

He Must Be About His Father's Business

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"And the Child (Jesus) grew, and became strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon Him. Now His parents went to Jerusalem every year at the feast of the passover. And when He was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem after the custom of the feast. And when they had fulfilled the days, as they returned, the Child Jesus tarried behind in Jerusalem; and Joseph and His mother did not know of it. But they, supposing Him to have been in the company, went a day's journey; and they looked for Him among their kinsfolk and acquaintances. And when they did not find Him, they turned back again to Jerusalem, seeking Him. And it came to pass, that after three days they found Him in the Temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both hearing them, and asking them questions. And all who heard Him were astonished at His understanding and answers. And when they (His parents) saw Him, they were amazed; and His mother said unto Him, 'Son, why have You thus dealt with us? Behold, Your father and I have sought You anxiously.' And He said unto them, '**How is it that you sought Me?** Did you not know that **I Must be about My Father's Business?** " ([Luke 2:40-52](#))

Literal: "Did you not know that **In the-things, of-the Father of-Me, it-must be Me**"

In: from the Greek word **en** which means: in; among; properly: inside, within, about; figuratively: in the realm or sphere of, as in the condition in which something operates from the inside. In context: Jesus, was (in a sense), **'in'** the service of His Father's business affairs, serving God both as a twelve year old child; and also later during His public ministry.

The-things: from the Greek word **tois**, a plural (definite-article) pronoun which means: the-things, i.e. the business, the affairs, the concerns, interests, the will, the matters, activities, dealings, undertakings, ventures, proceedings; doings, etc. of the Father; (and not 'house' as in some translations). The Father's business involves His love for sinful mankind; and His desire to redeem them back to Himself through His Son Jesus the Christ Messiah.

of-the Father of-Me: from the Greek words **tou patros mou** which mean: of-the Father of-me; Jesus is in service to 'His' Father, whom He calls 'My Father' in the english translations.

It-Must: from the Greek word **dei** which means: it must, it-is necessary, it behooves, it is imperative, etc. **all that the Father** sent Jesus to do during His first coming, He did in necessary obedience to God the Father. These must-do 'things' include all those things Jesus did for the Father during His first coming; and all that He is doing now at the Father's Right Hand in Heaven; and all that He will do at His second coming, and into eternity.

Be Me: from the Greek words **einai me** which means: be Me; or be of-Me as in **Jesus (Himself) being** currently active and involved in the Father's entrusted duties and affairs; but usually translated, in opposite arrangement, as **'I'** in most translations, as in: "Did you not know that **I must be in (or about) the business-affairs of My Father?**"

To know His Father's business Jesus had to maintain a continuous prayerful relationship with God His Father. **Prayer:** properly, the exchange of desires, will, wishes, ideas, etc.; in context: Jesus often interacted with the Father in prayer: seeking and desiring to know the Father's desires, will, and guidance in the 'many things' (circumstances, social interactions, judgements, teachings, etc.) that Jesus was involved with in the course of accomplishing the Father's will.

Please consider the following:

"But so much the more went there a fame abroad about Him (about Jesus); and great multitudes came together to hear, and to be healed by Him of their infirmities. And He (often) withdrew Himself into the wilderness, and prayed (to His Father in Heaven)." ([Luke 5:15-16](#))

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“And in the morning, rising up a great while before daytime, He (Jesus) went out, and departed into a solitary place, **and there prayed**. And Simon and those who were with Him followed after Him. And when they had found Him, they said unto Him, 'All men seek for You.' And He said unto them, 'Let us go into the next towns, so that I may preach there also; for therefore came I forth (i. e. to accomplish the Father's business). And He preached in their synagogues throughout all Galilee, and cast out devils." (Mark 1:35-39)

“And it came to pass in those days, that **He (Jesus) went out onto a mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God**. And when it was day, He called unto Him His disciples; and of them He chose twelve, whom also He named apostles; ... ” (Luke 6:12-16)

And straightway Jesus constrained His disciples to get into a boat, and to go before Him unto the other side, while He sent the multitudes away. And when He had sent the multitudes away, **He went up into a mountain by Himself to pray**: and when the evening had come, **He was there alone (praying)**. (Matthew 14:22-24) (Mark 6:46)

In those times of prayer, the Father would respond, and share His will to His Son Jesus!

