

A VISION OF FATHER

**FROM
THE NEW TESTAMENT
EPISTLES**

INTRODUCTION

There are nine authors in the New Testament. They are Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Peter, James, Hebrews, Jude and Paul. The documents they write are listed below. This study will focus on the vision of Father as found in the epistles written by each author. In order to discover a vision of God according to the epistles, we will look at titles used to refer to Father, passages that deal with His activity and work and thirdly we will review how men addressed Father in each epistle.

Chart One						
AUTHORS	NAME OF DOCUMENTS WRITTEN					
MATTHEW	GOSPEL OF MATTHEW					
MARK	GOSPEL OF MARK					
LUKE	GOSPEL OF LUKE					
JOHN	GOSPEL OF JOHN					
PETER	1 PETER	2 PETER				
JAMES	JAMES					
HEBREWS	HEBREWS					
JUDE	JUDE					
PAUL	ROMANS	1 CORINTHIANS	2 CORINTHIANS	GALATIANS	EPHESIANS	PHILIPPIANS
	COLOSSIANS	1THESSALONIANS	2 THESSALONIANS	1ST TIMOTHY	2ND TIMOTHY	TITUS
	PHILEMON					

The chart below (Chart Two) provides details regarding the number of verses dealing with Father that are found in the epistles of the New Testament. For example, you will note that the 13 epistles of Paul include 677 verses that make reference to Father.

Chart Two			
Epistle (s) of	# of Epistles	Total Verses	Father
Paul	13	2034	677
James	1	109	28
Jude	1	25	8
Peter	2	167	70
Hebrews	1	305	106
1-2-3 John	3	132	36
Totals	21	2772	1125

CHAPTER ONE

TITLES FOR FATHER

As you read through each epistle, you will note **the unique vision of Father-God** that each writer possessed. In their respective epistles, they each reveal a picture of God. This is done by the use of titles. Note the number of titles used by each author. (Chart Three)

Chart Three				
Epistle (s) of	Titles for Father		Epistle (s) of	Titles for Father
Paul	41		James	7
Peter	7		Jude	4
Hebrews	10		1-2-3 John	5
James	7			

According to chart three above ...

1. How many titles for God are found in Paul's 13 epistles?
2. What is the total number of titles used in the epistles of the New Testament?
3. Why are titles important?

PAUL'S VISION OF FATHER

Paul uses **41 titles** in order to describe the God with whom he was in relationship. Note the titles listed below.

	TITLES		FOR		GOD
1	Author of Peace	15	God of Love	29	Lord of lords
2	Avenger	16	God of Patience	30	Lord of Peace
3	Blessed God	17	God of Peace	31	Lord of Sabbath
4	Creator	18	God our Saviour	32	Master
5	Everlasting God	19	Great God	33	Only Potentate
6	Father	20	Immortal	34	Only Wise God
7	Father of All	21	Invisible	35	Potter
8	Father of Glory	22	Justifier	36	Saviour of all Men
9	Father of Mercies	23	King Eternal	37	Spirit of God
10	God	24	King of kings	38	Spirit of Him
11	God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ	25	Living God	39	Spirit of the Living God
12	God of all Comfort	26	Lord	40	True God
13	God of Consolation	27	Lord Almighty	41	Incorruptible God
14	God of Hope	28	God of Truth		

According to the chart above...

1. Select five titles that speak to the nature and character of God. (5, 20, 21, 23, 27, 34, 41)
2. If God is Creator, who are we? – **His Creatures**
3. If God is Master, who are we? – **His Servants**
4. If God is Father, who are we? – **His Sons and Daughters**
5. If God is King, who are we? – **His Subjects**
6. If God is a potter, who are we? – **Clay**
7. What title reveals the relationship between Father-God and Jesus? (11)
8. Select two titles that speak to salvation. (18, 22, 36)
9. What titles reveal the fruit that flows from God as source? (12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 28)
10. What titles speak to God's sovereignty? (4, 7, 19, 24, 27, 29, 32, 33)

In your own words, write a few sentences that describe Paul's vision of Father.
(Use the titles above)
<i>Paul has a vision of a personal God. He calls Him Father. He is Father of all, Father of mercy, Father of Glory.</i>
<i>He identifies Him as God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.</i>
<i>God is portrayed as transcendent, Creator, Everlasting, Eternal, Immortal, Invisible, Almighty, Incorruptible, Master, Only Potentate</i>
<i>He is imminent. He is God the Savior of all men, justifier</i>
<i>He is sovereign. Great God, Lord, King of Kings, Lord of Lords, Only Wise</i>
<i>God is the Source. God of all comfort, consolation, hope, love, patience, peace, truth</i>
<i>He is the potter that works the clay and the avenger that implements justice.</i>

PETER'S VISION OF FATHER

In his two epistles, Peter uses **seven titles** in order to describe the God with whom he was in relationship. Note the titles listed below.

	TITLES
1	Father
2	God
3	God of all grace
4	Faithful creator
5	Holy
6	Lord
7	Lord God

In your own words, write a few sentences that describe Peter's vision of Father.
(Use the titles above)
<i>Peter has a vision of a personal God. He calls Him Father.</i>
<i>God is not only a transcendent creator who is above all, but also an intimate Father.</i>
<i>He highlights God's holiness and calls Him faithful.</i>
<i>Peter portrays a God of all grace.</i>
<i>God reaches out to us and offers us unmerited favor.</i>

HEBREW'S VISION OF FATHER

In the epistle written to the Hebrews, the author uses **10 titles** in order to describe the God with whom he is in relationship. Note the titles listed below.

	TITLES
1	Father
2	Father of spirits
3	God
4	God of Peace
5	God the Judge of all
6	Living God
7	Lord
8	Majesty
9	Majesty in the Heavens
10	Most high God

In your own words, write a few sentences that describe Father in the epistle to the Hebrews
(Use the titles above)
<i>The writer to the Hebrews has a vision of a personal God. He calls Him Father.</i>
<i>He highlights God's majesty. He is called Most High God and Father of spirits.</i>
<i>God is both a God of peace and the Judge of all.</i>
<i>The author views God as sovereign. He calls Him Lord.</i>

JAMES' VISION OF FATHER

In his epistle, James uses **seven titles** in order to describe the God with whom he was in relationship. Note the list of titles below.

