

“The Father Heart of God: Knowing His Love”

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Pray: let’s ask the HS to give us a revelation of God as Father today

Why is this topic important?

The reason this topic is so important is:

- a. It is one of the central attributes of God. So much about God comes from His father heart. “Our father who art in heaven...” says a lot.
- b. Many of us have “Daddy wounds” ...with the tragic absence of father in our culture, many people (men and women) are left with father wounds and thus have a hard time relating to God as Father. I think Satan has gotten a stronghold here and it is hurting many
- c. When we are in need, this is where we need to come back to.
- d. As men, this attribute of God can one we can really relate to, especially if you are a father. I have learned more about God’s fatherhood as a father than ever before.

God is Father (Isa. 63:11, Jer. 31:9, Mt. 6:9, Jn. 17, Ro. 8:15, Gal. 4:6)

I did a search of “Father” and it came up 22 pages

Foundational issue: God is only a true father to those who have received Christ ... Gal. 3:26, Jn. 1:12
All are not “sons of God”

God as Father:

1. Ultimate Authority

Jn. 6:38, 17:4, 5:19

Hosea 11:1-4

Lest we think God is just this buddy buddy He is God and He is sovereign and holy and in control! Knowing this should cause us to appreciate His fatherhood even more. He is holy and loving! Mighty and tender!

Obedience is such a key to experiencing God as true father: John 14:23-24
Love ---- obedience --- love --- obedience

2. Unconditional Acceptor

Ps. 46:10

Zeph. 3:17

Jn. 1:12

1 Jn. 3:1

1 Peter 2:9-12

Accepts us in Christ regardless of our behavior but this doesn't mean behavior doesn't matter. Our acceptance is based on the cross – this is so important to know! It is a very costly acceptance but it also means that He will never leave us nor forsake us, no one can snatch us out of His hands.

Jn. 10:28

Identity and behavior circles

3. Loving Instructor

Jn. 14:26

Ps. 32:8

Hebr. 12:5-11 even involves discipline if necessary but still done out of love

Jn. 16:8

Instructs us in how to live: father knows best ... in direction, because He cares for us ... even in discipline

4. Generous Provider

Phil. 4:19

All of our needs: forgiveness, guidance, love, acceptance, Even material things

Mt. 7:11

Ro. 8:32

This can even be providing encouragement and affirmation, etc. God is an affirming father.

Isa. 30:18

Ps. 139:3 intimately acquainted with all our ways

5. Intimate Companion

Ro. 8:15, Gal. 4:6

Ps. 149:4

Zeph. 3:17

Jn. 15:15

Hebr. 10:19-25

This means He is attentive to us and wants us to have intimacy with Him, every moment of every day. He is compassionate and feels for us, hurts with us, etc.

6. Compassionate Feeler

2 Cor. 1:3-8

Micah 7:18-19

He feels for us! Wow.

7. Mighty Healer

He is a strong father who can heal!

Ex. 15:26

Ps. 103:3

Ps. 147:3

Isa. 30:26

Conclusion

- Do you know the Father? Saved?
- Are you experiencing the Father heart of God?
- What does God most want you to take from this?

Final Challenge: Draw near to me and I will draw near to you! Seek Him and you will find Him when you search for Him with all your heart!