

Spiritual Truth

1. **Our Father is willing to make sacrifices. He sent His Son into the world to die as our Savior.**
2. **Our Father has compassion and love for His children.**
3. **Our Father guides his children.**
4. **Our Father knows our needs before we ask; that's why we pray "Our Father".**
5. **Our Father rewards us.**
6. **Our Father makes us His heirs.**
7. **Our Father encourages us.**
8. **Our Father shows no favoritism among His children.**
 - ❖ **He gives access to all equally.**
 - ❖ **He blesses all richly.**
 - ❖ **He judges each person impartially.**

Scripture Revealed

1. **For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16) And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. (1 John 4:14)**
2. **As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him. (Psalm 103:13) Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort. (2 Corinthians 1:3)**
3. **Because the Lord disciplines those he loves, as a father the son he delights in. (Proverbs 3:12)**
4. **Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. (Matthew 6:8) Which of you, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him! (Matthew 7:9-11) This, then, is how you should pray: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. (Matthew 6:9)**
5. **But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. (Matthew 6:20) And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him. (Hebrews 11:6)**
6. **For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father". The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. (Romans 8:15-17)**
7. **May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word. (2 Thessalonians 2:16-17)**
8. **For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit. (Ephesians 2:18) For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him. (Romans 10:12) Since you call on a Father who judges each man's work impartially, live our lives as strangers here in reverent fear. (1 Peter 1:17)**

Life Application

1. **God made a sacrifice for YOU. You need to be reminded that God loves you that much.**
2. **God deeply cares about everything you are facing right now.**
3. **Are you trying to make it through life on your own? Ask God for His guidance in a situation happening in your life right now!**
4. **If he knows your needs before you ask, why do you have to ask? Because when you pray, you are not informing God of your need; you are depending on God to meet your need.**
5. **How do you see God? As one who is looking to judge you or as one who delights in the fact that one day he will reward your faith?**
6. **Rejoice in the eternal riches God has promised you as his child.**
7. **Try sending up a prayer that sounds something like this: "God, I'm feeling down today; please encourage me as only you can".**
8. **You are as privileged to enjoy these blessings of God your Father as any other believer who ever has walked or will walk the face of this planet!**

God Relates to Us as a Perfect Father

You may have a hard time thinking of God as a Father because of the poor father you had growing up. One of the most refreshing breakthroughs in your life will happen when you begin to see God as the Father you never had, to see God as the Father who fulfills what your father never was.



Maybe you had an earthly father who, although he was not perfect, gave you the kind of love that put you on the road to finding a relationship with God through Jesus.



“He is like the light of morning at sunrise on a cloudless morning, like the brightness after rain that brings the grass from the earth.”
2 Samuel 23:4

Do you have something you would like to ask your Father right now? Use this space to write your thoughts or prayer to God:

God: The Father

What Scripture says about God as our perfect Father and how it relates to our lives today.

As our Father, God wants to meet our needs. As his children, we need God to be a Father to us every day of our lives. Inside, is a list of ways God meets our needs as a Father. As you read, think about which one of these you most need to know ... today! How can your needs as God's child be met—*right now*—by seeing his desire to relate to you as a loving Father?

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And do not call anyone on earth “father”, for you have one Father, and he is in Heaven.
Matthew 23:9