	TITLES
1	God
2	Father
3	Judge
4	Lawgiver
5	Lord
6	Lord of the Sabbath
7	Husbandman

In your own words, write a few sentences that describe James' vision of Father.
(Use the titles above)
<i>James has a vision of a personal God. He calls Him Father.</i>
<i>He reveals a God who is a lawgiver and Judge.</i>
<i>He portrays God as a husbandman and the Lord of the Sabbath.</i>

JUDE'S VISION OF FATHER

In his epistle, Jude uses 4 **titles** in order to describe the God with whom he is in relationship. Note the list of titles below.

	TITLES
1	Father
2	Lord
3	Only wise God
4	Our Savior

In your own words, write a few sentences that describe Jude's vision of Father.
(Use the titles above)
<i>Jude has a vision of a personal God. He calls Him Father.</i>
<i>He portrays God as sovereign. He calls Him Lord.</i>
<i>God is not only above us, but also a personal Savior.</i>
<i>Jude was impressed with the wisdom of God. He calls Him Only Wise.</i>

JOHN'S VISION OF FATHER

In his three epistles, John uses **5 titles** to describe the God with whom he is in relationship. Note the list of titles below.

	TITLES
1	Father
2	God
3	Sons of the Father
4	Spirit of God
5	The Holy One

In your own words, write a few sentences that describe John's vision of Father.
(Use the titles above)
<i>John has a vision of a personal God. He calls Him Father.</i>
<i>He highlights God's Father-Son relationship. He calls us sons of the Father.</i>
<i>He speaks of the Spirit of God.</i>
<i>He calls Father the Holy One.</i>

CHAPTER TWO

FATHER'S WORK AND ACTIVITY

Upon reviewing 21 epistles in the New Testament, information was gathered regarding Father's work and activity in relation to his creatures. In this chapter, we will review the writings of five authors. The actions found in each epistle are noted below.

Author	Epistle (s)	Divine Actions
Paul	13	337
James	1	16
Jude	1	4
Peter	2	48
Hebrews	1	44
1-2-3 John	3	37

FATHER'S WORK AND ACTIVITY IN THE EPISTLES OF PAUL

What follows is a list of the activities found in the 13 epistles of Paul.

	PAUL
	God: His Work
1	accepted , He made us accepted in the beloved
2	accepts , He accepts those who serve Christ
3	accepts , He accepts us
4	access , He gives us access to Himself
5	adoption , He gives us the Spirit of adoption
6	alive He makes us alive from the dead
7	anoints , He anoints us
8	armor , He provides us with a whole armor
9	authority , He gives us authority for edification
10	beseeches , He beseeches us through His servants
11	blessings , He blesses us with all spiritual blessings
12	body , He will provide us a building/house that is eternal in the heavens
13	call , He is rich unto all who call upon Him
14	called , He has called us with a holy calling according to His own purpose and grace
15	calling , He counts us worthy of His calling
16	calling , He offers us a high calling
17	calling , He reveals the hope of our calling
18	calls , He call us by His grace
19	calls , He calls us
20	calls , He calls us into Christ

21	calls , He calls us to peace
22	chooses , He chooses us before the foundation of the world
23	clay , He has power over us as the clay
24	co-laborers , He allows us to serve as His co-laborers
25	comforts , He comforts those that are cast down
26	comforts , He comforts us in all tribulation
27	commends , He commends His love toward us
28	compassion , He shows compassion
29	consolation , He has given us everlasting consolation
30	created , He created the new man in righteousness and true holiness
31	delivers , He delivers us
32	delivers , He delivers us from death
33	delivers , He delivers us from every evil work
34	delivers , He delivers us from the power of darkness
35	destroys , He destroys those who defile His temple
36	directs , He directs our way
37	dwells , He dwells in us
38	dwells , His Spirit dwells in us
39	earnest , He gives us the earnest of the Spirit
40	enlightens , He enlightens the eyes of our understanding
41	establish , He will establish us
42	faith , He counts faith for righteousness
43	faith , He fulfills the work of faith with power in the believer
44	faith , He grants the gift of faith
45	faith , He has dealt to all a measure of faith
46	fellowship , He calls us into the fellowship of Jesus
47	for us , He is for us
48	foreknew , He has foreknown us
49	forgiven , He has forgiven all our trespasses
50	forgiven , He has forgiven us
51	fullness , He fills us with His fullness
52	gift , He grants us His unspeakable gift
53	gift , He sets each gift in the church
54	giver , He loves a cheerful giver
55	glorify , He will glorify us
56	glory , He calls men by the gospel to obtain of the glory of Jesus
57	glory , He calls men unto His glory
58	glory , He will grant us glory
59	good news , He has delivered good news to us
60	goodness , His goodness leads to repentance, forbearance, and longsuffering
61	gospel , He has ordained that we live by the gospel if we labor in the gospel
62	grace , He bestows His grace on the churches
63	grace , He calls us into the grace of Christ
64	grace , He gives us grace
65	grace , He gives us the gift of grace by the effectual working of His power
66	grace , He grants the gift of grace
67	grace , He has put us under grace
68	grace , He makes all grace to abound
69	grace , He will show us the exceeding riches of His grace for ages to come
70	graft , He grafts into His branch those who believe
71	hear , He has heard us
72	heirs , He has made us heirs
73	heirs , He makes us heirs according to the hope of eternal life
74	holiness , He calls us to holiness
75	Holy Spirit , He has given us His Holy Spirit

