolism that we can understand. God had to become human in the person of the Son so we could begin to understand how wonderful and kind God is. To get a glimpse of what God is like and how God thinks and works. He wanted to communicate to us on our level and so had to become The Son.

Another symbol that God wants us to understand is that God, the Father, and God, the Son, have a perfect relationship. Most men would agree that the most wonderful time in their lives was when they saw their first child being born. With a miracle in front of their eyes, it's probably the first time in their life that they felt overwhelmed and humble. Except for the intimacy of marriage, the father-son relationship is the most precious of relationships.

Parents usually 'bend over backwards' to provide, protect and care for their children. They swamp them with love and presents. Most would sacrifice their lives for their children, if ever called upon to do so.

Our father / son (child) relationship is supposed to be a mirror image of the Father / Son relationship. The open, loving and self-sacrificing relationship that we have with our children is a reflection of the relationship between the Father and the Son. That is why the enemy is doing all he can to destroy that imagery, through broken marriages and dysfunctional families.

As a pastor, I find the most common burden that nearly everyone carries is that of a strained or non-existent relationship between them and their father. Either their father had been working long hours and never home for the relationship to grow, or their parents split up while they were still young, and any relationship they had was torn apart and destroyed. Worse still, they might have been physically, mentally, emotionally or sexually abused by their father (or someone else in the family).

Time and time again, I have had the joy and privilege of introducing them to God as their loving Heavenly Father, who longs for them to climb up on His knee, and to hug them and treat them as their earthly father should.

However, that introduction is only possible through the Son who gives us access to the Father.

The story is told of a soldier during the American Civil War. He was 'shell-shocked', sick of war and wanted out. His commanding officer told him there was only one way for that to happen and that was for President Abraham Lincoln to personally sign the papers.

The soldier was given leave to see the President. He journeyed to the White House but was understandably refused entry. He sat in the park opposite, crying his eyes out. A little boy approached him and asked him what the matter was, and the soldier explained his tragedy.

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The little boy held out his hand and said, *"Come with me."* The distraught soldier went with him, holding on tightly. The boy entered the grounds of the White House without opposition. He entered the White House itself and up to the door of the Oval Office. He went straight in and the soldier noticed that, at every checkpoint, the officers saluted the boy.

In the Oval Office, President Lincoln was discussing strategy with his Secretary of State and Vice-President. The President looked up and said, *"What is it, Todd?"* Todd replied, *"You need to hear this man's story, he needs your help."*

The soldier couldn't get anywhere near the President on his own; his only access was through Todd, President Lincoln's son.

### **What does that name mean for us today**

There is a direct link between God the Father and God the Son. That is the most intimate of relationships. Jesus has brought us into that very same relationship and all the blessings that flow from it.

### **Prayer**

*Lord Jesus, I am so thrilled that You, the Son, have opened up a relationship for me with Your Father. Thank You so much for the privilege of being part of Your great Family. Amen.*

### **Additional Readings**

- Psalm 2
- Colossians 1:15-20
- Revelation 1:9-18

### **Questions**

1. Why is it important that Jesus is called The Son?
2. Has Jesus revealed Himself in this way to you? How and when?
3. What is the significance of Jesus' followers being called, *"sons (children) of God"*?