

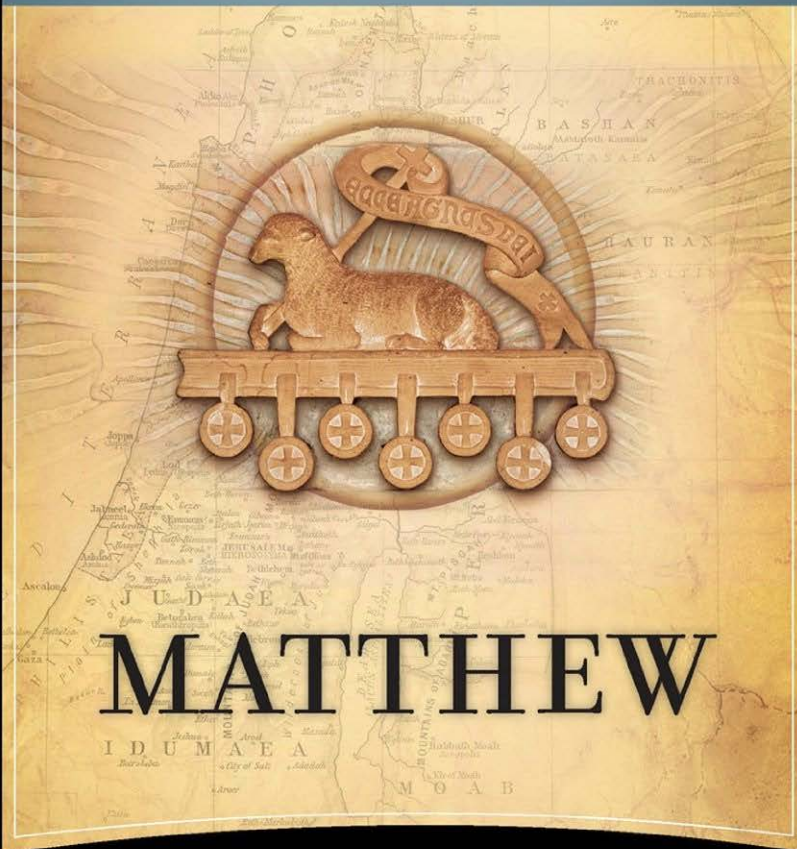


THE KINGS SPEECH FOR THE FAM

2 CORINTHIANS 4:1-18, 1 TIMOTHY 5:1-8



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STANLEY HAUERWAS

We do not call God Father because we have had or have not had a positive experience of being a father's child. Rather, all human fathers are measured and judged by the Father's love of the Son. To pray to God as the Father challenges the status quo of human fatherhood, just as calling the church our family challenges the limitations and sins of our human families.



Stanley Hauerwas, Matthew, Brazos Theological Commentary on the Bible, 76-77.



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Does this image of church correspond to the cluster of images found for the church in the New Testament? Does it correlate with the New Testament speech about the nature and purposes of the church? At the very least, this producer-consumer model separates its notion of church...



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...(a religious firm producing and marketing religious products and services) from its members (potential and hopefully committed customers consuming those products and services). Members are ultimately distanced in this model from their own communal calling to be a body of people sent on mission.



Darrell L. Guder, *Missional Church—A Vision for the Sending of the Church in North America* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1998) 85.