76	hope , He has given us good hope through grace
77	indwells , He indwells the believer
78	inheritance , He grants us an inheritance
79	inheritance , He grants us the reward of the inheritance
80	inheritance , He has made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance
81	inheritance , He reveals the riches of the glory of His inheritance
82	joy , He fills us with joy
83	Judge , He judges the secrets of all
84	judge , He will judge the quick and the dead
85	judge , He will judge the world
86	judges , He judges all
87	judges , He judges those that are without
88	justifies , He justifies all
89	justifies , He justifies me
90	justifies , He justifies the ungodly
91	justifies , He justifies us freely by His grace
92	justifies , He justifies us through faith
93	keep us , He will keep us from evil
94	kingdom , He calls us unto His kingdom and glory
95	kingdom , He does not allow entrance into His kingdom to those who embrace certain life-styles
96	know , He makes known the riches of His glory - prepares vessels unto glory
97	knowledge , He enriches us in knowledge
98	knowledge , He gives us the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the full knowledge of Himself
99	knowledge , He makes manifest the savour of His knowledge
100	knows , He knows the thoughts of the self-proclaimed wise
101	leads , He leads us
102	liberty , He gives us liberty
103	life , He offers us the gift of eternal life
104	love , He gives us love with faith
105	love , He gives us the spirit of love
106	love , His love has appeared
107	members , He sets members in the body as it pleases Him
108	mercy , He grants mercy
109	mercy , He is rich in mercy
110	mercy , He shows mercy upon all
111	ministers , He gives ministers to every man
112	ministries , He assigns ministries to us
113	mysteries , He reveals His mysteries to us
114	mystery , He makes known the riches of the glory of His mystery - Christ in you - the hope of glory
115	peace , He fills men with peace
116	peace , He gives us peace
117	peace , His peace rules the heart of the believer
118	place , He sets forth men in their place
119	power , He has given us the spirit of power
120	power , His power works in us
121	powers , He ordains powers that rule
122	prayer , He does exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think
123	preaching , He uses the preaching of the cross to save us and infuse us with power
124	predestinated us to be conformed to the image of His Son
125	predestines , He predestines us unto the adoption of children according to the good pleasure of His will
126	predestines , He predestines us according to His purpose
127	presence , He is with us
128	preserves , He preserves men unto his heavenly kingdom
129	preserves , He preserves our body blameless
130	preserves , He preserves our soul blameless

131	preserves , He preserves our spirit blameless
132	price , He has purchased us with a price
133	promised , He promised eternal life before the world began
134	promises , He performs His promises
135	proper gift , He grants us a proper gift
136	propitiation , He set Christ to be a propitiation
137	prosper , He prospers us
138	purpose , He calls us according to His purpose
139	quicken , He shall quicken our mortal body
140	quickened , He has quickened us
141	quickens , He quickens all things
142	quickens , He quickens the dead
143	quickens , He quickens us together with Christ
144	raise , He raised Christ from the dead
145	raise , He will raise us up by His power
146	raised , He raised us up together
147	raised , He will raise the believers from the dead
148	receives , He receives those who practice their conviction
149	receives , He receives us
150	recompenses , He recompenses tribulation to those who trouble the believer
151	reconciled , He reconciles us to Himself
152	reconciliation , He gives us the ministry of reconciliation
153	repentance , He gives us repentance to the acknowledging of the truth
154	reserves , He reserves us
155	resurrected , He resurrected Jesus
156	resurrection body , He gives us a resurrection body
157	reveal , He reveals Himself to us
158	reveals , He reveals His Son in us
159	reveals , He reveals the exceeding greatness of His power
160	reveals , He reveals truth
161	reward , He will reward those who do good
162	righteousness , He counts our faith as righteousness
163	righteousness , He imputes righteousness
164	righteousness , He makes us His own righteousness
165	rule , He distributes a measure of rule to us
166	salvation , He has appointed us to obtain salvation
167	salvation , He has chosen us to salvation from the beginning through sanctification and belief
168	salvation , He has not appointed us to wrath
169	salvation , He made salvation available to the Gentiles through Israel's rejection and provoked Israel to jealousy
170	salvation , His grace brings salvation to all
171	sanctifies , He prepares vessels of honor and sanctifies them
172	sanctifies , He sanctifies us wholly
173	saved , He has saved us
174	saved , He saved us according to His mercy
175	saves , He saves us by grace
176	seals , He seals us
177	Self-Revelation : All things are His
178	Self-Revelation : Has put all things under Christ's feet
179	Self-Revelation : He created all things by Jesus Christ
180	Self-Revelation : He declares His righteousness and forbearance
181	Self-Revelation : He gives us the light of the knowledge of His glory
182	Self-Revelation : He operated in Christ according to the working of His mighty power
183	Self-Revelation : He has loved us
184	Self-Revelation : He is faithful
185	Self-Revelation : He is true

186	Self-Revelation: He laid in Zion a rock of offense
187	Self-Revelation: He makes covenants with us
188	Self-Revelation: He makes foolish the wisdom of the world
189	Self-Revelation: He shows His power
190	Self-Revelation: He shows mercy and hardens when He sees fit
191	Self-Revelation: He sometimes shows His wrath to make His power known
192	Self-Revelation: He spared not his Son, but delivered Him up
193	Self-Revelation: He spared not the natural branches
194	Self-Revelation: He will be all in all
195	Self-Revelation: His gospel is equivalent to His power
196	Self-Revelation: His purpose is according to election
197	Self-Revelation: It pleased Him that in Christ should all His fullness dwell
198	Self-Revelation: Of Him are all things
199	Self-Revelation: Of Him are we in Christ Jesus
200	Self-Revelation: righteousness proceeds from Him
201	Self-Revelation: The covenant was confirmed by Him
202	Self-Revelation: By Him are all things
203	Self-Revelation: He calls things that be not as though they were
204	Self-Revelation: He can be provoked to jealousy
205	Self-Revelation: He commands light to shine out of darkness
206	Self-Revelation: He dwells in the light which no man can approach
207	Self-Revelation: He fulfills all the good pleasure of His goodness in the believer
208	Self-Revelation: He gave Christ to be the head over all things
209	Self-Revelation: He has a work
210	Self-Revelation: He has an eternal purpose
211	Self-Revelation: He has declared all the world guilty
212	Self-Revelation: He has given us a glorious gospel
213	Self-Revelation: He has made Christ: righteousness
214	Self-Revelation: He has made Christ: wisdom
215	Self-Revelation: He has makes Christ: redemption
216	Self-Revelation: He has makes Christ: sanctification
217	Self-Revelation: He has only immortality
218	Self-Revelation: He has stretched forth His hands all day
219	Self-Revelation: He is above all, through all and in you all
220	Self-Revelation: He is faithful
221	Self-Revelation: He is gathering together in one all thing in Christ
222	Self-Revelation: He is in heaven
223	Self-Revelation: He is not a respecter of persons
224	Self-Revelation: He is righteousness
225	Self-Revelation: He is the author of peace
226	Self-Revelation: He is the avenger of those who defraud their brothers
227	Self-Revelation: He is the head of Christ
228	Self-Revelation: He is the owner of the church
229	Self-Revelation: He knows us
230	Self-Revelation: He loves and hates
231	Self-Revelation: He loves us with a great love
232	Self-Revelation: He makes Himself known to those who did not ask for Him
233	Self-Revelation: He often serves as a witness
234	Self-Revelation: He owns a kingdom
235	Self-Revelation: He provides different administrations
236	Self-Revelation: He provides diversity of operations
237	Self-Revelation: He put all things under the feet of Christ
238	Self-Revelation: He require an accounting from all
239	Self-Revelation: He reveals Himself through creation
240	Self-Revelation: He sent forth His Son

