

## Brag on Your Fathers

Sunday Morning, June 16, 2013

**Thesis:** Take time to brag about your Heavenly Father and Honor Your Earthly Father.

**Introduction:** Have You Ever Bragged About Your Dad?

(my Dad and Father-in-Law)

Open Floor: Comments About Your Dad

### I. We Can Brag That Our Heavenly Father is...

#### 1. Creator of Everything (John 1:3)

All things were created through Him, and apart from Him not one thing was created that has been created.

#### 2. All Powerful (Job 42:2)

I know that You can do anything and no plan of Yours can be thwarted.

#### (Matthew 19:26)

But Jesus looked at them and said, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

#### 3. All Knowing (Luke 12: 2 – 3)

2 There is nothing covered that won't be uncovered, nothing hidden that won't be made known.

3 Therefore, whatever you have said in the dark will be heard in the light, and what you have whispered in an ear in private rooms will be proclaimed on the housetops.

#### 4. All Present (Psalm 139: 7-12)

7 Where can I go to escape Your Spirit? Where can I flee from Your presence?

8 If I go up to heaven, You are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, You are there.

9 If I live at the eastern horizon or settle at the western limits,

10 even there Your hand will lead me; Your right hand will hold on to me.

11 If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me, and the light around me will be night"—

12 even the darkness is not dark to You. The night shines like the day; darkness and light are alike to You.

### 5. A Giving Father

(Matthew 7: 9 – 11)

9 What man among you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone?

10 Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake?

11 If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!

**T.S.** "Without" Christ as Our Savior, We Would Have No Heavenly Father to Claim as Our Own.

### II. So, Who is Your Spiritual Father, If You Are Not a Believer in Christ?

(John 8: 42 – 47)

42 Jesus said to them,

"If God were your Father, you would love Me, because I came from God and I am here. For I didn't come on My own, but He sent Me.

43 Why don't you understand what I say? Because you cannot listen to My word.

44 You are of your father the Devil, and you want to carry out your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning and has not stood in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he tells a lie, he speaks from his own nature, because he is a liar and the father of liars.

45 Yet because I tell the truth, you do not believe Me.

46 Who among you can convict Me of sin? If I tell the truth, why don't you believe Me? 47 The one who is from God listens to God's words. This is why you don't listen, because you are not from God."

### **III. If You Are On God's Side, You Will Be Blessed**

**(Psalm 1: 1 – 6)**

1 How happy is the man who does not follow the advice of the wicked or take the path of sinners or join a group of mockers!

2 Instead, his delight is in the Lord's instruction, and he meditates on it day and night.

3 He is like a tree planted beside streams of water that bears its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers.

4 The wicked are not like this; instead, they are like chaff that the wind blows away.

5 Therefore the wicked will not survive the judgment, and sinners will not be in the community of the righteous.

6 For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked leads to ruin.

#### **Conclusion:**

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and Honor Your Earthly Father.