



Perfecting Discipleship: Discipleship and God the Father

The Father Heart of God

Moses asked God, “show me your glory,”
Ex 33:18. The cry of mankind throughout history has been “God, where are you—can we see you?” God’s heart is that His creation might know Him and see His glory. Now Philip, one of Jesus remaining eleven disciples asks Jesus, “Show us the Father.”

Have you seen the Father?

Introduction: Connecting the text! *John 14:6*

“I am the way, the truth and the life.” That is, Jesus is the beginning, the middle and the end. In Him we must set out, go on and finish. He is the true and living way. *Heb 10:20*

A. Who is Philip?

1. A former disciple of John the Baptist
2. The fourth disciple called *John 1:43*
3. He brought Nathanael to Jesus *John 1:46-51*
4. Jesus challenges Philip about feeding 5000 *John 6*
5. Philip tells Jesus about the Greeks *John 12:22*
6. Philip asked Jesus to show him the Father *John 14:8*

B. Knowing and Seeing the Father

In Christ we behold more of the glory of God than Moses did at Mount Horeb.

1. **:7 My Father also:** Jesus said the exact same thing to the Jews *John 8:19*
2. **:8 Sufficient:** The satisfaction of the soul is in the vision of God. *Psa 16:11; Psa 17:15*
3. **:9 Three years:** The disciples had been with Jesus for three years. They knew Him as the Messiah (the Christ) but some, possibly all did not know the Father in Him.
4. **2 Cor 4:4 Why don't people see?** One reason is that Satan has blinded their minds. “...whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.”
5. **John 10:30 The Father and I are One** “I and My Father are one.”
6. **:10 The Words I Speak** Jesus spoke only the ‘words’ that the Father spoke to Him *John 7:16*. He spoke the mind of God and the wisdom of God. “The fullness of the Godhead dwells in Him bodily.” *Col 2:9 See also Joh 2:21*
7. **:11 The Works I Do** The work of creation which declare the glory of God. The work of redemption. And, the many miracles which he had performed in healing the sick, raising the dead.

Words of Power

Works of Mercy

John 14:5-11

:7 “If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and from now on you know Him and have seen Him.”

:8 Philip said to Him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us.”

:9 Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, ‘Show us the Father?’”

:10 Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The **words** that I speak to you I do not speak on My own authority; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works.

:11 Believe Me that I *am* in the Father and the Father in Me, or else believe Me for the sake of the **works** themselves.

Psa 16:11 You will show me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; At Your right hand *are* pleasures forevermore.

Psa 17:15 As for me, I will see Your face in righteousness; I shall be satisfied when I awake in Your likeness.

Re-parenting: For those who did not have a good earthly father relationship your heavenly Father desires to re-parent you in this area of your life. Start by discovering the character of God the Father in Psalm 145.