

The righteous man walks in his integrity;
His children are blessed after him.

Proverbs 20:7 (New King James Version)



The Father

The Reality of Knowing Him

And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God,
and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.

John 17:3

Matter of Maturity

*I write to you, little children,
Because you have known the Father.
I have written to you, fathers,
Because you have known Him who is from the beginning.*

1 John 2:13-14

The World's View of God

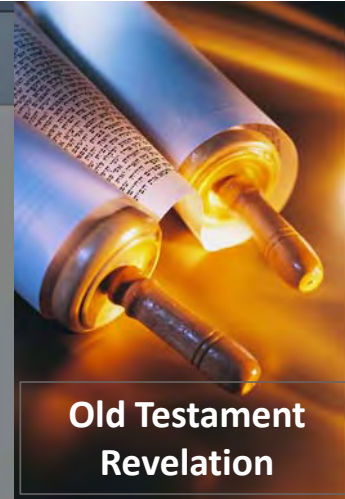
- **An Impersonal Force – No Relationship with creation**
- **Absent Landlord – Uncaring of plight of people**
- **Demander of Imperfection – Harsh in commands**
- **Ready to Condemn – Judgmental in everyway**
- **Manipulatable – if you know the formula**
- **Blind Grandfather – overlooking sinful behavior**

God Revealed in the Bible

- Uses terms we can understand to bridge the gap between the infinite and the temporal, the Creator and the creature.
- Rock – Shelter, Protection
- Shield – Deflector of attacks – Fortress – Safe dwelling
- Sun – Provider of life-giving, life-sustaining force

Reveals God as Father

- In the Old Testament used 15 times
- This is used to show us His Nature towards those who are His people.



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1. God – The Father Who Carries Us



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The LORD your God, who goes before you, He will fight for you, according to all He did for you in Egypt before your eyes, 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 1:30-31

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Yet, for all that, you did not believe the LORD your God.

Deuteronomy 1:32

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Listen to Me, O house of Jacob,
And all the remnant of the house of Israel,
Who have been upheld *by Me* from birth,
Who have been carried from the womb:
Even to *your* old age, I *am* He,
And *even* to gray hairs I will carry *you!*
I have made, and I will bear;
Even I will carry, and will deliver *you.*

Isaiah 46:3-4



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2. God – The Father Who Disciplines



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And you shall remember the whole way that the LORD your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not.

Deuteronomy 8:2-3

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And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD. Your clothing did not wear out on you and your foot did not swell these forty years.

Deuteronomy 8:3-4

2. God – The Father Who Disciplines

Know then in your heart that,
as a man disciplines his son,
the LORD your God disciplines you.
Deuteronomy 8:5



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*My son, do not despise the LORD's discipline
or be weary of his reproof,
for the LORD reproofs him whom he loves,
as a father the son in whom he delights.*

Proverbs 3:11-12 (also Hebrews 12:4-11)

3. God – The Father Who Shows Compassion



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*He made known his ways to Moses,
his acts to the people of Israel.
The LORD is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.*

Psalm 103:7-8



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*He will not always chide,
nor will he keep his anger forever.
He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.*

Psalm 103:9-10



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For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
as far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

Psalm 103:11-12


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*As a father shows compassion to his children,
so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.
For he knows our frame;
he remembers that we are dust.*

Psalm 103:13-14

An underwater photograph showing sunlight rays filtering through the surface of the water, creating a dramatic and serene atmosphere. The water is dark blue, and the light rays are bright and clear, creating a sense of depth and tranquility.

He will again have compassion on us;
he will tread our iniquities underfoot.
You will cast all our sins
into the depths of the sea.

Micah 7:19 (English Standard Version)

4. God – The Father Who Protects & Defends



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*Sing to God, sing praises to his name;
lift up a song to him who rides through the deserts;
his name is the LORD;
exult before him!*

*Father of the fatherless and protector of widows
is God in his holy habitation.*

*God settles the solitary in a home;
he leads out the prisoners to prosperity,
but the rebellious dwell in a parched land*

Psalm 68:4-6

5. God – The Father Who Guides & Molds



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*Will you not from this time cry to Me,
'My Father, You are the guide of my youth?'*

Jeremiah 3:4

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*But now, O LORD, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.*

Isaiah 64:8

Jesus Reveals God as Father



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Jesus Reveals God as Father

For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him.

John 1:17-18



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Jesus Reveals God as Father

And He said, "Abba, Father, all things are possible for You. Take this cup away from Me; nevertheless, not what I will, but what You will."

Mark 14:36



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Jesus Reveals God as Father

Aramaic **“Abba”** – **“Patros”** Greek

*No evidence of use by Jewish community
before the times of Jesus’ ministry*



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Amazing number of uses:

Father used 15 Times in Old Testament

Father used 65 Times in Matthew, Mark, Luke

Father used over 100 Times in John



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In this manner, therefore, pray:

*Our Father in heaven,
Hallowed be Your name.*

Matthew 6:9



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The Biblical View of God the Father

- **A Father Who Carries Us – Helps us**
- **A Father Who Disciplines US – Teaches us**
- **A Father Who Shows Us Compassion – Forgives us**
- **A Father Who Protects and Defends – Guards us**
- **A Father Who Guides and Molds Us – Leads and Makes us**
- **A Father Who Is An intimate Loving Parent – Cares for us**

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