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### **The Father-Son Relationship**

**John 5:16-30** <sup>16</sup>Now because Jesus was doing these things on the Sabbath, the Jews began to persecute Him. <sup>17</sup>But Jesus answered them, “To this very day My Father is at His work, and I too am working.” <sup>18</sup>Because of this, the Jews tried all the harder to kill Him. Not only was He breaking the Sabbath, but He was even calling God His own Father, making Himself equal with God. <sup>19</sup>So Jesus replied, “Truly, truly, I tell you, the Son can do nothing by Himself, unless He sees the Father doing it. For whatever the Father does, the Son also does. <sup>20</sup>The Father loves the Son and shows Him all He does. And to your amazement, He will show Him even greater works than these. <sup>21</sup>For just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also the Son gives life to whom He wishes. <sup>22</sup>Furthermore, the Father judges no one, but has assigned all judgment to the Son, <sup>23</sup>so that all may honor the Son just as they honor the Father. Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him. <sup>24</sup>Truly, truly, I tell you, whoever hears My word and believes Him who sent Me has eternal life and will not come under judgment. Indeed, he has crossed over from death to life. <sup>25</sup>Truly, truly, I tell you, the hour is coming and has now come when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. <sup>26</sup>For as the Father has life in Himself, so also He has granted the Son to have life in Himself. <sup>27</sup>And He has given Him authority to execute judgment, because He is the Son of Man. <sup>28</sup>Do not be amazed at this, for the hour is coming when all who are in their graves will hear His voice <sup>29</sup>and come out—those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of judgment. <sup>30</sup>I can do nothing by Myself; I judge only as I hear. And My judgment is just, because I do not seek My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me. (BSB)

What is Moral Therapeutic Deism?

I. Here are the details of this passage.

- A. Jesus explains why it is ok for Him to **break** their Sabbath laws. V.16-17
- B. Jesus claims to be the **Son of God** which leads to the Jews to try harder to kill Him. V.18
- C. Jesus explains the complicated **dynamics** of the relationship that He has to the Father. V.19-20
- D. Jesus claims to have the power over **life and death**. V.21
- E. Jesus claims to have the power to **judge** all people. V.22
- F. Jesus claims to deserve the same **honor** as the Father. V.23
- G. Jesus claims to have the words for **eternal life**. V.24

- H.** Jesus claims to be able to save the dead. V.25
- I.** Jesus claims to have life within Himself. V.26
- J.** Jesus claims to be the head of the human race. V.27
- K.** Jesus claims to have the ultimate destiny of all of mankind within His dominion. V.28-30

**II.** Let us interpret this through the filter of parable of the sower.

- A.** Rocks: There are many false beliefs that will prevent these truths from impacting our life. The main one is that Jesus probably didn't say these things. The disciples just made this up.
- B.** Weeds: Many will dismiss these statements because of the price that follows the true believers in Jesus Christ. All will face some persecution; many will die for their belief in Him.
- C.** Hard Heart: This doesn't make sense to them and it will get chalked up as just a religious thing.
- D.** A healthy heart will choose to believe and allow whatever consequences to this belief to happen and to accept them with joy.