241	Self-Revelation: He sent forth the Spirit of His Son
242	Self-Revelation: He takes the wise in their craftiness
243	Self-Revelation: He uses foolish things of world to confound the wise
244	Self-Revelation: He uses the base things of the world to bring to nothing things that are
245	Self-Revelation: He uses the despised things of the world to bring to nothing things that are
246	Self-Revelation: He uses the weak things to confound the mighty
247	Self-Revelation: He was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself
248	Self-Revelation: He will bruise Satan under our feet shortly
249	Self-Revelation: He will descend from heaven
250	Self-Revelation: He will put down all rule, authority and power
251	Self-Revelation: He will subdue all things unto His Son
252	Self-Revelation: He works all in all
253	Self-Revelation: He, at times, sends strong delusion that cause men to believe a lie
254	Self-Revelation: His gifts and callings are without repentance
255	Self-Revelation: His judgments are unsearchable
256	Self-Revelation: His kindness has appeared
257	Self-Revelation: His kingdom is in power
258	Self-Revelation: His ways are past finding out
259	Self-Revelation: His wrath comes on the children of disobedience
260	Self-Revelation: His wrath comes upon those who forbid others to be saved
261	Self-Revelation: I will anger you by a foolish nation
262	Self-Revelation: No man has seen Him nor can see
263	Self-Revelation: Sometimes, He gives men the spirit of slumber, eyes that cannot see, and ears that cannot hear
264	Self-Revelation: The depth of riches both of His wisdom and knowledge
265	Self-Revelation: Through Him are all things
266	Self-Revelation: To Him are all things
267	Self-Revelation: To Him is honour and power everlasting
268	Self-Revelation: He was justified in the Spirit
269	Self-Revelation: He was received up into glory
270	Self-Revelation: He was believed on in the world
271	Self-Revelation: He was manifested in the flesh
272	Self-Revelation: He was preached unto the Gentiles
273	Self-Revelation: He was seen of angels
274	separates, He separates us
275	shines, He shines in our heart
276	sick, He shows mercy to the sick
277	sin, He condemned sin
278	sin, He does not impute sin upon us
279	sin, He made Christ sin for us
280	sin, He made men sit together
281	sin, He sent His own Son for sin
282	sound mind, He has given us the spirit of a sound mind
283	stablish, He has power to stablish men
284	stand, He is able to make us stand
285	stands, He stands with us
286	strengthens, He strengthens us
287	strengthens, He strengthens us with might
288	succoured, He has succoured us
289	supplies, He supplies all our need according to his riches in glory
290	teaches men to love one another
291	tempers, He tempers the body together
292	temptation, He does not suffer us to be tempted above than we are able
293	temptation, He makes a way so we can bear temptation
294	temptation, He makes a way to escape temptation
295	things, He freely gives us all things

296	things , He gives us richly all things to enjoy
297	things , He has prepared "things" for those that love Him
298	things , He reveals His "deep things" by His Spirit
299	things , His Spirit reveals the "things" freely given to us
300	translates , He translates us into the kingdom of His dear Son
301	tries , He tries our heart
302	triumph , He causes us to triumph
303	understanding , He gives us understanding in all things.
304	utterance , He enriches us in all utterance
305	utterance , He opens doors of utterance
306	vengeance , He will take vengeance on those that do not know Him and those who do not obey the gospel
307	victory , He gives us victory
308	walks , He walks in us
309	will , He desires that men be thoroughly furnished unto all good works.
310	will , He fills us with the knowledge of His will
311	will , He made known the mystery of his will
312	will , He will have all men to be saved
313	will , He will have all men to come unto the knowledge of the truth
314	will , He works all things after the counsel of His own will
315	will , He works in us both to will and to do His good pleasure
316	will , His will is our sanctification
317	wisdom , He is making known His manifold wisdom through the church
318	wisdom , He ordained wisdom before the world
319	wisdom , He saves men by the foolishness of preaching
320	Word , His word is profitable for reproof
321	word , He has manifested His word through preaching
322	word , He provides us with the Sword of the Spirit - His Word
323	word , He uses His word to work effectually in the believer
324	word , His word is inspired
325	word , His word is profitable for correction
326	word , His word is profitable for doctrine
327	word , His word is profitable for instruction in righteousness
328	work , He began a good work in the believer and promises to perform it until the day of Jesus Christ
329	work , He will finish the work be began in us
330	workers , He selects us
331	workmanship , we are His workmanship
332	works , He has created us unto good works
333	works , He has preordained those good works we are to do
334	works , He makes us meet for his use and prepares us unto good works
335	wrath , He is at times not pleased
336	wrath , He raises men to execute wrath for evil
337	writing , He is writing the epistle of Christ in us

How does God Speak to Us?

