

**SERMON FOR
SUNDAY, JUNE 15, 2025 FATHER'S DAY
"FAITH OF OUR FATHERS"
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Thank you, Melvin!

It has been very heart-warming and a true privilege, indeed receiving your calls, written correspondences and verbal expressions of deep admiration and esteem for our talented Choir, Band, Orchestra and various vocal and instrumental groups, who diligently participate in the musical portion of our weekly telecasts.

However, no matter how awesome their performances or presentations may be, remember that paramount and above all else on these telecasts is the inspiring "Word of God," for it not only "quenches one's thirst," it is the very "staff of life, itself," and truly, "food for the hungry soul."

Often times people unwarily become attached to a preacher, a pastor, a priest, or a minister, far more than Jesus. This, in my opinion, can lead to unwarranted situations, which can result in great personal disappointments, such as we have occasionally witnessed in the news media.

Man is weak; man fails, but you can be sure, JESUS NEVER FAILS. The star of our weekly telecasts, viewers, is certainly, JESUS, and you should always hang your laurels upon Him. Therefore, with that thought in mind, my sermon today is entitled, **"FAITH OF OUR FATHERS."**

I caution you, don't reject the Word of God, and above all, don't reject the Lord. Hopefully, in due time, others will be able to see Jesus in you, rather than merely, you in you.

Always bear in mind, many are called, but few are chosen. If you want to spend eternity in Paradise with the Lord, then you want to be among the chosen. Let us begin with the sermon.

Before I start on my Father's Day message, I'd like to ask you, our viewers, one question. If there was a way to know that you were saved without a doubt, you'd want to know about it wouldn't you?

Well, that's great because now I'd like to invite you to turn your attention to the Gospel of the Kingdom of God and see how you measure up to the Word of God and how you may enter into God's Kingdom.

First of all, the Gospel of the Kingdom of God is the good news that Jesus saves, Jesus Heals, Jesus baptizes with the Holy Ghost and with Fire, and Jesus is coming soon! Turn with me and let us read John 3:1-7 and see the verses slowly unfold, in order to find out how you stand with the Lord.

We begin with verse 1, "There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews" Nicodemus, one of ten wealthiest men during his time, was also one of the elite in his community. Regarding the rich, the Scripture tells us how hard it is for someone who has his eyes on his riches to enter into the Kingdom of God.

Matthew 19:24 tells us, "And again I say unto you, It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, then for a rich man to enter into the Kingdom of God."

The warning is that usually, the eyes focus more on the wealth than on God. There is nothing wrong with wealth; it is having one's eyes on something other than the Lord that matters. This is why Jesus told His disciples, "Nothing is impossible with the Lord."

The eye of the needle was a small gate by which the camel had to be off-loaded first, then it was able to proceed through the gate, while on its knees. This, is how we, too, have to come to the Lord. Nicodemus came to Jesus, to find out how he might be saved. He came with his own understanding and an open heart.

Let's look at the flip side of the coin for a classic example. Some years ago, an English Pastor went to see a very wealthy, man who was at the point of death. In giving him Spiritual counseling, the pastor asked to hold the sick man's hand, while they prayed together.

The sick man declined, and put his clenched fist beneath the bedcovers. Shortly afterward, the man breathed his last breath of life, without acknowledging that Jesus was his personal Savior. Later, when the blankets were turned down, one hand that was rigid with the grip of death, was found clasping the key to his safety deposit box.

Once again, the truth was emphasized: the love of money is the root of all evil, it will blind a man and warp his soul, so that he will prefer the grasp of a bank key to the hand of Jesus Christ, extended in salvation.

We continue with verse 2, "The same (that is, Nicodemus) came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him."

God was in Christ reconciling the world unto Himself. He was calling a people out of a people for His name's sake. And right now, viewers, Jesus is calling you this morning through this telecast. Won't you heed Him?

We continue with verse 3, "Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God."

The Lord knew Nicodemus was born once; that's why He said, "Ye must be born again." It is true viewers, He also knows you were born once already. That's why God has commanded me, Pastor Han, to continue to preach this born again message until He comes in clouds of glory to take you and I out of this sin sick, devil may care world in which we live.

Continuing with verse 4, we read, "Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?"

Nicodemus was blinded to the truth. The Lord does not say that one must understand the Word of God to be saved. Nor did Jesus instruct anyone to go to school to learn about His word. It is taught to us through His Holy Spirit.

John 14:26 tells us, "But when the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my Name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you." We must believe as Luke said, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved, but he that believeth not shall be damned."

We continue in John 3:5, "Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God."

By this we know that water baptism is a must to be saved. The word Jesus uses is, "Except." Therefore, there is no exception. Unless you meet the Lord Jesus Christ in water baptism, you are not saved.

We continue with verse 6 and 7, "That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again." There is no excuse. There should be no wonder or doubt. In our next scripture, Peter preaches Jesus and is ready to give an altar call.

Listen to Acts 2:36-38, "Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ. Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?" Viewers, you should be asking yourself the same question at this time. "What must I do to be saved?"

We Continue with Acts 2:38, "Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."

Like Peter just said, the first step to salvation is to repent, then get baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will receive the promise of the gift of the Holy Ghost.

