

Sanctuary: Second Window on Left Facing Chancel

Upper Medallion: Jesus in the Temple

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Lower Medallion: John Knox

Preaching at St. Giles in Edinburgh, Scotland  
Knox was the founder of the Scottish Presbyterian Church and  
Spiritual Father of American Presbyterianism



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## Luke 2:41-52

Every year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the Passover festival. When Jesus was twelve years old, they attended the festival as usual. After the celebration was over, they started home to Nazareth, but Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents didn't miss him at first, because they assumed he was among the other travelers. But when he didn't show up that evening, they started looking for him among their relatives and friends.



When they couldn't find him, they went back to Jerusalem to search for him there. Three days later they finally discovered him in the Temple, sitting among the religious teachers, listening to them and asking questions. All who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers.

His parents didn't know what to think. "Son," his mother said to him, "why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been frantic, searching for you everywhere."

"But why did you need to search?" he asked. "Didn't you know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they didn't understand what he meant.

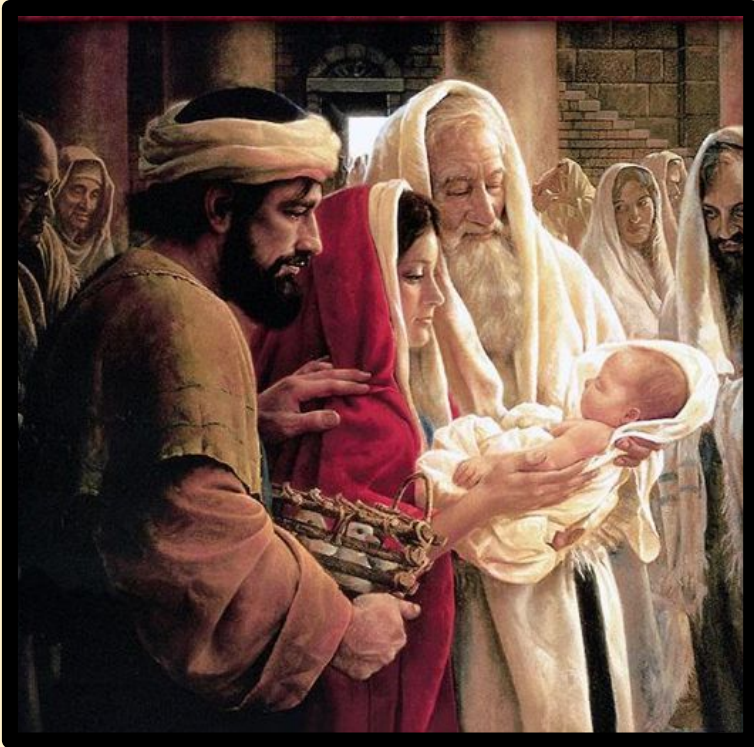
Then he returned to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. And his mother stored all these things in her heart.

Jesus grew in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and all the people.



# How the watchful find Jesus

Luke 2: 22-35  
Prophecy of Simeon



Luke 2: 36-40  
Prophecy of Anna





## Parallels to Samuel

Hannah was barren and prayed to God for a son. She promised to give him back to God, possibly as a Nazarite priest.

Mary was willing to carry God's son. Both women faced stigma. Both sang songs of praise.

