

# John's Insight into Both



# THE FATHER AND FATHERS

# GOD THE FATHER

## IMPLIES...

- ✘ Jesus, eternal life, was with the Father
- ✘ Fellowship with the Father
- ✘ We have an Advocate with the Father
- ✘ Love of the Father is not in him=objective and subjective
- ✘ World is not from the Father—lust, lust, pride=beauty, meaning/purpose, temple of the Holy Spirit



# GOD THE FATHER IMPLIES...



- ✘ Anti-Christ denies the Father and the Son
- ✘ Confesses Son has the Father
- ✘ Abide in the Father
- ✘ Manner of love the Father has given us
- ✘ Father sent his Son
- ✘ Begotten of the Father=He is our Father family figure



# EARTHLY FATHERS

- ✘ because you know him who is from the beginning
  - implies memory of original commitment
  - implies time of growth
  - implies mentoring
  - implies encouragement, exhortation and guidance



# EARTHLY FATHERS

- ✘ John 4:53
- ✘ The father knew that was the hour when Jesus had said to him, “Your son will live.” And he himself believed, and all his household.
- ✘ –implies concern for health, etc.
- ✘ –implies influence over household
- ✘ –provides example of response to Jesus

# EARTHLY FATHER



- × John 6:31
- × Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” (family narrative to pass along!)
- × –History of Christian faith
- × –Waltons—Jewish soldier said 5,000 year-old prayer
- × –history of how God has provided for our family
- × –focus on God’s provisions, not just father’s ability to work