After being baptized in the name of Jesus Christ, followed by the baptism of the Holy Ghost, you are then baptized into the body of Christ. And the only evidence of being baptized with the Holy Spirit, is to speak in the unknown language. There is no language arts school that teaches this language. It is given by the Lord Himself.

Acts 4:12 states, "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."

That is the clincher! God had many names throughout the Old Testament: Elohim, the Lily of the Valley, Jehovah, the Rose of Sharon, Wonderful, Counselor, The Mighty God, The Prince of Peace, and many others, too numerous to mention at this time. But today, in salvation, the authorized name, is the Lord Jesus Christ.

Many of my friends tell me they were baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, according to Matthew 28:19 I tell them the same things I'm telling you this morning; Father, Son, and Holy Ghost are only titles, but Jesus is the name, and according to the Word of God, we are to administer baptism in that name, Jesus, which means Savior. Colossians 3:17 tells us, "And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, (I might add, baptism is in word and deed,) Do all in the name of the Lord Jesus."

Let us move on to this morning's topic, "Honor thy Father." The title, "father," is forbidden for anyone to use, as we only have one heavenly father. Matthew 23:9 declares, "And call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is heaven."

The leader in the church is a pastor. The title, "father," speaks of authority, headship, leadership, intercession, and representation.

Today's text comes from one of the Ten Commandments. We read Exodus 20:12, "Honor thy father and mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee."

The definition of the term, "honor," is to respect, and give reverence. It also makes reference to building a good reputation or a good name for one's self.

Let's get some background for Father's Day. Father's Day was started in 1910 by Mrs. John Bruce Dodd of Spokane, Washington. The purpose was to set a day aside to give honor to all fathers and show the expression of gratitude and appreciation for their roles in their families' lives. In 1924 President Calvin Coolidge proclaimed the 3rd Sunday in June as Father's Day.

Not much is given about this special day. Therefore, I'd like to add some information about father. Dad was traditionally the "bread winner" in the family. Times have changed so much in our economy, that it takes the hard work of both Mom and Dad to make a living.

Although in many cases the woman now has to go out and work to help support the family, the Word of God tells us, a man who doesn't support his family is worse than an infidel.

Let us read I Timothy 5:8 "But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel." An infidel is like an unbeliever. In other words, we men have to go to work, even though Mom's income may be enough to support the family.

Originally, the father of a family was the priest, who represented the family, offered sacrifices for them, and acted as its instructor in matters pertaining to God. Before the legal order of the

priesthood was established through Moses, the father of each family was recognized, as holding that high office.

An example in point is that of Noah. Noah on behalf of his household built an altar. Abraham offered a ram in the stead of his son and was constantly erecting altars. Job, too, offered burnt offerings for his children. The father was the priest, and his business was to maintain the spiritual standard for the family.

Today, we fathers pray for our families, naming them one by one unto the Lord. It is so, viewers, when your children see you praying, they will never forget that as long as they live; because they know you're praying for them.

This is Father's Day whether you endorse it or not. I further believe that Father's Day is everyday for the Christian. I ask you TV viewers, "Are you the head of a family?"

Then your duty is to provide for the temporal needs of your family, but, above all, provide for their Spiritual needs. You are to exercise authority, lead your children in the ways of the Lord, and minister to them at home as well.

How often mother is left to train the children, teach them to pray, read to them the Scriptures, etc., but scripturally, father should be the leader. What does it mean to honor thy father? We honor our father when we obey, and respect him throughout his life. There may even be times when we must care for him! We thank the Lord for Godly fathers who taught us the ways of the Lord.

How can a father urge his son or daughter to live a Godly life? Fathers, can do that by setting a Godly example. One of the best examples to set is that fathers bring their children to church. Notice I didn't say to send them to church. I said to bring them to church.

Hebrews 10:25 tells us, "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more as ye see the day approaching."

Attendance is a must for anyone who expects to be with the Lord when He comes. Permit my example: Many years ago, a railroad company wished to discontinue a certain line running from northwestern Colorado to Nebraska. The operation in that area was losing money; a hearing was held, and the proposal to abandon the line was formerly suggested.

One of the witnesses who testified for the opposition was an old farmer, who pleaded that the line was a vital necessity in the area. The railway lawyer asked, "How long has it been since you shipped anything on the railroad?" "Well, I don't know as I ever have." "How long since you've ridden on the railway?" pressed the attorney. "About ten or fifteen years." "Then what difference does it make to you whether the line is abandoned or not?" "Well," said the farmer with some heat and irritation, "I want you to know that I walk down almost every night to see that train go by!"

Many people seem to feel the same way about their attendance in church; it's a nice old familiar landmark which they'd miss, if it were abandoned and torn down, but they do not consider it vitally necessary to themselves or to their family's Christian life.

Furthermore, the Lord has directed the congregation to gather where He had placed His name. We read Deuteronomy 12:5, "But unto the place which the Lord your God shall choose out of all your tribes to put his name there, even unto his habitation shall ye seek, and thither thou shalt come."