There are many examples of God's speaking in Scripture. Historically, God has spoken both directly and indirectly. The heavens declare, nature teaches, the storms and trials of life often utter the will of God. He may speak through the pain of Job or a burning bush to Moses. He may reveal His command through a storm, a whale or worm as He did to Jonah or speak in a still small voice to Elisha. He may deliver a word through an angel while at other times He may speak through a dream or even a thought implanted into the mind. God has never had a problem communicating with the human race. The issue has always been a deaf ear.

I hear God speak daily. He has spoken to me in many ways, but the most prominent method is through His diary. Below, you will find some of the communication I have received while in the process of reviewing the 13 epistles written by the apostle Paul.

Take Courage! Be Strong!

(This is a message I received when asking God for wisdom regarding my trial)

"When you face tribulation, My great love will comfort you. When you are cast down, I will demonstrate my compassion and give you everlasting consolation. I hear your prayer, understand your desires and will strengthen you with might. Without fail, I will reveal the exceeding greatness of My power and will always take action on your behalf.

When you are tested, I will not give you more than you can handle. I will either provide you with a way of escape or grant you a spirit of power, love and of a sound mind so you can bear it. On your journey, I will deliver you from every evil work.

When you find yourself in a maze of confusion, My peace will guide your heart and give you understanding. I am the Source of all things and fulfill all the good pleasure of My goodness in you. My power and Word will effectually operate in you when you are tested. I do not waste the trials you undergo. In and through them, I will transform you into the image of My Son and move you from one degree of glory to another.

When the storms of life set in, I invite you into fellowship with My Son. There, you will find peace that surpasses all understanding. Take comfort! I work all things after the counsel of My own will.

Even though my ways are at times past finding out, remember that I stand with you, lead you, give you victory and will cause you to triumph. I will supply all your needs according to My riches in glory. I will be faithful to you. I have a plan for your life. I will direct your way. Even though you may not understand, in due time, I will reveal all mysteries to you. I have called you to Myself and have granted you a gift of grace. I dwell in you and I will fill you with all My fullness.

Remember, the light affliction you are facing right now is passing and will work in you a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory. You will be refreshed, restored, and renewed. Stand fast! My hand is stretched all day long as I call you to draw near."

Stand Still and Know I am God

(This is a message I received when inquiring about the meaning of my repentance.)

"When I awakened you to your need for a Savior and made you aware of your weakness, failure, and sin, I offered you forgiveness and the gift of eternal life.

I took your sins and hurled them into the depth of the sea to be remembered no more. When you surrendered, multiple miracles occurred all at once as I revealed My power. It was at the moment of repentance, that I began to unveil my blessing to you.

I brought you good news. I delivered and demonstrated with confidence, My great love to you. It is I who fill you with joy, rich mercy and peace. I strengthen you and infuse you with power. Through My Spirit, I prepare and reveal wonderful things so you can richly and freely enjoy them.

When you approached Me with your empty hand of faith, I received you. I justified and reconciled you to Myself. I call you into My kingdom and made you an heir according to the hope of eternal life. When you receive My gift of salvation, I make known to you the riches of My glory and prepare you to become a vessel unto glory.

I will perform My promises to you. I will stand with and deliver you from death and its power. I will be kind to you. I have set you on a new path and will lead you. Do not fear. Your future is in my

hands. I will reserve you and declare My righteousness and forbearance to you. I have counted you worthy of My high calling.

I have chosen you, called you into glory, holiness and will fill your emptiness. I will bring you into the knowledge of the truth and will be rich unto you when you call upon Me. I will give you a spirit of love. My peace will rule your heart and My power will work in you. I will do exceedingly abundantly above all that you ask or think. I have given you repentance to the acknowledging of the truth and I will unveil Myself to you. I have blessed you with every spiritual blessing and called you with a holy calling according to My purpose and grace. I have made a covenant with you and will walk in you. I chose you before the foundation of the world and promised you eternal life. I foreknew and predestined you according to My plan. I predestined you unto the adoption of children according to the good pleasure of My will.

I raised you up and made you accepted in the beloved. I gave you access to Myself and gave you the Spirit of adoption. I made you alive from the dead and called you by My grace. I called you into Christ and now My Spirit dwells in you. I have given you the earnest of the Spirit, granted you the gift of faith and have counted your faith for righteousness.

I have dealt to you a measure of faith and given you My unspeakable gift. My goodness leads you to repentance, forbearance, and longsuffering. I have called you into the grace of Christ and given you the gift of grace by the effectual working of My power. I will make all grace to abound toward you. I have grafted you into My branch and have given you My Holy Spirit.

When you were ungodly, I freely justified you by My grace through faith. I gave you liberty and offered you the gift of eternal life. I gave you love with faith. According to mercy, I saved and infused you with My power. I set my Son to be a propitiation for you and imputed righteousness to you. I made you righteousness. I chose and appointed you to salvation from the beginning through sanctification and belief. I saved you by My grace and put you in Christ. I commanded light to shine out of darkness and flooded your heart with light. I saved you by the foolishness of preaching and translated you into the kingdom of My dear Son. I sealed you. I began a good work in you and I promise to perform it until the day of Jesus Christ. I have made you meet to be a partaker of My inheritance. My grace brought you salvation as it does to all who believe. I have provided you with an armor to protect you. I have

granted you with My Word, the Sword of the Spirit, so you can fight your enemy. I will set you as a member in the body as it pleases me and I will provide ministers to equip you."

I Have Loved you with a Great Love

(This is the message I received when inquiring regarding how I was brought to faith.)

"I have loved you with great love and My kindness has appeared to all. I desire that all be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth. I did not spare My Son, but delivered Him up. I sent forth the Spirit of My Son and His light filled your heart. I made Him to become sin for you. I worked in Him to reconcile the world to Myself.

I foreknew you. Before the foundations of the world, I chose and called you according to My purpose. I called you to obtain of the glory of My Son and manifested my desires through the preaching of My Word. I begged you through My servants and stretched forth My hands all day. I appointed you to obtain salvation from the beginning through sanctification and belief and promised you eternal life before the world began. I revealed Myself through creation and manifested Myself in the flesh. I sent forth My Son. I laid Him in Zion as a rock of offense and declared the whole world guilty. I made foolish the wisdom of the world and provided salvation to all through Israel's rejection. I provoked them to jealousy.