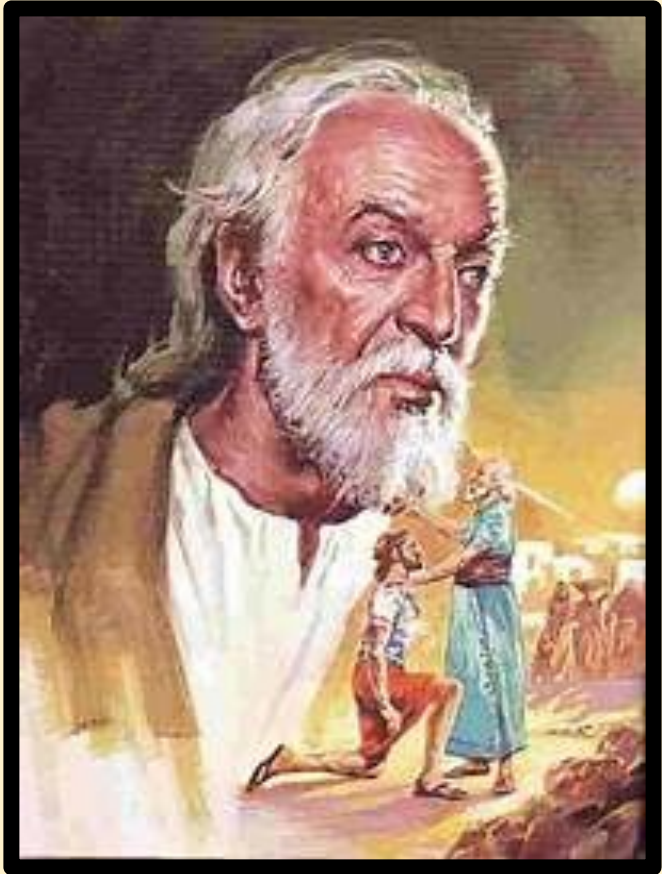
When Samuel was 5, his parents took him to Eli, to the tent sanctuary in Shiloh, to assist in the Lord's work.

When he was 40 days old, Jesus was presented in the Temple to the Lord.

When he was 12, God calls Samuel into service as His prophet. He shows great spiritual discernment, as the old era of Judges is ending.

Jesus visited the Temple at 12 and impressed the religious leaders with His knowledge of the scriptures.

## More about Samuel



Samuel receives a dramatic revelation from God about His judgement on the house of Eli.

Eli and his sons all die on the same day.

Samuel's priestly upbringing, now strengthened by God's call prepares him for his historic leadership of God's people.

After many years of hard times for the people of Israel, Samuel anoints Saul as the first King of Israel.

When Saul chooses not to follow the Lord God's commands, Samuel anoints David as the new King.





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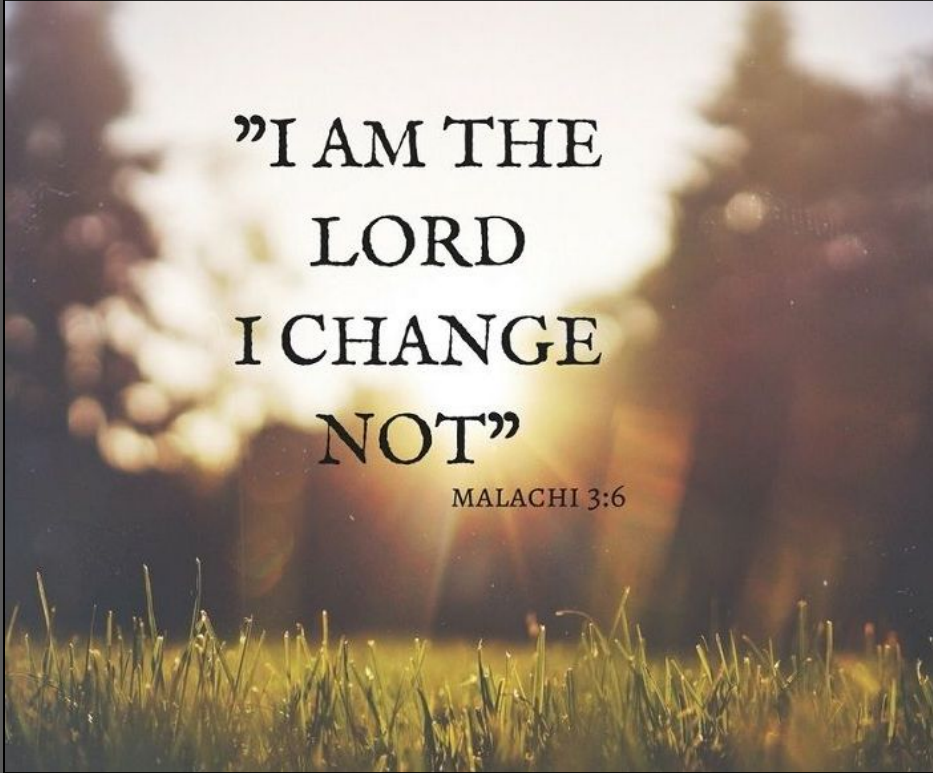
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For you are *Our Father*, though  
Abraham does not know us, and  
Israel does not acknowledge us; you,  
O Lord, are *Our Father*, our  
Redeemer from of old is your name.