It's not the placing of the name of Jesus upon the building that the Lord is referring to; He's referring to the doctrine which is being preached. Is the doctrine where you attend, a doctrine of preaching Jesus?

We teach those things which are directly out of the Word of God that become sound doctrine, which causes the Word of God to be without reproach. Hold your place right here and turn with me to Titus 2:1 which says, "But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine." Any other doctrine will be met with a curse.

We read Galatians 1:8-9 "But though we or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you, than that which we preached unto you let him be accursed. As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed." Jesus is the Way and the Truth.

John 6:32-35 tells us, "Then Jesus said unto them. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Moses gave not that bread from heaven; but my Father giveth you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world. Then said they unto him, Lord, evermore give us this bread. And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst."

Do you, television viewers, know the reason that keep people from coming to partake of the bread of life? It's because one has to have a Spiritual appetite to eat this food. Jesus was the One who came to die that we might live. He did that willingly because He loved you and me.

We read Jeremiah 15:16, "Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy words was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart: for I am called by thy name. O Lord God of hosts."

Someone has said, "You feed your body 21 times a week whether it's hungry or not. Then why not throw your soul a bone at least once a week, even if it doesn't seem eager for food? The poor thing may be too weak from starvation to make its wants known!"

Yes, viewers: it is vitally important to feed your soul on the Word of God, for when the time comes, and you really need the guidance of the Word, it will be in your heart. Take the son who moved out of his father's house. He was able to come to his senses, as times became hard. The kind of relationship you have with your father, and vice versa, helps to get things back on track.

What kind of relationship did a certain son, and his father have? Luke 15:11-23, tells us, "And he said (Jesus) A certain man had two sons: And the younger of them said to the father, Father, give me the portion of goods that falleth to me. And he divided unto him his living. And not many days after the young son gathered all together, and took his journey into a far country, and there wasted his substance with riotous living."

To every young man and young woman out there in my audience, that far country, represents a place that your father does not want to see you experience, because it represents a certain lifestyle, which will take you down a road to destruction. Riotous living means a wild and turbulent lifestyle. Most likely you involving a group of people who are of questionable mental and physical capacities.

Let's continue reading in verse 14, "And when he had spent all, there arose a mighty famine in the land; and he began to be in want." There are many people who have left the faith. If they do not return soon, they will face a life of being in want. Even worse now is that they are already in Spiritual want.

The Word of God is food for the soul, and the soul will wither and die if its not fed. Certainly viewers, when you consider how soon the Lord will return for His Church, we don't have much time left.

Continuing in verse 15, we read, "And he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country; and he sent him into his fields to feed swine."

Notice the change in his lifestyle? When he had money, he had many friends to help him spend it. Now that he had spent his inheritance, there were no friends to come to his aid.

Let's continue in verse 16, "And he would fain have filled his belly with the husks that the swine did eat: and no man gave unto him." If there were just husk there, he would gladly have eaten that for food.

Today it is almost commonplace to hear of people, following someone into a cult, because they want their ears tickled with some new doctrine. This is not a fairy tale; it's currently going on and recently has been in the news!

We continue with verse 17, "And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger!"

The only reason he came to himself was that he had been brought up right by his father, who followed the Word of God. The Word gave him guidance in what to do when the "going got tough." But if he had followed the Word of God all along, he wouldn't have ended up in his unfortunate predicament.

Verses 18-19 tell us, "I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father I have sinned against heaven, and before thee, And am no more worthy to be called thy son: make

me as one of thy hired servants." Before we can come to our Father, the Lord Jesus Christ, we must first realize what we have done, confess our deeds and then repent.

When Adam and Eve sinned, the Lord, "Adam, where art thou?" The Lord knew exactly where Adam and Eve were. He wanted them to realize the predicament they were in because of their disobedience.

We must realize what our condition is, and ask the Lord to help us with our new resolution. When a father sees his son or daughter change their lives for the better, the joy the father experiences is the true love of God.

Turn with me to John 3:16 and read, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life."

For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved. He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God."

Turn back to Luke 15:20-22 and read with me, "And he arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him.

And the son said unto him, Father, I have sinned gainst heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son. But the father said to his servants, Bring forth the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet"

Yes, viewers, when you, take that first step to come to the Savior, He will meet you half way. After you have accepted Jesus as your Savior in water baptism, the new clothing you have on is His righteousness.

After He saves your soul, He doesn't want you to be idle and just sit around; that's why He gives us the ring in our hand; it symbolizes doing His work. The new shoes He gives you is the new walk with Him.

All barriers have been broken down, so that you may join the family and household of God. Verse 23 tells us, "And bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it; and let us eat, and be merry: For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and found. And they began to be merry."

Young man, young lady, while your Dad is still living, ask him to lunch today. Show him you love and care for him. On the other hand, Dads, if your sons can't take you to lunch because they are still too young to earn their own money, how about calling Grandpa and taking him out with your family.

What a wonderful way to keep the family together! Because the father who does things together with his family, will keep his family together. Happy Father's Day!

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Until our next telecast, this is your host, Head Pastor William Han, Jr. expressing my sincerest appreciation to each of you, who have allowed us to come into your homes. May the good Lord bless and keep you all in the hollow of His hands.

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