

*Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above,
and comes down from the Father of lights,
with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.*

James 1:17 (New King James Version)

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;*
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father
Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and
the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic** church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

* Traditional use of this creed includes these words: "He descended into hell."

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God The Father



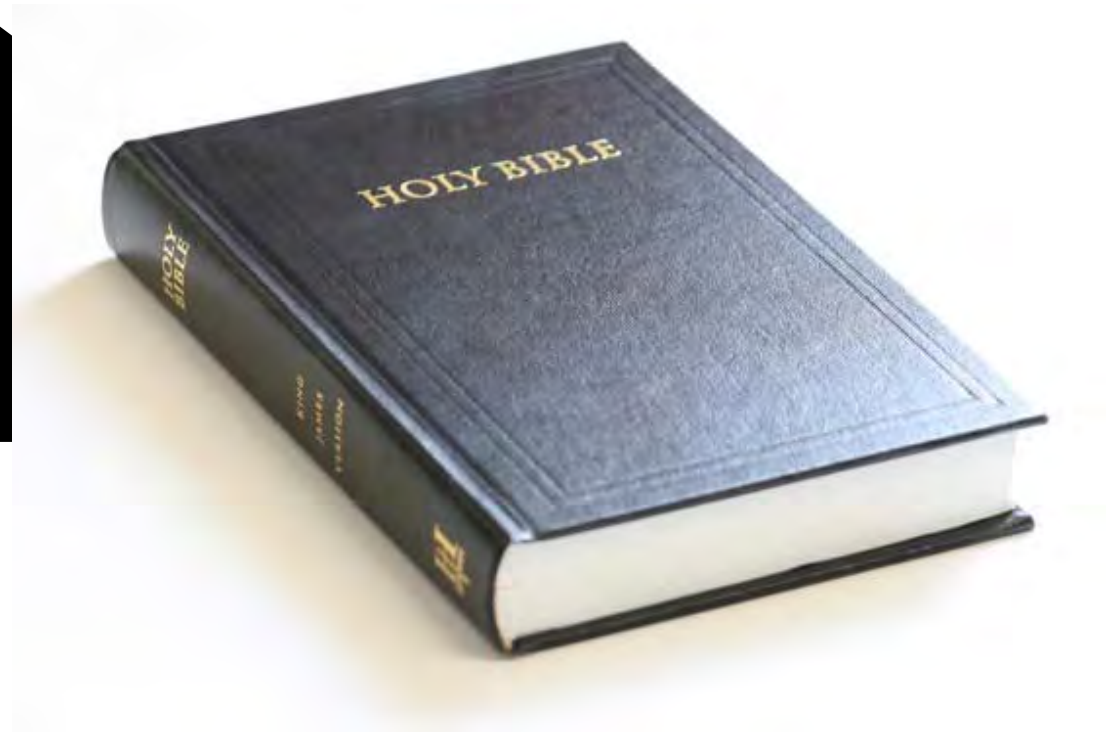
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God
The Father



The Concept is found throughout the Scripture



In the Old Testament

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In the Old Testament God is referred to as Father 15 Times

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God is specifically called the Father of the nation of Israel

Deuteronomy 32:6;

Isaiah 63:16; (twice); 64:8

Jeremiah 3:4; 3:19; 31:9;

Malachi 1:6; 2:10.

God is referred to as the Father of certain individuals

2 Samuel 7:14;

1 Chronicles 17:13; 22:10; 28:6;

Psalms 68:5; 89:26.

Solomon

David





**The Father of the
Nation-Israel**

Is He not your Father, who bought you?
Has He not made you and established you?

Deuteronomy 32:6

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*We are the clay, and You our potter;
And all we are the work of Your hand.*

Isaiah 64:8

*Will you not from this time cry to Me,
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Jeremiah 3:4





The Father of David and Solomon

*He shall cry to Me, 'You are my Father,
My God, and the rock of my salvation.'*

Psalm 89:26

*Now He said to me, "It is your son Solomon who
shall build My house and My courts; for I have
chosen him to be My son,
and I will be his Father."*

1 Chronicles 28:6



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In the Old Testament the metaphor is used without using the word "Father" 11 Times

God's Fatherhood is noted in:

Exodus 4:22-23; Deuteronomy 1:31; 8:5; 14:1

Psalms 103:13

Jeremiah 3:22; 31:20;

Hosea 11:1-4; Malachi 3:17





*Then you shall say to Pharaoh, ‘
Thus says the LORD: “Israel is My son, My firstborn.
So I say to you, let My son go that he may serve Me.”*