"For as the Father has Life in Himself; so has He given to the Son (Jesus) to have Life in Himself; and has given (delegated to) Him authority to execute judgment also, **because He is the Son of Man**. Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all who are in the graves shall hear His voice, and shall come forth; those who have done good, unto the Resurrection of Life; and those who have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation. I can of My own self do nothing; **as I hear (from the Father), I judge**: and My judgment is just; because **I seek not My own will, but the will of the Father** who has sent Me." (John 5:26-30)

This fulfilled the prophetic word of God through the prophet Moses:

“I (God the Father) will raise them up **a Prophet** from among their brethren, like unto you, **and will put My words in His mouth**; and **He (Jesus) shall speak unto them all that I shall command Him**. And it shall come to pass, that whosoever will not hearken unto **My words which He shall speak in My name**, I will require it of him.” (Deuteronomy 18:18-19)

In the mind of Christ Jesus, His supreme desire and goal was, and still is, to please, fulfill, and accomplish the will and business of His Father. The Father's business involved His love for sinful mankind; and His desire to redeem them back to Himself through His Son Jesus the Christ Messiah. Please consider the following:

“**He (Jesus) who comes from Heaven** is above all. And what He has seen and heard (from the Father), that He testifies; and no man receives His testimony. He who has received **His testimony** has set to his seal that God is true. For **He (Jesus) whom God has sent speaks the words of God**; for God does not give the Spirit by (limited) measure unto Him. The Father loves the Son, and has given all things into His hand. He who believes on the Son has Everlasting Life; and He who does not believe the Son shall not see Life; but the wrath of God abides on him.” (John 3:31-36)

Jesus, Himself said, “ My food **is to do the will of Him** (God the Father) who sent Me, and **to finish His work** (i.e. to finish the Father's business of salvation of mankind from sin).” (John 4:34)

“All who the Father gives Me shall come to Me; and he who comes to Me I will in no wise cast out. For **I came down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him (the Father) who sent Me**. And **this is the Father's will** who has sent Me, that of all whom He has given Me I should lose none, but should raise them up again in the Last Day. And **this is the will of Him who sent Me**: that every one who beholds the Son, **and believes on Him**, may have Everlasting Life; and I (Jesus) will raise him (and them) up on the Last Day.” (John 6:37-40)

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Jesus said, "I have many things to say and to judge about you; but He (the Father) who sent Me is true; and I speak to the world those things which I have heard from Him." But they did not understand that He spoke to them about the Father. Then Jesus said unto them, "When you have lifted up the Son of Man (Jesus speaking of Himself, and His death on the Cross for our salvation), then you shall know that I am He, and that I do nothing of Myself; but as My Father has taught Me, I speak these things. And He who sent Me is with Me. The Father has not left Me alone; for I always do those things that please Him (the Father)." As He spoke these words, many believed on Him." ([John 8:26-30](#))

The business and will of the Father was also for Jesus to confirm and prove His anointing, and apostleship as existing and coming from God the Father, and to prove Himself as being the Father's promised Christ-messiah, through signs, wonders, and miracles.

"There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night, and said unto Him, Rabbi, we know that You are a Teacher come from God; for no man can do these miracles that You do, except God be with Him." ([John 3:2](#))

Jesus said, "I have greater witness than that of John (the Baptist): for the works which the Father has given Me to accomplish, the same works that I do, bear witness of Me, that the Father has sent Me. And the Father Himself, who has sent Me, has borne witness of Me." ([John 5:36-37](#)) (see also [John 14:8-14](#), and [Acts 2:22-24](#))

The greatest sign, wonder, and miracle that Jesus did for mankind in the service of His Father's business was summarized by Jesus as follows:

"But now is My soul troubled; and what shall I say? 'Father, save Me from this hour.' **But for this purpose I have come unto this hour.** 'Father, glorify Your Name.' Then there came a voice from heaven, saying, 'I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again.' Therefore, the people who stood nearby, and heard it, said that it thundered; others said, 'An angel spoke to Him.' But Jesus answered and said, 'This voice came not because of Me, but for your sakes. Now is the judgment of this world; now shall the prince of this world (satan) be cast out. And I, if I be lifted up from the earth (on the Cross), will draw all men unto Me.'" ([John 12:27-33](#))

Truly, truly, the The Father's business, during the first coming of Jesus the Christ Messiah Savior, was accomplished and finished on the Cross of Calvary. It is as Jesus Himself said:

"After this, Jesus knowing that all things (the business of the Father) were now accomplished, that the scripture might be fulfilled, said, 'I thirst.' Now there was set a vessel full of vinegar; and they filled a sponge with vinegar, and put it upon hyssop, and put it to His mouth (see Psalm 69:21). When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, He said, It is finished; and He bowed His head, and gave up the spirit." ([John 19:28-30](#))

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**To know the Father's business, Jesus communicated with His Father in prayer !
In return the Father communicated His desires and will to His Son Jesus !
The end result was that the Business of the Father was accomplished !
The Father's Business for us was accomplish on the Cross by Jesus !
That Business was our salvation from sin and the wrath of God !
That Business was Eternal Life for all who Believe on Jesus !**

**Thank You Father and Son for our Salvation !!
Thank You Jesus accomplishing all things pertaining to our Redemption !!**

**Father in Heaven, please help us to be wholly committed to the-things that you
have entrusted to us for the increase of Your Kingdom ! Amen & Amen !!**