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"one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all"

Ephesians 4:6

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- Jehovah as the Eternal Father in Old Testament:
 - "Israel is My son, My firstborn" (Exodus 4:22)
 - Psalm 103:13

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The One who has dwelt with the Father eternally:

- "He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature" (Hebrews 1:3)
- "He is the image of the invisible God" (Colossians 1:15)
- "If you had known Me, you would have known My Father.... He who has seen Me has seen the Father" (John 14:7, 9)

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- What do you see about the Father in Jesus?
 - "Eternal Father" (Isaiah 9:6)
 - Father's radiant glory (John 1:14; Hebrews 1:3; 1 Timothy 6:16)
 - Fullness of grace and truth (John 1:14)
 - Father's <u>authority</u> (Matthew 7:29; John 14:10)

God desires a fatherhood relation to spiritually adopted children.

- The Father predestined adoption through Jesus.
 - Ephesians 1:5; Romans 8:29
- Sonship with the Father is an immeasurable gift of love.
 - "See how great a love the Father has bestowed on us that we should be called <u>children</u> <u>of God</u>; and such we are" (1 John 3:1)
 - Romans 8:14-16

Goodness comes from the Father of lights because He is absolute goodness.

- He knows His children.
 - Matthew 7:7-11

- He executed His will so that we can be born again.
 - James 1:17-18; 1 Peter 1:23; Colossians 1:12, 13

Our Father of love <u>disciplines</u> and <u>judges</u> because He is just.

- Our Father is absolutely impartial.
 - Romans 2:6; 1 Peter 1:17
- He disciplines because He loves all His sons.
 - Hebrews 12:5-11
- Divine Fatherhood will execute wrath upon "sons of disobedience" (Colossians 3:6; Ephesians 5:6).