Exodus 4:22-23

*...and in the wilderness where you saw how the LORD your God
carried you, as a man carries his son, in all the way that you
went until you came to this place.*

Deuteronomy 1:31

*As a father pities his children,
So the LORD pities those who fear Him.*

Psalms 103:13





*When Israel was a child, I loved him,
And out of Egypt I called My son.*

*As they called them, So they went from them;
They sacrificed to the Baals,
And burned incense to carved images.*

*“I taught Ephraim to walk, Taking them by their arms;
But they did not know that I healed them.
I drew them with gentle cords, With bands of love,
And I was to them as those who take the yoke from their neck.
I stooped and fed them.*

Hosea 11:1-4



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In the New Testament
there is a big difference



Jesus uses the word

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“Abba”

65 times in Matthew, Mark and Luke

100 + times in John



Aramaic term Abba is translated by

the Greek *pater*.



*For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear,
but you received the Spirit of adoption
by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father."
The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit
that we are children of God...*

Romans 8:15-16

*And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts,
crying out, "Abba, Father!"*

Galatians 4:6



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How Jesus Used the Word 'Abba'

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Unique teaching of Jesus

1. “*Abba*” Aramaic term not used by Jews of Jesus day for God
2. The term implies intimacy – “Daddy” and “Father”
3. The overwhelming number to times it is used by Jesus

It is not just a way that Jesus taught His disciples to approach God, it was the way.

Becoming a Child of The Father

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Little Boat Twice Owned



Becoming a Child of The Father

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Creatures become Children

*He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him.
But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right
to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:
who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh,
nor of the will of man, but of God.*

John 1:11-13



Becoming a Child of The Father

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Creatures become Children

But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.

And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

Galatians 4:4-7



Becoming a Child of The Father

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Creatures become Children

*“And I will receive you.”
“I will be a Father to you,
And you shall be My sons and daughters,
Says the Lord Almighty.”*

2 Corinthians 6:17-18



Becoming a Child of The Father

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Two Concepts

Relationship and Intimacy



Choosing to Become a Child of The Father

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You Must Be Born Again



“Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

John 3:3



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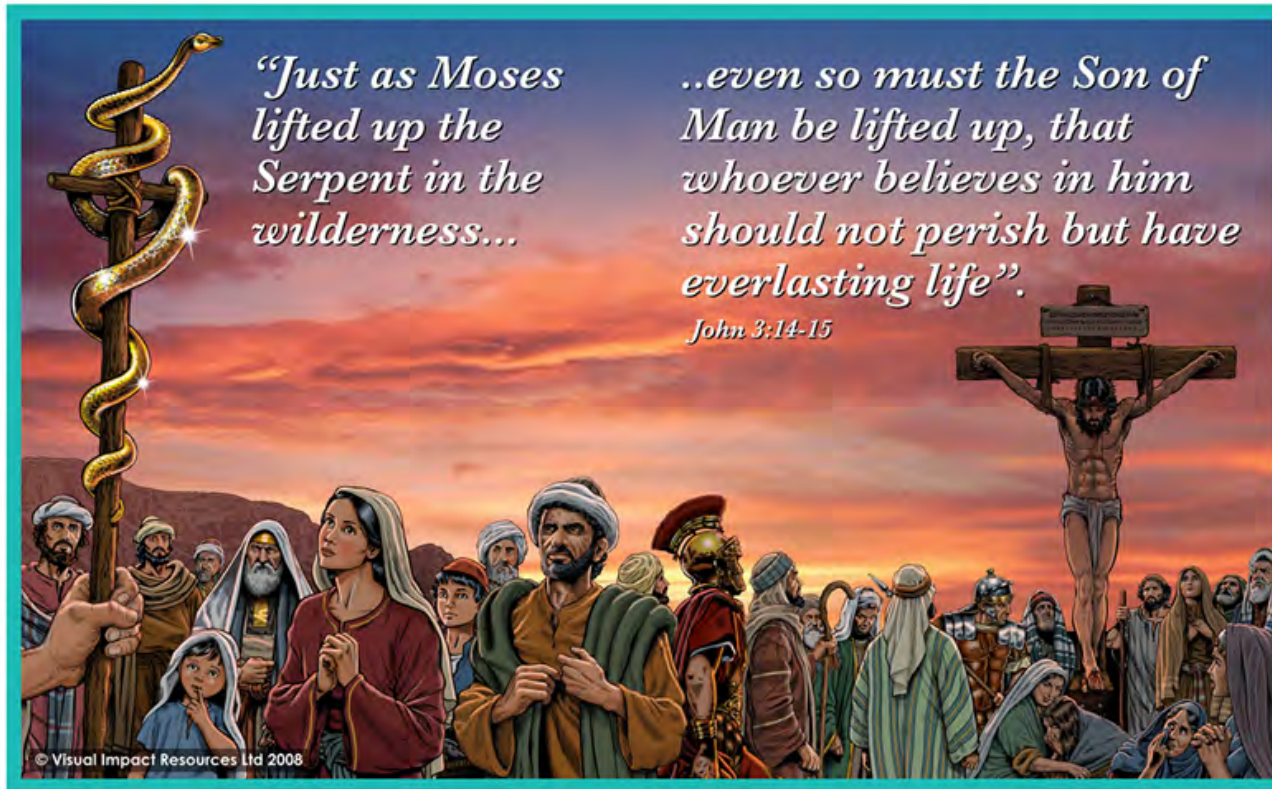
Nicodemus answered and said to Him,
“How can these things be?”