*Isaiah* 63:16



The God of the Old and New Testaments is the same and unchanging



"I AM THE  
LORD  
I CHANGE  
NOT"

MALACHI 3:6



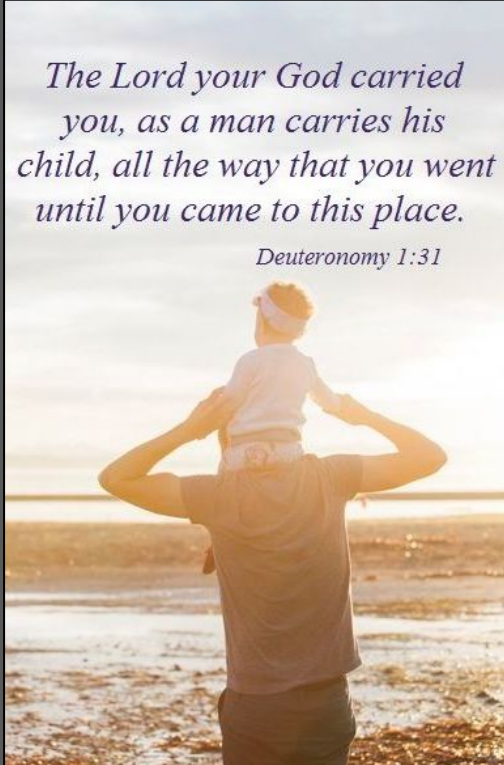
JESUS CHRIST  
IS THE SAME  
YESTERDAY,  
**TODAY,**  
— AND —  
FOREVER.  
HEBREWS 13:8

# Father in Old Testament

Emphasize God's compassion and tenderness toward his people.

*The Lord your God carried  
you, as a man carries his  
child, all the way that you went  
until you came to this place.*

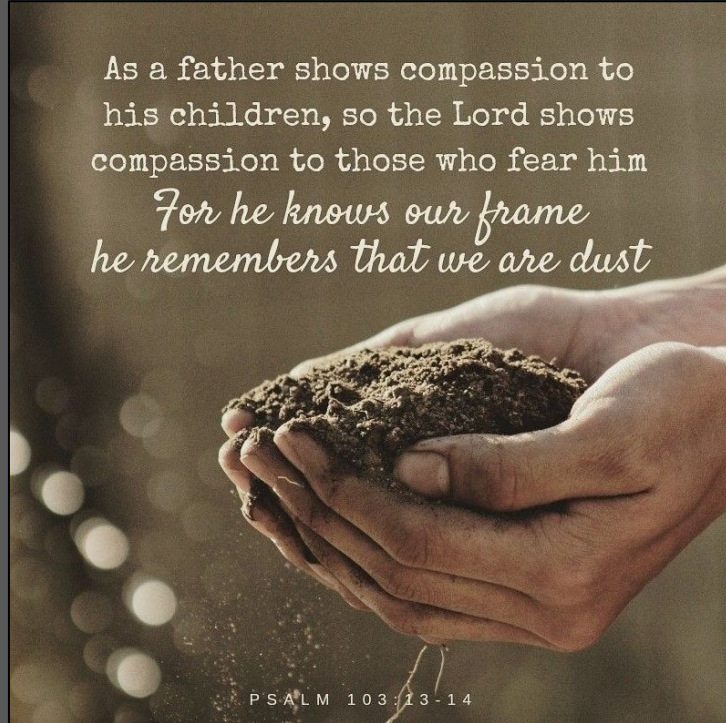
*Deuteronomy 1:31*



As a father shows compassion to  
his children, so the Lord shows  
compassion to those who fear him

