

# Today is Father's Day

## John 15: 1-16

Fatherhood is – Protection/ Provision/ Picture

### **Let's talk about Father Abraham! Why would God ask Father Abraham to sacrifice so much to prove his love for God the Father?**

It is wonderful that we celebrate Fatherhood and we should, but earthly fatherhood is only a picture of the True Father.

Jesus said that through His appointment we could be able to Abide with the True Father!

Abide – 3306 – meno – to remain with, stay with dwell in the presence of...

### **The Power is dwelling in the Presence of the Father...**

John 14 – Declares:

- \* The Big if – Love
- \* The Big Question – Obedience
- \* The Big Perks:
  - Experience God while separated from God
  - Hearing God when no others do not
  - Be heard of God when others do not

But all of this is really declaring that **we are ministering** to the Heart of God!

Acts 13: 1-4

- The Power Fell
- The Power Followed
- The Power Fulfilled

This is the process that happens when we **Minister to God!**

## **What does that look like?**

- Abiding in/with God
- Goal of Worship
- Ministering to God
- Dwelling with and to minister to

What does a worship service look like if we are worshipping the way God wants us to worship?

Abraham was asked to make a major sacrifice to worship God but God made the sacrifice and we are called to give him what?

Rev. 7: 9-

- They Gathered in number (vs 9)... We are called to give Him numbers from all over the World!
- They Gathered as a mixed multitude
- They Gathered with one focus in mind... We are called to focus on Him as we gather!
- They Gathered in Service – Palms up... Coming to serve... offering whatever necessary!
- They knew that they were standing before the Lamb – 721 – Arnion – The lamb that was slain... Recognize the sacrifice that has been made!
- They were Dressed in purity by Jesus... Dressed to impress Him
- They worshipped and even Heaven watched... Worshiping before the Angels who are around the Throne crying out in praise. (vs 10 )
- These angels agree with the worshippers... Worship in a way that even Heaven is impressed!
- The angels were so impressed that they asked, who are these people?
- Heaven Declared, who these people were (vs 14) Worshipping in a way that Heaven is watching!
- But it was apparent that, there was missing Worshipers – Dan

These are those who are known by God and His people around the throne

And they say, These are they who worshiped God and have sacrificed much for the Lamb.

These are they who serve Him day and night in the Temple – Naos – The Holiest of Holies! He gave the sacrifice and His sacrifice is the focus of the experience, but those who gather are to gather in worship as givers, sacrificers...

Questions to us: Do we know what our opportunity is really about? Do we know what the worship services are really about? Am I personally in Worship today? Am I an Abiding servant? Are we here to cry out to God in Worship? Are the Angels impressed by my heart and my Worship service? This Father's Day, are we aiming at pleasing the true father?

Are we ministering to our Father today, on this Father's Day?

Because of this Father, we are not begging on the street.

Because of this Father, we are not begging some rich Father to help us in our helpless state!

Because of this Father, we are not standing before some righteous judge begging for a lesser sentence for our crimes!

Because of this Father, we are coming to our Father and crawling up on His lap to love Him because He has made us His dear children!