My goodness led you to repentance. I called you into the grace of Christ and predestined you unto the adoption of children according to the good pleasure of My will. I purchased you with a price and set Christ to be a propitiation for you. I offered you a high calling and granted you the gift of Christ."

My Good Intention

(This is the message I received when inquiring regarding His Intentions for those who believe.)

"I am faithful and will perform all my promises to you. I have stretched forth My hands all day and have rejoiced in your return. I bring good news. My loving kindness has appeared and I have called you into My kingdom and glory. I have begun a good work of faith in you and will complete it. I have power over you as a potter has over clay. I stand with you and live in you. I will lead you and manifest the savour of My knowledge. I will reveal My power to you, establish you, give you victory, and deliver you from every evil work. I will fulfill all the good pleasure of My goodness in you. I will prosper and supply all your needs according to my riches in glory. You will experience the riches of My glory as I

prepare you as My vessel of honor and glory. You will freely and richly enjoy all things as My Spirit unveils them. You will triumph and I will give you understanding in all things. You will be filled and enriched with the knowledge of My will and I will reveal the mysteries that have long puzzled you. I will enlighten the eyes of your understanding.

I am writing the epistle of Christ in you. You are My masterpiece. I have called you to holiness. I have called you unto My kingdom and glory. I will give you authority to build others up. I have assigned ministers and ministries to you. I give you the ministry of reconciliation and will reveal the exceeding greatness of My power in and through you. I will reveal My truth to You and will reward you when you do good. I will sanctify you wholly. I will require an accounting of you and will give you a spirit of a sound mind. Allow My Word to dwell in you richly. I will use it to work effectually in you. My word will be profitable to you for correction, doctrine, and instruction in righteousness. I have created you unto good works and will prepare you to do them. I work in you both the desire to and the ability to do My good pleasure. In fact, I have preordained the good works you are to do. I will make known My manifold wisdom through you. I have called you to glory. For ages to come, I will unveil to you the exceeding riches of My grace.

I set each gift in the church. I will have all men to come unto the knowledge of the truth. I predestined you to be conformed to the image of My son. I preserve your body blameless. I anoint you. I offer you a high calling. I call you into the fellowship of Jesus. My peace rules your heart. My power works in you. I do exceedingly abundantly above all that you ask or think. I reveal Myself and My son to and in you.

I have separated, sealed and have provided you with an armor of protection. I have blessed you with all spiritual blessing and revealed to you the hope of your calling. I direct your way, give you the light of the knowledge of the My glory and reveal deep things by My Spirit. I walk in you in and desire that you be thoroughly furnished unto all good works. I will enrich you in all utterance. I open the doors of utterance. I love a cheerful giver. My gifts and callings are without repentance.”

My Beloved in Whom I am well pleased

(This is the message I received when I inquired about the role Jesus plays in Father's plan)

“I have made My Son wisdom, sanctification, righteousness and redemption. I have created all things by Him, have made Him to be the head over all things and have put all things under His feet. I

operated in my Son according to the working of My power. It pleased Me that in Him all My fulness should dwell. I am gathering together in one all things in Him and will subdue all things unto Him.

I did not spare My Son, but delivered Him up. I laid Him in Zion as a rock of offense. I sent Him for sin and made Him to become sin for you. I raised Him from the dead and quickened you together with Him. I am revealing My Son in you and have made you accepted in Him. I have called you into His grace and have set Him to be a propitiation. I have sent forth the Spirit of My Son, called you to obtain His glory and enjoy His fellowship. I translated you into His kingdom and reconciled the world to Myself through Him. I have made known to you the riches of the glory of His mystery. What is that mystery? It is Christ in you the hope of glory.”

A New Body Eternal in the Heavens

(This is the message I received when I inquired about resurrection.)

“I give life to all things. Before the world began, I promised you eternal life and made you an heir according to the hope of that promise. When you are sick, I demonstrate mercy. When you are in danger, I deliver you. I raised Jesus and will by My power also raise you from the dead.

In this life, I will quicken your mortal body. In the life to come, I will provide you with a new resurrected body that is eternal in the heavens. When your time comes, your body will be planted into the ground as a seed. As a seed, it will be planted in corruption, but I will raise it in incorruption. It will be plant in dishonor and weakness, but I will raise it in glory and power. You now possess a natural body, but I will give you one that is spiritual. Your body now bears the image of the earthly, but it will then bear the image of the heavenly. When you come to die, your mortal body will put on immortality and you will enjoy the glories of heaven forever.”

Judge of Secrets

(This is the message I received when I inquired about judgement.)

“I am the Avenger of those who defraud. I both love and hate. I require an accounting and will judge the secrets of all. In the end, I will put down all rule, authority and power and will bruise Satan under your feet. I will subdue all thing unto My son and destroy those who defile My temple. I will judge the quick and the dead. I will not allow entrance into My kingdom those who serve sin. I know the thoughts of the self proclaimed wise. I will recompense tribulation to those who trouble you and

will make foolish their assumed wisdom. I work all things after the counsel of My own will and at times reveal My wrath to make My power known. I show mercy to whom I choose to show it and harden the heart when I see fit. I was provoked to jealousy.

I use the foolish things of the world to confound the wise and the base things of the world to bring to nothing things that are. I use despised things to bring to nothing things that are and use the weak to confound the mighty. At times, I send strong delusion that cause men to believe a lie. I pour out My wrath on the children of disobedience. Sometimes, I give men the spirit of slumber, eyes that cannot see, and ears that cannot hear. I take vengeance on those who refuse to obey My gospel and raise servants to execute wrath on those who practice evil. I did not spare the natural branches because of their unbelief.

Divine Co-Laborers

(This is a message I received when inquiring about the works to which I should devote myself.)

“I was in Christ reconciling the world to Myself and now I am doing the same through you. I have created you unto good works. I have called you to a ministry of reconciliation and I am preparing you to carry out my plan. You will become my co-laborer. I have granted you a proper gift and ministers to equip you. With power, I will fulfill my work of faith in you. My Word will operate effectually in and through you. I give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation in the full knowledge of Myself and will beseech the world through you.

