

Our Father Who Loves Us

“Every good gift and every perfect (free, large, full) gift is from above; it comes down from the Father of all [that gives] light, in [the shining of] Whom there can be no variation [rising or setting] or shadow cast by His turning [as in an eclipse]” - James 1:17

“from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name ^{receives its character} [God—the first and ultimate Father]” - Ephesians 3:15 (AMP) - In Greek, the word for family is *patria*, which is derived from *pater*, the word for “father.” The concept of family originates with God. The attack on the Father’s image introduced death in man.

Hard Questions

1. Why do we relate the image of our earthly father so much with our heavenly Father?
2. Why do we easily connect what happened to us as a child to how our heavenly Father treats us?
3. Why do we easily trust Him for salvation, that He loved us enough to send us His Son to die to take away our sins, yet we spend a lifetime making Him prove that He is not the same man as our earthly father?

Who is Our Father?

- Abba (Father) – The First, Powerful One of the House.



- Avinu (Our Father) - The first (founder) powerful one of the house who gives life, children, seed, offspring - with attachment and security (secure attachment)
- He is the perfect blend of power (security) and compassion (attachment).
- Messiah models His Father to us. In His first coming He showed us His Father’s compassion. In His second coming He will show us His Father’s power – securing the earth – arresting wickedness, and rescuing His sheep.
- 1 John 4:8 – “The one who does not love does not know Elohim, **for Elohim is love.**” – He is who He says He is!

He Preserves Our Spiritual Virginity (an unspoiled state)

- Many times, those violated by their earthly father at a young age, grow up relating the same perverted nature to their heavenly Father – showing us kindness so we trust in Him completely, then... taking away the most precious thing from us (our spiritual virginity). It was the father of lies who came to pervert the purity of the relationship between man and His Creator/Father.
- Abba does not force His desires on us but graciously waits for us to accept what He has to offer.
- Romans 8:15, “For you **did not** receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear [ashamed to face our Creator – Genesis 3:10], but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, `Abba, Father.” – **New DNA!**
- Regarding His love, He revealed to me, “Derek, it’s not the problem with the giving end but the receiving end – the shame of not being worthy – shame get off of me!”
- His love is the real thing – not cheapened by some lustful desire to use His children as play toys to satisfy His craving for lordship over us. He does not traffic His children to become slaves of His own desires, but rescues us and sets us free to love Him back because we fully know that He first loved us.
- The lie of the Garden - the Father is not who He says He is! Do not believe in this perverted truth – especially when it comes to Who Father says you are to Him.
- Lamentations 3:21-26
- Zephaniah 3:17 (AMP), “The Lord your God is in your midst, A Warrior who saves. He will rejoice over you with joy; He will be quiet in His love [making no mention of your past sins], He will rejoice over you with shouts of joy.

- Genesis 1:26; 5:3; Exodus 25:40; Matthew 6:9-13
- What is in the earth below must sync with what is in Heaven above – Elohim (meaning 2, Father and Son) created man (1)
- Hebrews 8:4-5 - The shadow on earth of what is already done in the reality of heaven – the purity and sanctity in the creation of Adam is also the same in the beauty and purity of the marriage bed.
- John 5:19 (AMP) – “So Jesus answered them by saying, “I assure you *and* most solemnly say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself [of His own accord], unless it is something He sees the Father doing; for whatever things the Father does, the Son[in His turn] **also does in the same way.**”
- Exodus 4:21-23 – My son, Israel
- Hosea 11 (CJB) – The love and discipline of the Father
- 2 Samuel 7:12-16 – Saul was never a son or else he would have obeyed the voice of his Father
- 2 Corinthians 6:18 (AMP), “And I will be a Father to you, and you will be My sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty.”
- Luke 15:11-30 (CJB) – The son recognized that to sin against his father on earth was to sin against heaven (verse 21)
- Hebrews 12:3-11 – The pattern of discipline of both the earthly father and heavenly Father
- The pattern of the perfect Father was lost to man when he sinned until Messiah came to restore it. The Father never changes, only that we lost the connection to the pattern of what true Fatherhood looks like.

The Transfer of Father’s Love – Healthy in All Ways

- 1 John 4:11 – “Beloved ones, if Elohim so loved us, we also ought to love one another.” – Love is transferred – the glue of the family unit.
- Children seem to naturally take the blame for what the Father does (he treats me this way because I did something wrong and then defends the fathers actions in front of others out of fear of someone discovering the shame they feel). A father should never bring shame to his own children.
- Ephesians 6:4 (AMP) – “Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger [do not exasperate them to the point of resentment with demands that are trivial or unreasonable or humiliating or abusive; nor by showing favoritism or indifference to any of them], but bring them up [tenderly, with loving-kindness] in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.”
- I never felt I could live up to my dads expectations thus it is at times with my Heavenly Father.
- Deuteronomy 6:6-8; 20-25 – Love is passed down – transferred.
- Matthew 11:28-30 - The Father, full of love and compassion, must be carried upon the shoulders from one generation and passed down to the next.
- Messiah is saying, “Do not take the burden of loving the world upon you, but take the love of My Father that I have carried on my shoulders and am passing down to you to carry throughout the ends of the earth!” – His love is not heavy nor loaded down with expectations that could never be met!
- We must become transformed back into the image of our Creator, re-securing our identity in Him, by grasping hold of His love – that powerful, and secure attachment that only comes through our Father who tenderly nurtures His children.

The Application Today

- What then do we do with this? How do we apply this truth to our life today?
- It is sin unto us if after we have read His love letter to us, (His Word), yet continue to attribute our earthly fathers failures to our perfect Father who is in heaven (and also in us.)
- Stop it! No more!! He is not to blame for our earthly fathers mistakes.
- My prayer is for us to have a new revelation of the love and intimacy of a good and loving Abba.