John 3:4



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Choosing to Become a Child of The Father

You Must Be Born Again

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him.

John 3:16-17



Choosing to Live As a Child of The Father

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The Paradox of Being a Child of The Father

We Relate To God As:



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We Relate To God As:

- Soldiers in the Spiritual Kingdom of God
- Laborers in God's Vineyard
- Athletes running the race of life for God's approval
- We are the Bride and He is the Bridegroom
- We are Slaves and He is our Master
- He is our Judge, High Priest, and King



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Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 18:3



Choosing to Live As a Child of The Father

It was at this time that the disciples came to Jesus with the question,

“Who is really greatest in the kingdom of Heaven?”

Jesus called a little child to his side and set him

on his feet in the middle of them all.

*“Believe me,” he said, “unless you change your whole outlook
and become like little children you will never enter the kingdom of Heaven.*

*It is the man who can be as humble as this little child
who is greatest in the kingdom of Heaven.*

Matthew 18:1-4 J.B. Philipps NT.



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It is difficult to function as a child as you mature

Self reliance moves us beyond vulnerabilities of childhood

Independence, competence, self-reliance, fight against us being dependent again.



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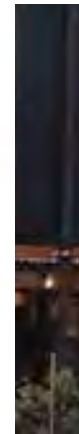
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**Dependent
Just Like
A Child**



Matthew 8:1-3

The Heavenly Father Pt. 1

Mark 5:24 ff.



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Father I Want You To Hold Me

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A silhouette of a person standing on a dark horizon, with their arms raised in a gesture of prayer or praise. The background is a soft, glowing sky, likely at sunrise or sunset, with a gradient from dark blue at the bottom to a warm orange and yellow near the horizon. The overall mood is one of spiritual longing and devotion.