I qualify, prepare and fully furnish you to do good works. I have preordained the good works that you are to accomplish. I have counted you worthy of My high calling and invite you into fellowship with My Son. I will reveal Myself and My Son to You. I will work all things in you after the counsel of My own will. I will be the sole judges of the work of your hands. Remember, I will that all come to the knowledge of the truth.

I will open doors of utterance so you can do My work. I will give you authority for edification. My Word will be profitable to you. It will provide you with the wisdom of reproof, correction, doctrine, and instruction in righteousness. My Word will be the Sword of My Spirit. Yield it with care. Through it, I will pull down strongholds, cast down imaginations and every high thing that exalts itself against My knowledge. Through My Word, you will bring into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ. To

those who mix my Word with faith, I will infuse with power. Those who labor in my work are worthy of their hire. They are worthy of double honor. I will reward those who do good to them.”

I am the Source of All Things

(This is a message I received when I asked "Who are You?")

"I am the faithful and true. I am Source of all things. They exist because of and for Me. I am the eternal, immortal, invisible, and Only Wise God. I am above all, through all and in you all. I dwell in the light which no man can approach and My ways are past finding out. No man has seen Me nor can see Me. I am the king and sole ruler of My Kingdom. My judgments are unsearchable and My kingdom is in power. I will be all in all. My Word is Law. It is inspired and will infuse you with power. I am the author of peace and work all in all. I was justified in the Spirit, received up into glory, believed on in the world, manifested in the flesh, preached unto the Gentiles and was seen of angels. I am writing the epistle of Christ in you and have created a new being in righteousness and true holiness.

I am not a respecter of persons. I have stretched forth my hands all day ready for your return. I have unveiled Myself through creation. Do not provoked to jealousy. I have declared all the world guilty and I will indwell those who trust Me. I command light to shine out of darkness. I am the Righteous One and make Myself known to those who do not ask for Me. I will not impute sin upon you. Return to me. I know you. I have a plan for your life.

My Good Intention

(This is a message I received when I asked, "What are your intentions with me?")

"I bring good news. I have stretched forth My hands all day and have rejoiced in your return. My loving kindness has appeared and I have called you into My kingdom and glory. I have granted you the grace of Christ and will bring you into the knowledge of the truth. I have grafted you into My branch. When you were ungodly, I declared you righteous. I used the preaching of the cross to save you. Because of Me, you can enjoy union with My Son. I have made Myself known to you even though you did not seek after Me. My grace has brought you to salvation. I was in My Son reconciling the world to Myself and now I will do the same through you. I do not will that any should perish. Through you, I will gather together all things in Christ.

Bestowed Grace

(This is a message I received when I asked, "What is Your Relationship to the Church?")

"I own the church. I have bestowed grace upon all the churches and have set each member in the body as it pleases Me. I give ministers to every believer and assign ministries to them. I set gifts in the church

and distribute a measure of rule to each. I provide diversity of operations, different administrations, and temper the body together. I will make known My manifold wisdom through the church and will destroy those who defile her. ”

My Dwelling Place

(This is a message I received when inquiring about where He dwells.)

I am above all, through all and in you all. I am in heaven yet I stand and walk with you. I dwell in the light which no man can approach, yet I live in you. My Son has fully expressed, explain and unveiled Me. He is the express image of My glory. No one can know or come to Me apart from Him.

In your own words, write a few sentences that describe God' activity in Paul's Epistles

(Use the titles above)

GOD'S WORK AND ACTIVITY IN THE EPISTLES OF PETER

What follows is a list of the activities found in the two epistles of Peter.

GOD'S ACTIVITY
God gives men the ability to minister according to their gift.
He calls men out of darkness and into His marvellous light
He calls men to holiness
He cares for those who cast their cares upon Him
He chose Christ
He delivered just Lot
He delivers the godly out of temptation; He reserves the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished
He did not spare the angels that sinned; He cast the angels to hell; He delivered the angels into chains of darkness
He did not spare the old world; He brought in the flood upon the world of the ungodly
He elects according to His foreknowledge
He exalts us when we humble ourselves under His mighty hand
He gave Jesus honour and glory
He gave us birth through an incorruptible seed which liveth and abideth for ever
He has a heritage
He has a will
He has begotten us again unto a lively hope
He has called us unto his eternal glory
He makes men perfect
He establishes men
He strengthens men
He settles men
He has given us exceeding great and precious promises; thus becoming partakers of the divine nature
He has given us His manifold grace
He has granted mercy
He has granted precious faith through His righteousness
He has promised a new heaven and earth wherein dwells righteousness
He is gracious
He is in heaven on a throne
He is longsuffering
He is longsuffering to us.
He is not willing that any should perish
He will that all should come to repentance
He judges according to every man's work; He is not a respecter of persons
He keeps men by His power
He layed in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious
He multiplies grace and peace through the knowledge of Himself
He raised Jesus from the dead; He gave Him glory
He resists the proud; He gives grace to the humble
He shall judge the quick and the dead
He turned the cities of Sodom and Gomorrha into ashes
He will visit us
His divine power has given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness; He has called men to glory and virtue
His eyes are over the righteous; His ears are open to our prayers
His longsuffering is salvation
His spirit and glory rest upon the believer
Judgment begins in God's house

He will cause the heavens to catch fire and become dissolved and the elements will melt with fervent heat

To Him one day is as a 1000 years and 1000 years as one day.

In your own words, write a few sentences that describe God's activity in Peter's Epistles

(Use the titles above)

GOD'S WORK AND ACTIVITY IN THE EPISTLE OF HEBREWS

What follows is a list of the activities found in the Epistle to the Hebrews.

GOD'S ACTIVITY
All things are for and by Him; He brought many sons into glory.
All things are naked and open unto His eyes.
He brought Jesus back from the dead
He brought the firstbegotten (Jesus) into the world; He said, let all the angels worship Him
He builds all things.
He called Jesus a high priest after the order of Melchisedec.
He chastens and scourgeth his children out of love.
He chastens His children.
He chastens His children.
He chastens us for our profit to make us partakers of holiness.
He grants mercy and grace to help in the time of need.
He has anointed Jesus with the oil of gladness
He has prepared a heavenly city.
He has provided some better things for us.
He has spoken in these last days by His Son; He has appointed Son heir of all things; By His Son he made the worlds
He has spoken in times past
He is able to save us from death.
He is faithful that promised.
He is not able to lie.
He is our helper.
He is the builder and maker of the heavenly city that has foundations
He made Jesus a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death - that he should taste death for every man
He makes us perfect in every good work to do His will; He works in us that which is wellpleasing in His sight
He promised to bless Abraham.
He rested on the 7th day from all His works.
He said of Jesus, Today have I begotten thee.
He said to Jesus, "They throne, O God, is for ever and ever"
He said, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee. I will be to him a Father; He shall be to me a Son.
He showed unto the heirs of promise the immutability of His counsel and confirmed it by an oath.
He testified of Abel's gifts.
He translated Enoch
He warned Noah of things not seen as yet.
He was faithful who promised.
He will judge whoremongers and adulterers.
He will make a covenant
He will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah
He will no remember their sins and iniquities
He will not forget our work and labor of love.
His word is quick, powerful, sharp, piercing, a discernor of thoughts and intents of the heart
I will make a covenant with the house of Israel.
Jesus is sitting at the right hand of the throne of God.
The earth receives blessing from Him.
The worlds were framed by His Word
Vengeance belongs to Him; He will recompense.

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GOD'S WORK AND ACTIVITY IN THE EPISTLE OF JAMES

What follows is a list of the activities found in the Epistle of James.

GOD'S ACTIVITY	
	God draws nigh to men
	He begat us with the word of truth
	He gives grace to the humble
	He gives wisdom liberally
	He has chosen the poor of this world, rich in faith to be heirs of the kingdom
	He hears the cry of the laborer who is defrauded
	He imputes righteousness for faith; Abraham was considered a friend of God
	He is able to save and to destroy
	He is standing before the door
	He is very pitiful and of tender heart
	He promised a crown of life to them that love Him
	He provides every good and perfect gift
	He will lift you up
	His coming draws nigh
	Some men are enemies of God
	The Lord raises up the sick; The Lord forgives sins

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GOD'S WORK AND ACTIVITY IN THE EPISTLE OF JUDE

What follows is a list of the activities found in the Epistle of Jude.

GOD'S ACTIVITY	
He sanctifies	
He saved; He destroyed those that believed not	
To him be glory, majesty, dominion and power	

[illegible]

GOD'S WORK AND ACTIVITY IN THE EPISTLES OF JOHN 1-2-3

What follows is a list of the activities found in the Epistle of John.

GOD'S ACTIVITY
Greater is he that is in the believer than he that is in the world.
He bears record in heaven. He is one with the Word and the Holy Spirit.
He dwells in the believer - He has given the believer His Spirit.
He dwells in the believer and His love is perfected in them.
He has given men eternal life
He has given the believer an unction to know all things
He has promised us eternal life
He hears those who ask any thing according to His will.
He is a witness of His Son.
He is a witness of His Son.
He is greater than our heart and knows all things.
He is in fellowship with his children
He is in the light.
He is light and in Him is no darkness
He is love; He loves us; He dwells in us.
He is pure.
He loved us and sent His Son to be a propitiation for our sins
He loves us.
He manifested His love to us by sending His only begotten Son that we might live through Him
He sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world.
His command is that we believe on the name of his Son and love one another.
His love can be perceived.
His love dwells in the believer.
His love is in the believer.
His word abides in the believer
Love is of God
The love of the Father is in the believer
We receive what we ask of Him because we keep his commandments and do those things pleasing in His sight.

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OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

The last group of facts discovered deals with how men are commanded to interact with God.

Paul provides 66 examples regarding how we are to interact with God. Peter uses 11 examples. The writer to the Hebrews also gives 11 examples. James gives four examples. Jude does not provide us with any examples of how we are to interact with God whereas John's three epistles give us six examples.

Chart Two		
Epistle (s) of	#	Our Response
Paul	13	66
Peter	2	11
Hebrews	1	11
James	1	4
Jude	1	0
1-2-3 John	3	6

INTERACTIONS WITH GOD IN THE EPISTLES OF PAUL

WE ... GOD
are subject to His law
are filled with knowledge and spiritual understanding
behold
believe
believe God raised Jesus
believe on Him
boast in
bring forth fruit unto
Call on Him out of a pure heart
Call upon His name
confess to
continue in His goodness lest you be cut off
declare His name throughout the earth
delight in His law after inward man
do all to the glory of God
do service as to the Lord
Do the will from the heart

fear
give glory to
give ourselves to
give thanks always for all things
glorify
glory in
have a zeal according to knowledge
have faith before
have faith in
have the knowledge of
hear
hear the Word of God
honor
increase with the increase of
know
know His eternal power
know His will
laud
live or die to the Lord
live unto
love
maintain good works unto
make a melody to
praise
praise the glory of
pray to
make our request known to
present your bodies a living sacrifice to
Prove what is acceptable to
prove what is the perfect will of
reckon to be alive unto
rejoice in hope of glory of
retain God in our knowledge
seek to please
serve the law of God
serve
sing to
speak to Him in tongues
stand complete in all the will of
submit to the righteousness of
thank
give Him glory for ever
trust in
turn our heart to
understand and seek after
Understand the will of
worship
worship in the spirit
yield to

In your own words, write a few sentences about our interaction with God in Paul's Epistles

(Use the list above)

INTERACTIONS WITH GOD IN THE EPISTLES OF PETER

WE ... GOD
believe
Place your faith and hope is in
Bless
commit the keeping of your soul to him in well doing
fear
glorify Him in all things
offer Him spiritual sacrifices
sanctify
shew forth praises to
praise
trust

[illegible]

INTERACTIONS WITH GOD IN THE EPISTLES OF JAMES

WE ... GOD

ask

believe

draw nigh

humble yourself before

love

submit

In your own words, write a few sentences about our interaction with God in James' Epistle

(Use the list above)