*For he knows our frame  
he remembers that we are dust*

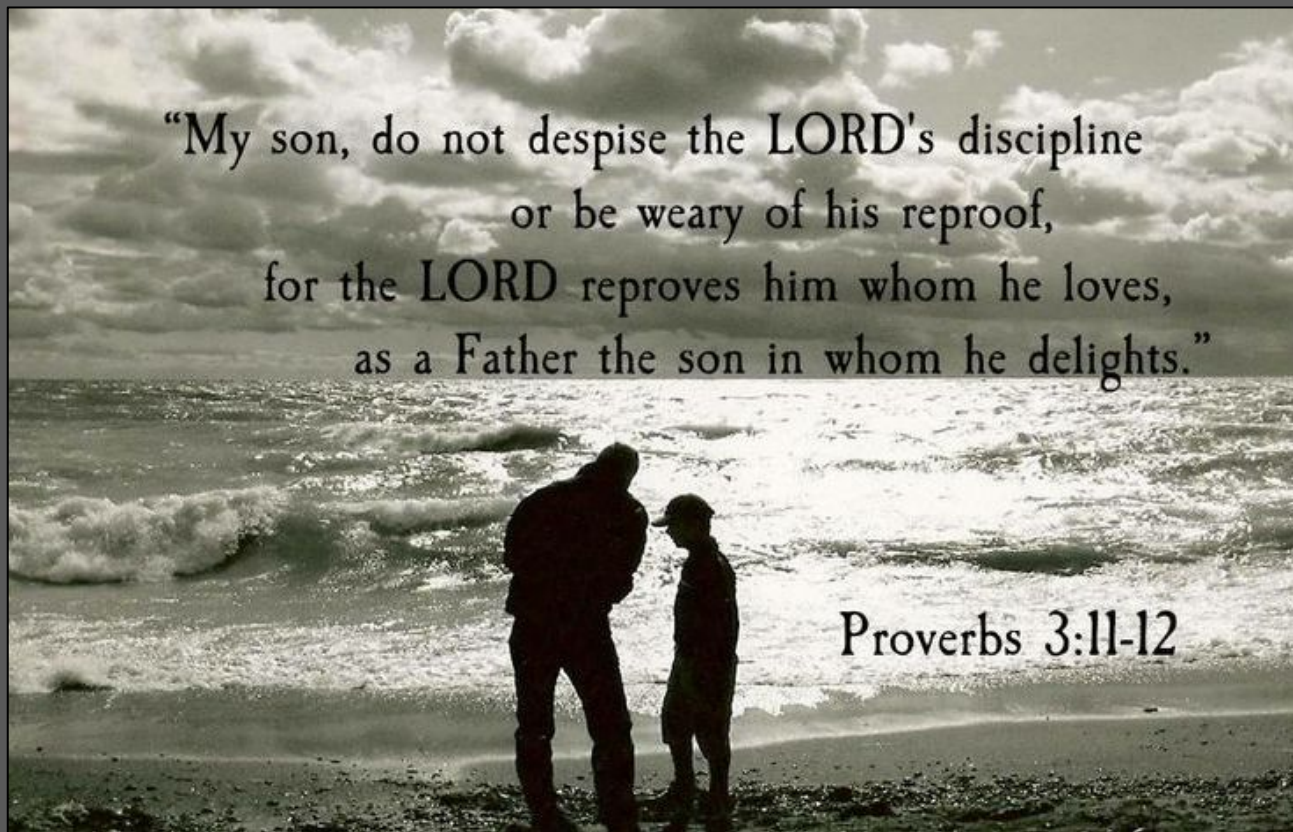
PSALM 103:13-14





## Father in Old Testament

Emphasize God's authority and the rightfulness of his judgment against his disobedient children





# Father in Old Testament

## Point to the Messiah

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given;  
and the government shall be upon his  
shoulder, and his name shall be called  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Of the increase of his government and of  
peace there will be no end, on the throne of  
David and over his kingdom, to establish it  
and to uphold it with justice and with  
righteousness from this time forth and  
forevermore.

The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.  
Isaiah 9:6-7



FOR **GOD**, WHO SAID,  
"LET **LIGHT** SHINE OUT OF **DARKNESS**,"  
MADE HIS **LIGHT** SHINE IN OUR HEARTS  
TO GIVE US THE **LIGHT** OF THE  
KNOWLEDGE OF GOD'S **GLORY**  
DISPLAYED IN THE FACE OF **CHRIST**.

2 CORINTHIANS 4:6