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OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN'S WORDS ABOUT FATHERS ON EARTH

"For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord, to do justice and judgment: that the Lord may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him" (Genesis 18:19).

"The living, the living, he shall praise thee, as I do this day: the father to the children shall make known thy truth" (Isaiah 38:19).

"And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse" (Malachi 4:6).

"For whom the LORD loveth He correcteth; even as a father the son in whom he delighteth" (Proverbs 3:12).

"And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart. And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up" (Deuteronomy 6:5-7).

"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it" (Proverbs 22:6).

"And ye fathers provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord" (Ephesians 6:4).

And I close with a father's promise:

"And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD" (Joshua 24:15).

Jeff Abrams

“OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN”

In giving the “model” prayer, Jesus said, *“In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in Heaven, hallowed be Your name.”* (**Matthew 6:9**). God is called Father by Jesus no fewer than one-hundred and sixty times. The expression *“Our Father in Heaven”* is one of the greatest Bible statements. Jehovah is truly our Father in heaven.

God has the heart of a father. *“As a father pities his children, so the Lord pities those who fear Him”* (**Psalm 103:13**). God pities His children and will do far more for them than any earthly father ever could or would do for us. God’s mercy shines when He is seen as a Father with His children whom He pities.

God has the house of a father. Jesus said, *“In My Father’s house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you”* (**John 14:2**). Christians have an eternal abiding place or a mansion in the “Father’s House.” The blessings waiting in the Father’s House are beyond our ability to grasp, but through the eye of faith we see! (**Galatians 3:11**).

God has the love of a father. *“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.”* (**John 3:16**). The love of God for sinners caused the giving of the greatest gift ever given; God’s Son was given as a sacrifice for our sins. God’s love touches every moment of our life. His love is that of our Father in Heaven.

God has the tenderness of a father. *“Indeed we count them blessed who endure. You have heard of the perseverance of Job and seen the end intended by the Lord – that the Lord is very compassionate and merciful”* (**James 5:11**). God is pictured as full of pity and tender mercies. *“Through the tender mercy of our God, with which the Dayspring from on high has visited us”* (**Luke 1:78**).

Because God is Father and has great love for mankind, He has provided forgiveness of sins through Christ’s death. *“In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins. According to the riches of His grace.”* (**Ephesians 1:7**). God is your Father if you are His child through humble obedience. To be saved from sin, hear the gospel, (**Romans 10:17**), believe in Jesus (**Mark 16:16**), repent of sins (**Luke 13:5**), confess Jesus as Lord (**Matthew 10:32**), and be baptized into Christ (**Romans 6:3-4**). God has the heart of a Father, the house of a Father, the love of a Father and the tenderness of a Father. Can you truthfully say, “Our Father in Heaven?”

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