

The Ministry of the Father as Teacher

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All of Jesus' teaching was the Father's teaching (John 7:16-17; 8:28)

The Father's teaching long ago in the prophets (Heb. 1:1-2; cf. Dan. 9:10)

Christ Illumines the Father's teaching long ago:

The Father sends rain (Ps. 147:7-8; Matt. 5:45)

The Father feeds the birds (Job 38:41; Ps. 147:7-9; Luke 12:24; Matt. 6:26)

The Father knows every bird (Ps. 50:7; Luke 12:6; Matt. 10:29)

The Father teaches farmers (Is. 28:23-29; Ps. 104:23-24); He taught Solomon (2 Chron. 9:3-6)

Tragic rejection of the Father's teaching (Is. 48:17-18)

The Father taught His Son (Is. 50:4-5)

Christ Illumines the Father's teaching long ago: The Father teaches people to come to Christ (Is. 54:13 cf. John 6:44-45)

The Father taught Peter (Matt. 16:15-17)

The Father teaches infants (Luke 10:21)

Audible teaching by the Father (Matt. 17:5 cf. 2 Pet. 1:16-17)

The Father's teaching through His Holy Spirit (John 14:24-26)

The Father teaches the nations (Ps. 94:9-10)

The Father teaches through judgments (Is. 26:9-10)

The Father teaches us to live properly (Titus 2:11-13)

The Father's special favor when He teaches those He chastens (Ps. 94:12-13)

The Father teaches His own when He chastens us (Heb. 12:5-10)

The Father teaches us in our afflictions (2 Cor. 1:3-4)

The Father teaches us to love one another (1 Thess. 4:9-10)

The Father teaches celestial beings (Eph. 3:9-10)

The Father's capstone teaching (Rev. 1:1-3)

The Father's ultimate teaching (Eph. 2:7)

Summary

1. The Father taught Solomon, the Israelites, His Son, and everyone who came to Christ during Christ's ministry, including Peter and others who came as infants.
2. The Father teaches farmers, the nations, His own, and celestial beings.
3. The Father's teaching includes teaching through His written Word, through His Son, through His Spirit, through direct speech, through judgments and chastening, and in afflictions.
4. The Father teaches people to come to Christ, and He teaches those who have come to Him to live properly, especially by loving one another.
5. The Father will teach His own forever about the wonders of His grace in His kindness to us in Christ.

Our Proper Response

We must glorify the Father for His ministry as teacher.

1. Acknowledge and appreciate His teaching you and others to do properly all the legitimate things that we do in our lives (James 1:17)
2. Consecrate every legitimate endeavor in your life to the glory of our Father (1 Cor. 10:31)
3. Continually express gratitude to the Father for teaching you to come to Christ and teaching you through Him (Col. 1:12-13)
4. Cultivate your daily learning from the Father through His Word (Deut. 17:18-20); read, hear, and heed especially the pinnacle of the Father's revelation to mankind—the book of Revelation (Rev. 1:3)
5. Pray specifically for the Father to teach you: "Teach me" (16x; Psalm 25:4, 5; 27:11; 86:11; 119:12, 26, 33, 64, 66, 68, 108, 124, 135, 171; 143:8, 10)
6. Subject yourself properly to the Father's chastening and His teaching to you in that chastening. (Ps. 119:67, 71)
7. Learn obedience through the sufferings that the Father brings into your life (Heb. 5:8; 1 Pet. 4:19)
8. Allow the Father to comfort you in those sufferings so that He can teach you how to comfort others who suffer the same things (Ps. 119:50, 107; cf. Luke 22:32)
9. Excel even more at being taught by the Father to love the brethren. (Philip. 1:9; 1 John 3:23; 4:7)
10. Eagerly anticipate the glories to come! (Eph. 2:7; Titus 2:11-13)

Let us pray to the Father who is our incomparable Teacher! (Ps. 90:12; Heb. 13:20-21)