

The Good Father

Genesis 1:31 And God saw everything that he made, and, behold, it was very good.

The fatherhood of God:

The fatherhood of God is shown throughout the bible, God is specifically called the Father of the nation of Israel or the Father of certain individuals only 15 times.

Although the imagery of God the father is present the term “Father” is not used.

That changes in the New Testament when Jesus comes on the scene and only addresses God as Father or “**ABBA**”

Although the nearest equivalent would be the English term “daddy”, ABBA was a term that not only small children used to address their fathers; it was a term that older children and adults used.

As a result it is best to understand that ABBA is the equivalent of “Father” rather than “Daddy”.

SOMEBODY SHOUT WORDS HAVE POWER!

Now that we have played the foundation for the fatherhood of God lets get into the goodness of God.

1. GOD IS GOOD

1. This means the nature, character and reputation of God is GOODNESS.

Psalm 25:8 Good and upright is the LORD

Psalm 34:8 O taste and see that the Lord is good: Blessed is the man that trusts in him.

2. A Good father is one who provides and guides

3. Fathers construct conditions of opportunity for their children without crowding their freedom, they exercise governance in a context of caring.
so the providence of God flows naturally because its his nature to PROVIDE that which is GOOD.

GOOD fathers have the perfect mix of reward and rebuke!

Proverbs 3:11-12 ESV My son, do not despise the Lord's discipline or be weary of his reproof, for the Lord reproves him whom he loves, as a father the son in whom he delights.

***Hebrews 12:7* ESV It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline?**

***Matthew 7:11* KJV If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him? ¹²**

God's goodness is not predicated on our behavior, or our ability to do or be good, but in his character to just BE GOOD

2. GOD CREATES GOOD

1. In Genesis 1-2:25 the beginning God created:
 1. FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD
 2. CREATION OF MAN

NKJV Genesis 1:31 then God saw everything that he had made, and indeed it was very good.

1 Timothy 4:4 everything created by god is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving.

3. GOOD GIVING

**Because its in God's nature to BE GOOD
And in his ability to CREATE GOOD THINGS
But God is also the GIVER OF GOOD**

3. KJV James 1:17. Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

Psalm 34:1-10 KJV

- 1 I will bless the Lord at all times:
His praise shall continually be in my mouth.***
- 2 My soul shall make her boast in the Lord:
The humble shall hear thereof, and be glad.***
- 3 O magnify the Lord with me,
And let us exalt his name together.***
- 4 I sought the Lord, and he heard me,
And delivered me from all my fears.***
- 5 They looked unto him, and were lightened:
And their faces were not ashamed.***
- 6 This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him,
And saved him out of all his troubles.***
- 7 The angel of the Lord encampeth
Round about them that fear him, and delivereth them.***
- 8 O taste and see that the Lord is good:
Blessed is the man that trusteth in him.***
- 9 O fear the Lord, ye his saints:***

*For there is no want to them that fear him.
10 The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger:
But they that seek the Lord shall not want any good thing.*

4. GOD DOES GOOD

Psalm 119:68 Thou art good, and doest good; teach me thy statutes.

Romas 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love god, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

Along with 29 other accounts of God specifically DOING GOOD

Because God does good and we are his children, we should have evidence of his goodness in us!

Matthew 5:16 ESV In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven