

# Terms of Endearment

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*His all encompassing love is displayed in these intimate and endearing relationships with all the spiritual children of Abraham. Like father, like son. As we get to know Him for who He really is in encounter after encounter, we become more and more like Him. His love breaks through every barrier to reveal broken hearts and to mend them. Soon we can recognize Him as our Father, Mother, Bridegroom, Teacher, Potter, Shepherd, Hen, Eagle, Vine and God.*

Studies included in this article are: Father And Son: Your Father, Children of God, Sons of God, Sons of The Living God; Mother And Child; Bridegroom And Bride (Husband and Wife); Teacher and Disciple; Potter And Clay; Shepherd And Sheep; Hen And Her Brood; Eagle and Its Young; Vine and Branches; God And People: Our God, My People

## Father And Son

Hosea 11:3 I taught Ephraim to walk, Taking them by their arms; But they did not know that I healed them.

### Your Father

Matthew 5:16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Matthew 5:45 That you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.

Matthew 5:48 Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect.

Matthew 6:1 Take heed that you do not do your charitable deeds before men, to be seen by them. Otherwise you have no reward from your Father in heaven.

Matthew 6:4 That your charitable deed may be in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will Himself reward you openly.

Matthew 6:6 But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who *is* in the secret *place*; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly.

Matthew 6:8 Therefore do not be like them. For [your Father](#) knows the things you have need of before you ask Him.

Matthew 6:15 But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will [your Father](#) forgive your trespasses.

Matthew 6:18 So that you do not appear to men to be fasting, but to [your Father](#) who *is* in the secret *place*; and [your Father](#) who sees in secret will reward you openly.

Matthew 7:11 If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will [your Father](#) who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!

Matthew 10:20 For it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of [your Father](#) who speaks in you.

Matthew 10:29 Are not two sparrows sold for a copper coin? And not one of them falls to the ground apart from [your Father](#)'s will.

Matthew 15:4 For God commanded, saying, 'Honor [your father](#) and your mother'; and, 'He who curses father or mother, let him be put to death.'

Matthew 18:14 Even so it is not the will of [your Father](#) who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

Matthew 23:9 Do not call anyone on earth [your father](#); for One is [your Father](#), He who is in heaven.

Mark 7:10 For Moses said, 'Honor [your father](#) and your mother'; and, 'He who curses father or mother, let him be put to death.'

Mark 10:19 You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery,' 'Do not murder,' 'Do not steal,' 'Do not bear false witness,' 'Do not defraud,' 'Honor [your father](#) and your mother.'"

Mark 11:25 And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, that [your Father](#) in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses.

Mark 11:26 But if you do not forgive, neither will [your Father](#) in heaven forgive your trespasses.

Luke 2:48 So when they saw Him, they were amazed; and His mother said to Him, "Son, why have You done this to us? Look, [Your father](#) and I have sought You anxiously."

Luke 6:36 Therefore be merciful, just as [your Father](#) also is merciful.

Luke 12:30 For all these things the nations of the world seek after, and [your Father](#) knows that you need these things.

Luke 12:32 Do not fear, little flock, for it is [your Father](#)'s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

Luke 15:27 And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and because he has received him safe and sound, [your father](#) has killed the fatted calf.'

Luke 18:20 You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery,' 'Do not murder,' 'Do not steal,' 'Do not bear false witness,' 'Honor [your father](#) and your mother.'"

John 8:19 Then they said to Him, "Where is Your Father?" Jesus answered, "You know neither Me nor My Father. If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also."

John 8:38 I speak what I have seen with My Father, and you do what you have seen with your father."

John 8:41 You do the deeds of your father. Then they said to Him, "We were not born of fornication; we have one Father—God."

John 8:42 Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love Me, for I proceeded forth and came from God; nor have I come of Myself, but He sent Me.

John 20:17 Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to Me, for I have not yet ascended to My Father; but go to My brethren and say to them, 'I am ascending to My Father and your Father, and to My God and your God.'"

2 Corinthians 6:18 I will be a Father to you, And you shall be My sons and daughters, Says the LORD Almighty.

### **Children of God**

John 1:12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:

John 11:52 And not for that nation only, but also that He would gather together in one the children of God who were scattered abroad.

Romans 8:16 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God.

Romans 8:21 Because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.

Romans 9:8 That is, those who *are* the children of the flesh, these *are* not the children of God; but the children of the promise are counted as the seed.

Philippians 2:15 That you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world.

1 John 3:1-2 Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.

1 John 3:10 In this the children of God and the children of the devil are manifest: Whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor *is* he who does not love his brother.

1 John 5:2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and keep His commandments.

### **Sons of God**

Matthew 5:9 Blessed *are* the peacemakers, For they shall be called sons of God.

Luke 20:36 "nor can they die anymore, for they are equal to the angels and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection.

Romans 8:14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.

Romans 8:19 For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God.

Galatians 3:26 For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.

### **Sons of The Living God**

Hosea 1:10 "Yet the number of the children of Israel Shall be as the sand of the sea, Which cannot be measured or numbered. And it shall come to pass In the place where it was said to them, 'You *are* not My people,' *There* it shall be said to them, 'You *are* sons of the living God.'

Romans 9:26 "And it shall come to pass in the place where it was said to them, 'You are not My people,' There they shall be called sons of the living God."

### **Mother And Child**

Isaiah 49:15 Can a woman forget her nursing child, And not have compassion on the son of her womb? Surely they may forget, Yet I will not forget you.

### **Bridegroom And Bride (Husband And Wife)**

Psalms 19:5 Which *is* like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, *And* rejoices like a strong man to run its race.

Isaiah 61:10 I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, My soul shall be joyful in my God; For He has clothed me with the garments of salvation, He has covered me with the robe of righteousness, As a bridegroom decks *himself* with ornaments, And as a bride adorns *herself* with her jewels.

Isaiah 62:5 For *as* a young man marries a virgin, *So* shall your sons marry you; And *as* the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, *So* shall your God rejoice over you.

Jeremiah 33:11 'the voice of joy and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride, the voice of those who will say: "Praise the LORD of hosts, For the LORD *is* good, For His mercy *endures* forever" —and of those *who will* bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the LORD. For I will cause the captives of the land to return as at the first,' says the LORD.

Matthew 9:15 And Jesus said to them, "Can the friends of the bridegroom mourn as long as the bridegroom is with them? But the days will come when the bridegroom will be taken away from them, and then they will fast.

Matthew 25:1 Then the kingdom of heaven shall be likened to ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the [bridegroom](#).

Matthew 25:5-6 But while the [bridegroom](#) was delayed, they all slumbered and slept. And at midnight a cry was *heard*: 'Behold, the [bridegroom](#) is coming; go out to meet him!'

Mark 2:19-20 And Jesus said to them, "Can the friends of the [bridegroom](#) fast while the [bridegroom](#) is with them? As long as they have the [bridegroom](#) with them they cannot fast. But the days will come when the [bridegroom](#) will be taken away from them, and then they will fast in those days.

Luke 5:34-35 And He said to them, "Can you make the friends of the [bridegroom](#) fast while the [bridegroom](#) is with them? But the days will come when the [bridegroom](#) will be taken away from them; then they will fast in those days."

John 3:29 He who has the bride is the [bridegroom](#); but the friend of the [bridegroom](#), who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly because of the [bridegroom](#)'s voice. Therefore this joy of mine is fulfilled.

Revelation 21:2 Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a [bride](#) adorned for her husband.

Revelation 21:9 Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls filled with the seven last plagues came to me and talked with me, saying, "Come, I will show you the [bride](#), the Lamb's wife."

Revelation 22:17 And the Spirit and the [bride](#) say, "Come!" And let him who hears say, "Come!" And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely.

## Teacher and Disciple

Matthew 10:24 A disciple is not above *his* [teacher](#), nor a servant above his master.

Matthew 22:36 [Teacher](#), which *is* the great commandment in the law?

Matthew 23:8 But you, do not be called 'Rabbi'; for One is your [Teacher](#), the Christ, and you are all brethren.

Matthew 23:10 And do not be called teachers; for One is your [Teacher](#), the Christ.

Mark 13:1 Then as He went out of the temple, one of His disciples said to Him, "[Teacher](#), see what manner of stones and what buildings *are here!*"

Mark 14:14 "Wherever he goes in, say to the master of the house, 'The [Teacher](#) says, "Where is the guest room in which I may eat the Passover with My disciples?"'

Luke 6:40 A disciple is not above his [teacher](#), but everyone who is perfectly trained will be like his [teacher](#).

John 1:38 Then Jesus turned, and seeing them following, said to them, "What do you seek?" They said to Him, "Rabbi" (which is to say, when translated, [Teacher](#)), "where are You staying?"

John 3:2 This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, "Rabbi, we know that You are a [teacher](#) come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him."

John 13:13 You call me [Teacher](#) and Lord, and you say well, for *so* I am.

John 13:14 If I then, *your* Lord and [Teacher](#), have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet.

John 20:16 Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to Him, "Rabboni!" (which is to say, [Teacher](#)).

## Potter And Clay

Isaiah 29:16 Surely you have things turned around! Shall the [potter](#) be esteemed as the clay; For shall the thing made say of him who made it, "He did not make me"? Or shall the thing formed say of him who formed it, "He has no understanding"?

Isaiah 64:8 But now, O LORD, You *are* our Father; We *are* the clay, and You our [potter](#); And all we *are* the work of Your hand.

Jeremiah 18:2-4 Arise and go down to the [potter](#)'s house, and there I will cause you to hear My words. Then I went down to the [potter](#)'s house, and there he was, making something at the wheel. And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the [potter](#); so he made it again into another vessel, as it seemed good to the [potter](#) to make.

Jeremiah 18:6 "O house of Israel, can I not do with you as this [potter](#)?" says the LORD. "Look, as the clay *is* in the [potter](#)'s hand, so *are* you in My hand, O house of Israel!"

Lamentations 4:2 The precious sons of Zion, Valuable as fine gold, How they are regarded as clay pots, The work of the hands of the [potter](#)!

Romans 9:21 Does not the [potter](#) have power over the clay, from the same lump to make one vessel for honor and another for dishonor?

## Shepherd And Sheep

Genesis 49:24 But his bow remained in strength, And the arms of his hands were made strong By the hands of the Mighty *God* of Jacob (From there *is* the [Shepherd](#), the Stone of Israel).

Psalms 23:1 A Psalm of David. The LORD *is* my [shepherd](#); I shall not want.

Psalms 28:9 Save Your people, And bless Your inheritance; [Shepherd](#) them also, And bear them up forever.

Psalms 78:71 From following the ewes that had young He brought him, To [shepherd](#) Jacob His people, And Israel His inheritance.

Psalms 80:1 To the Chief Musician. Set to "The Lillies." A Testimony of Asaph. A Psalm. Give ear, O [Shepherd](#) of Israel, You who lead Joseph like a flock; You who dwell *between* the cherubim, shine forth!

Psalms 95:7 For He *is* our God, And we *are* the people of His pasture, And the [sheep of](#) His hand. Today, if you will hear His voice:

Psalms 100:3 Know that the LORD, He *is* God; *It is* He *who* has made us, and not we ourselves; *We are* His people and the [sheep of](#) His pasture.

Ecclesiastes 12:11 The words of the wise are like goads, and the words of scholars are like well-driven nails, given by one [Shepherd](#).

Isaiah 40:11 He will feed His flock like a [shepherd](#); He will gather the lambs with His arm, And carry *them* in His bosom, *And* gently lead those who are with young.

Isaiah 63:11 Then he remembered the days of old, Moses *and* his people, *saying*: "Where *is* He who brought them up out of the sea With the [shepherd](#) of His flock? Where *is* He who put His Holy Spirit within them,

Jeremiah 23:1 "Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the [sheep of](#) My pasture!" says the LORD.

Jeremiah 31:10 Hear the word of the LORD, O nations, And declare *it* in the isles afar off, and say, 'He who scattered Israel will gather him, And keep him as a [shepherd](#) *does* his flock.'

Ezekiel 34:12 As a [shepherd](#) seeks out his flock on the day he is among his scattered sheep, so will I seek out My sheep and deliver them from all the places where they were scattered on a cloudy and dark day.

Ezekiel 34:23 I will establish one [shepherd](#) over them, and he shall feed them—My servant David. He shall feed them and be their [shepherd](#).

Ezekiel 37:24 David My servant *shall be* king over them, and they shall all have one [shepherd](#); they shall also walk in My judgments and observe My statutes, and do them.

Micah 7:14 [Shepherd](#) Your people with Your staff, The flock of Your heritage, Who dwell solitarily *in* a woodland, In the midst of Carmel; Let them feed *in* Bashan and Gilead, As in days of old.

Matthew 2:6 'But you, Bethlehem, *in* the land of Judah, Are not the least among the rulers of Judah; For out of you shall come a Ruler Who will [shepherd](#) My people Israel.'

Matthew 25:32 All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a [shepherd](#) divides *his* sheep from the goats.

Matthew 26:31 Then Jesus said to them, "All of you will be made to stumble because of Me this night, for it is written: 'I will strike the [Shepherd](#), And the sheep of the flock will be scattered.'"

Mark 14:27 Then Jesus said to them, "All of you will be made to stumble because of Me this night, for it is written: 'I will strike the [Shepherd](#), And the sheep will be scattered.'"

John 10:2 But he who enters by the door is the [shepherd](#) of the sheep.

John 10:11-12 I am the good [shepherd](#). The good [shepherd](#) gives His life for the sheep. But a hireling, *he who is* not the [shepherd](#), one who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf catches the sheep and scatters them.

John 10:14 I am the good [shepherd](#); and I know My *sheep*, and am known by My own.

John 10:16 And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock *and* one [shepherd](#).

Hebrews 13:20-21 Now may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great [Shepherd](#) of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant. make you complete in every good work to do His will, working in you what is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

1 Peter 2:25 For you were like sheep going astray, but have now returned to the [Shepherd](#) and Overseer of your souls.

1 Peter 5:4 And when the Chief [Shepherd](#) appears, you will receive the crown of glory that does not fade away.

Revelation 7:17 For the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will [shepherd](#) them and lead them to living fountains of waters. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

### **Hen And Her Brood**

Matthew 23:37 "O [Jerusalem, Jerusalem](#), the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under *her* wings, but you were not willing!

Luke 13:34 "O [Jerusalem, Jerusalem](#), the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen *gathers* her brood under *her* wings, but you were not willing!

### **Eagle and Its Young**

Deuteronomy 32:11-12 As an [eagle](#) stirs up its nest, Hovers over its young, Spreading out its wings, taking them up, Carrying them on its wings, so the LORD alone led him, And there was no foreign god with him.

### **Vine and Branches**

John 15:1 "I am the true [vine](#), and My Father is the vinedresser.

John 15:4-5 "Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the [vine](#), neither can you, unless you abide in Me. I am the [vine](#), you *are* the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing."

### **God And People**

Leviticus 26:12 I will walk among you and [be your God, and you shall be My people](#).



Jeremiah 7:23 "But this is what I commanded them, saying, 'Obey My voice, and I will be your God, and you shall be My people. And walk in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well with you.'

Jeremiah 11:4 "which I commanded your fathers in the day I brought them out of the land of Egypt, from the iron furnace, saying, 'Obey My voice, and do according to all that I command you; so shall you be My people, and I will be your God.'

Jeremiah 24:7 'Then I will give them a heart to know Me, that I *am* the LORD; and they shall be My people, and I will be their God, for they shall return to Me with their whole heart.

Jeremiah 30:22 'You shall be My people, And I will be your God.'

Jeremiah 31:1 "At the same time," says the LORD, "I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be My people."

Jeremiah 31:33 "But this *is* the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

Jeremiah 32:38 'They shall be My people, and I will be their God.

Ezekiel 11:20 That they may walk in My statutes and keep My judgments and do them; and they shall be My people, and I will be their God.

Ezekiel 14:11 That the house of Israel may no longer stray from Me, nor be profaned anymore with all their transgressions, but that they may be My people and I may be their God," says the Lord GOD."

Ezekiel 36:28 Then you shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; you shall be My people, and I will be your God.

Ezekiel 37:27 My tabernacle also shall be with them; indeed I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

Hosea 2:23 Then I will sow her for Myself in the earth, And I will have mercy on *her who had* not obtained mercy; Then I will say to *those who were* not My people, 'You are My people!' And they shall say, 'You are my God!'

Zechariah 8:8 I will bring them *back,* And they shall dwell in the midst of Jerusalem. They shall be My people And I will be their God, In truth and righteousness.'

Zechariah 13:9 I will bring the *one-third* through the fire, Will refine them as silver is refined, And test them as gold is tested. They will call on My name, And I will answer them. I will say, 'This *is* My people'; And each one will say, 'The LORD *is* my God.'

2 Corinthians 6:16 And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will dwell in them And walk among *them.* I will be their God, And they shall be My people.

Hebrews 8:10 For this *is* the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put My laws in their mind and write them on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

## Our God

Galatians 1:4 Who gave Himself for our sins, that He might deliver us from this present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father.

Philippians 4:20 Now to our God and Father *be* glory forever and ever. Amen.

1 Thessalonians 1:3 Remembering without ceasing your work of faith, labor of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the sight of our God and Father.

1 Thessalonians 3:11 Now may our God and Father Himself, and our Lord Jesus Christ, direct our way to you.

1 Thessalonians 3:13 So that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all His saints.

2 Thessalonians 1:12 That the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and you in Him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Thessalonians 2:16 Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself, and our God and Father, who has loved us and given *us* everlasting consolation and good hope by grace.

James 3:9 With it we bless our God and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in the similitude of God.

2 Peter 1:1 Simon Peter, a bondservant and apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who have obtained like precious faith with us by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ.

Revelation 5:10 And have made us kings and priests to our God; And we shall reign on the earth.

Revelation 12:10 Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, "Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down."

## My People

2 Chronicles 7:14 If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

Isaiah 51:16 And I have put My words in your mouth; I have covered you with the shadow of My hand, That I may plant the heavens, Lay the foundations of the earth, And say to Zion, 'You *are* My people.'

Isaiah 52:6 Therefore My people shall know My name; Therefore *they shall know* in that day That I *am* He who speaks: 'Behold, *it is* I.'

Isaiah 63:8 For He said, "Surely they *are* My people, Children *who* will not lie." So He became their Savior.

Joel 2:26 You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, And praise the name of the LORD your God, Who has dealt wondrously with you; And My people shall never be put to shame.

Micah 6:3 "O My people, what have I done to you? And how have I wearied you? Testify against Me."

Zechariah 2:11 Many nations shall be joined to the LORD in that day, and they shall become My people.  
And I will dwell in your midst. Then you will know that the LORD of hosts has sent Me to you.

Matthew 2:6 'But you, Bethlehem, *in* the land of Judah, Are not the least among the rulers of Judah; For out of you shall come a Ruler Who will shepherd My people Israel.'

Romans 9:25 As He says also in Hosea: "I will call them My people, who were not My people, And her beloved, who was not beloved.

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