

# Everlasting Gospel Bible Studies

## Lesson 2 OUR FATHER



In our first study we explored the meaning of fearing God; of reverence for His Creatorship and awe of His mighty power. In this lesson we will find many reasons to love Him with all our heart, mind, and soul; to serve and obey Him. Throughout the ages, God has revealed greater and yet greater reasons for men to devote themselves to Him. But like the Egyptian Pharaoh 3,500 years ago, many continue to ask, "Who is the Lord, that I should obey His voice?" Exodus 5:2. To answer that question, this lesson addresses issues such as the attributes of God, and the reason for oppression and pain.

The Bible reveals our Father (God) as a Being Who risked the tragedy of sin to give us the freedom to choose. When we made the wrong choice, He gave His only Son to save us. The Scriptures explain the origin of suffering. They reveal the most compelling reasons to serve the only true God. The rewards of such service are not merely personal; they are universal.

### A. KNOWING GOD

1. What everlasting attribute of God caused Him to reach out and draw us to Himself? Jeremiah 31:3  

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2. When Moses asked God to reveal Himself (Exodus 33:18), how did our Lord describe Himself? Exodus 34:6-7  

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**NOTE:** Satan deceitfully failed to explain that those whose iniquity was forgiven had confessed and, in divine power, forsaken their sins. Proverbs 28:13. The guilty were those who continued in the ways of unrighteousness.

3. How much of God's creation has been affected by Satan's rebellion?  
Romans 8:22

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**NOTE:** The spectacle of our sinful world causes all creation to groan and travail. The burden of our sin placed upon Jesus at Gethsemane remains His painful burden today.

4. In what way has the Father chosen to reveal Himself to us? John 1:14,18; 14:9-10; Colossians 1:15

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5. How did Jesus respond to those who had been wounded by sin?  
Matthew 9:36

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6. What did Jesus do for a leper whose disease has been seen as a symbol of sin? Mark 1:41

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**NOTE:** Disease is one of the most evident curses brought on by sin. It is beautiful to see that Jesus did not shrink from touching the decaying flesh of the leper and restoring life to him. Jesus is just as willing to touch our sin-polluted lives in the same way, healing us from the deadly disease of sin.

## ~ NOTES ~

## PERSONAL COMMITMENT

I will take time every day to learn more about my heavenly Father by studying the life of His Son.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

## B. MOTIVE AND DUTY

7. What has Christ already done for us as dying sinners? Romans 5:8; Ephesians 5:1-2

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**NOTE:** Satan, the angel who introduced sin into the universe, has accused God of being inconsistent by "forgiving iniquity" on the one hand, yet not pardoning "the guilty" on the other. This argument shook the faith of the innocent angels until "God sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him." 1 John 4:9

8. What moves us to serve God? 2 Corinthians 5:14; 1 John 4:19; John 14:15

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**NOTE:** One who fears God is motivated by love to respond to His call to service.

9. Name three of the innumerable benefits that we receive on earth when we choose to serve God.

1) Proverbs 3:1-2 \_\_\_\_\_

2) Exodus 15:26 \_\_\_\_\_

3) Psalm 16:11 \_\_\_\_\_

10. What eternal benefit comes from accepting the friendship of Jesus? Romans 6:23; Titus 1:2

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## C. BEHIND THE SCENES

11. In order to save man from sin what did Christ willingly do?  
Philippians 2:8

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12. In striking contrast, what did Lucifer (Satan) say in his heart as a result of its pride? Isaiah 14:13

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13. What was the inevitable result of the conflict between Satan's self-exaltation and Christ's humility? Revelation 12:7-9

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**NOTE:** Because Satan is a liar (John 8:44), he succeeded in seducing one-third of the heavenly angels into joining his rebellion against God. Revelation 12:3-4. (Remember that in prophecy, a star represents an angel. Revelation 1:20.) Ever since his expulsion from heaven Satan has accused God of injustice. God has ordained that we should be witness to His justice by showing that His commandments can be kept through the strength Jesus provides.

14. When we choose to sin or not to sin, how does that choice determine our side in the conflict? Romans 6:16; John 8:34; Matthew 6:24

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**NOTE:** We remember that the issue of obedience is central to the

meaning of "fear God" in Revelation 14:7.

15. How does Jesus regard those who serve Him? John 15:15

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16. When will the reign of death and sin end?  
1 Corinthians 15:51-56

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**NOTE:** Paul is explaining here one of the events at Jesus's Second Coming, when the living servants of Christ are given incorruptible bodies. It is at that moment that His victory over death is shared with all the righteous, who will live with Him forever. When sin has been abolished, every being in the universe will have judged for himself that God has been just in His dealing with sinners.

17. Why, then, should we acknowledge our transgressions and refuse to do evil? I John 1:9

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**NOTE:** Until we acknowledge our sin, we have a contention with God which must be settled in judgment. After our sins are forgiven, we do not face them again in judgment.

## SUMMARY

We have only two masters between which to choose. One is a slave master; the other is our heavenly Father. Satan's only objective is the eternal destruction of the human race, while the Father sent Jesus into the world to provide for man's salvation. God is Love, and suffering causes Him the deepest pain. Even so He will never force us to serve Him. Our lives will finally show which master we chose to follow.