Father, I want you to hold me

I want to rest in your arms today

Father, I want you to show me

How much you care for me in every way



I bring all my cares

And I lay them at your feet

You are always there

And you love me as I am

Yes you love me as I am



Father, I know you will hold me

I know I am your child your own

Father, I know you will show me

I feel your arms holding me I'm not alone



I bring all my fears

And I lay them at your feet

You are always here

And you love me as I am

Yes you love me as I am



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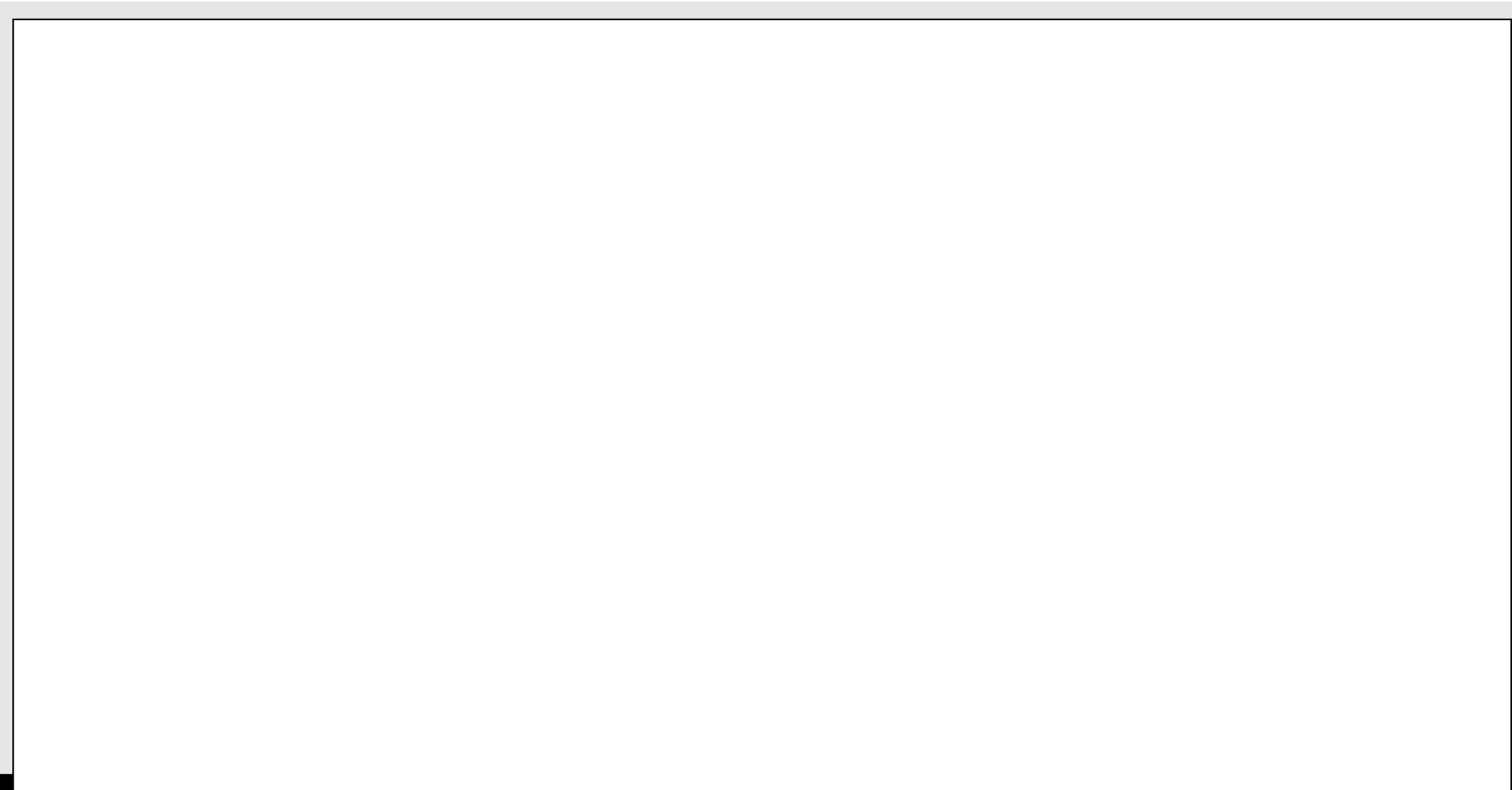


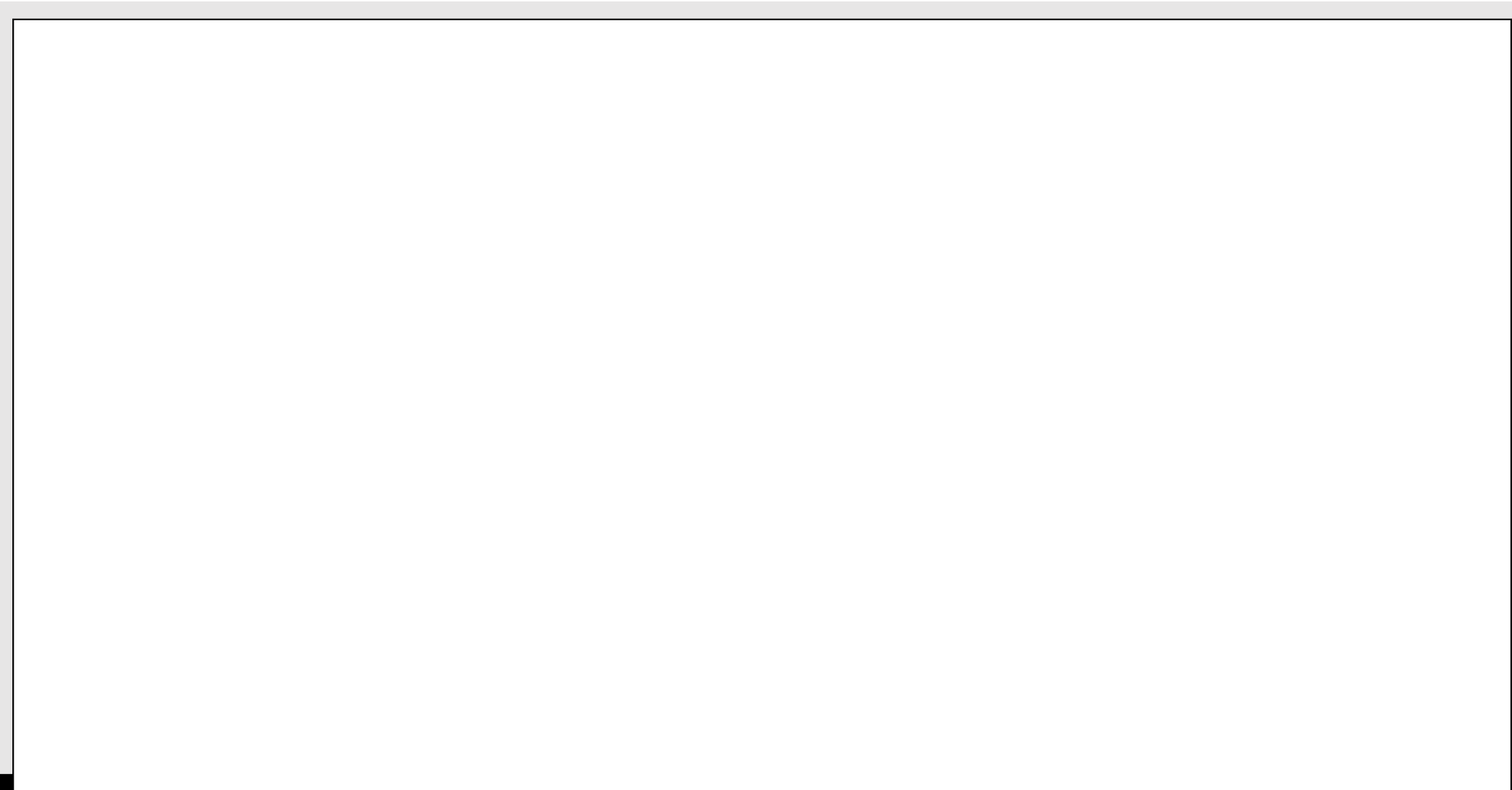
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Following are all the verses listed above from the Old Testament





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Deuteronomy 32:6

Will you not from this time cry to Me,
“My Father, You *are* the guide of my youth?”
Jeremiah 3:4

Doubtless You *are* our Father,
Though Abraham was ignorant of us,
And Israel does not acknowledge us.
You, O LORD, *are* our Father;
Isaiah 63:16

But now, O LORD,
You *are* our Father;
We *are* the clay, and You our potter;
And all we *are* the work of Your hand.
Isaiah 64:8

You shall call Me, “My Father,”
And not turn away from Me.
Jeremiah 3:19





They shall come with weeping,
And with supplications I will lead them.
I will cause them to walk by the rivers of waters,
In a straight way in which they shall not stumble;
For I am a Father to Israel,
And Ephraim *is* My firstborn.

Jeremiah 31:9

“A son honors *his* father,
And a servant *his* master.
If then I am the Father,
Where *is* My honor?
And if I *am* a Master,
Where *is* My reverence?
Says the LORD of hosts

Micah 1:6

Have we not all one Father?
Has not one God created us?
Why do we deal treacherously with one another
By profaning the covenant of the fathers?

Micah 2:10





I will be his Father,
and he shall be My son.

2 Samuel 7:14

I will be his Father, and he shall be My son;
and I will not take My mercy away from him,
as I took *it* from *him* who was before you.

1 Chronicles 7:13

He shall build a house for My name, and he shall
be My son, and I *will be* his Father; and I will
establish the throne of his kingdom over Israel
forever.

1 Chronicles 22:10

Now He said to me, “It is your son Solomon *who*
shall build My house and My courts; for I have
chosen him *to be* My son,
and I will be his Father.”

1 Chronicles 28:6





A father of the fatherless, a defender of widows,
Is God in His holy habitation.

Psalm 68:5

He shall cry to Me, 'You *are* my Father,
My God, and the rock of my salvation.'

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Deuteronomy 14:1





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So the LORD pities those who fear Him.

Psalm 103:13

“Return, you backsliding children,
And I will heal your backslidings.”

Jeremiah 3:22

Is Ephraim My dear son? *Is he* a pleasant child?
For though I spoke against him, I earnestly remember him still;
Therefore My heart yearns for him;
I will surely have mercy on him, says the LORD.

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“They shall be Mine,” says the LORD of hosts,
“On the day that I make them My jewels.

And I will spare them
As a man spares his own son who serves him.”

Malachi 3:17

