

Father

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Children are a blessing of God

Psalm 127:3-5

- 3 Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is his reward.
- 4 As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children of the youth.
- 5 Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them: they shall not be ashamed, but they shall speak with the enemies in the gate.

Psalm 128

- 1 ¶ A Song of degrees. Blessed is every one that feareth the LORD; that walketh in his ways.
- 2 For thou shalt eat the labour of thine hands: happy shalt thou be, and it shall be well with thee.
- 3 Thy wife shall be as a fruitful vine by the sides of thine house: thy children like olive plants round about thy table.
- 4 Behold, that thus shall the man be blessed that feareth the LORD.
- 5 The LORD shall bless thee out of Zion: and thou shalt see the good of Jerusalem all the days of thy life.
- 6 Yea, thou shalt see thy children's children, and peace upon Israel.

God's Testimony of Abraham as a Father. Genesis 18:17-19

- 17 And the LORD said, Shall I hide from Abraham that thing which I do;
- 18 Seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him?
- 19 **For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the LORD, to do justice and judgment; that the LORD may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him.**

Noteworthy:

- (1) He will **command** his children and his household after him and
- (2) They shall keep the way of the LORD, to do justice and judgment

See Gen. 22:1-10 (Abraham offers a willing Isaac)

See also Judges 11:34-40 (Jephthah offers his daughter, who willingly is sacrificed in fulfillment of her father's vow)

34 And Jephthah came to Mizpeh unto his house, and, behold, his daughter came out to meet him with timbrels and with dances: and she was his only child; beside her he had neither son nor daughter.

35 And it came to pass, when he saw her, that he rent his clothes, and said, Alas, my daughter! thou hast brought me very low, and thou art one of them that trouble me: for I have opened my mouth unto the LORD, and I cannot go back.

36 And she said unto him, My father, if thou hast opened thy mouth unto the LORD, do to me according to that which hath proceeded out of thy mouth; forasmuch as the LORD hath taken vengeance for thee of thine enemies, even of the children of Ammon.

37 And she said unto her father, Let this thing be done for me: let me alone two months, that I may go up and down upon the mountains, and bewail my virginity, I and my fellows.

38 And he said, Go. And he sent her away for two months: and she went with her companions, and bewailed her virginity upon the mountains.

39 And it came to pass at the end of two months, that she returned unto her father, who did with her according to his vow which he had vowed: and she knew no man. And it was a custom in Israel,

40 That the daughters of Israel went yearly to lament the daughter of Jephthah the Gileadite four days in a year.

May also want to consider why God referred to him as a father of many nations, beyond the simple fact that he fathered the Ishmaelites, Edomites, Israelites, Midianites and others.

See also the following statement by Joshua

Joshua 24:15 And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.

God's Ways. 1 Kings 3:14 (God speaking to Solomon) about walk in His ways.

1 Kings 3:14 And if thou wilt walk in my ways, to keep my statutes and my commandments, as thy father David did walk, then I will lengthen thy days.

Psalms 81:13 Oh that my people had hearkened unto me, and Israel had walked in my ways!

Proverbs 8:32 Now therefore hearken unto me, O ye children: for blessed are they that keep my ways.

Isaiah 55:8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD.

Isaiah 55:9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Fathers are to rule (see above scripture relating to Abraham)

Isaiah 3:12 As for my people, children are their oppressors, and women rule over them. O my people, they which lead thee cause thee to err, and destroy the way of thy paths.

I Timothy 3:4-5 (Bishops)

4 One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity;

5 (For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?)

Titus 1:6 (referring to bishops) If any be blameless, the husband of one wife, having faithful children not accused of riot or unruly.

1 Timothy 3:12 Let the deacons be the husbands of one wife, ruling their children and their own houses well.

Father's have power to bless their children

Isaac to Jacob. Gen 27:18-29

Jacob to Joseph's children. Gen. 48:8-22

Prophet to Family.

Jacob to his children. Gen, 49:1-33.

Priest

Job 1:1-5

1 ¶ There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job; and that man was perfect and upright, and one that feared God, and eschewed evil.

2 And there were born unto him seven sons and three daughters.

3 His substance also was seven thousand sheep, and three thousand camels, and five hundred yoke of oxen, and five hundred she asses, and a very great household; so that this man was the greatest of all the men of the east.

4 ¶ And his sons went and feasted in their houses, every one his day; and sent and called for their three sisters to eat and to drink with them.

5 And it was so, when the days of their feasting were gone about, that Job sent

and sanctified them, and rose up early in the morning, and offered burnt offerings according to the number of them all: for Job said, It may be that my sons have sinned, and cursed God in their hearts. Thus did Job continually.

Many of Paul's letters begin with "grace, mercy and peace" from God our Father.

Fathers must love God or else face God's judgment.

Luke 14:26 If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple.

- (1) God will visit the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me. Exodus 20:5 and 34:7. Numbers 14:18. Deut. 5:9. Jeremiah 32:18.
- (2) Leviticus 26 sets forth God's great promises to those who walk in His statutes and keep His commandments. See Lev. 26:1-13. It also sets forth what will happen to a father and his family if the father does not hearken unto the Lord, will not do His commandments, despises His statutes, abhors His judgments, etc... See Lev. 26:14-33. Plagues will come on you, wild beasts will rob your children, your enemies will rule over you, you will not have enough to eat to the point that you will actually eat your own children. A similar verse to these is Deut. 28, where God lays out His blessings and cursings.
- (3) Look at all the kings who did evil as did their fathers and they and their dynasties were destroyed as a result.
- (4) See also various prophecies in Jeremiah 6:21, 9:14, 13:14 and 16; Ezekial 5:10,

Biblically Father's teach their children

- (1) Train children in the Word of God. Psalm 78:1-8 and Deut. 4:1-40. See also Deut. 6:4-9

4 ¶ Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD:

5 And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.

6 And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart:

7 And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

8 And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes.

9 And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates.

Deut. 11:18-25

18 ¶ Therefore shall ye lay up these my words in your heart and in your soul, and bind them for a sign upon your hand, that they may be as frontlets between your eyes.

19 And ye shall teach them your children, speaking of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

20 And thou shalt write them upon the door posts of thine house, and upon thy gates:

21 That your days may be multiplied, and the days of your children, in the land which the LORD sware unto your fathers to give them, as the days of heaven upon the earth.

22 For if ye shall diligently keep all these commandments which I command you, to do them, to love the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, and to cleave unto him;

23 Then will the LORD drive out all these nations from before you, and ye shall possess greater nations and mightier than yourselves.

24 Every place whereon the soles of your feet shall tread shall be yours: from the wilderness and Lebanon, from the river, the river Euphrates, even unto the uttermost sea shall your coast be.

25 There shall no man be able to stand before you: for the LORD your God shall lay the fear of you and the dread of you upon all the land that ye shall tread upon, as he hath said unto you.

Psalms 78:1-8

1 ¶ Maschil of Asaph. Give ear, O my people, to my law: incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

2 I will open my mouth in a parable: I will utter dark sayings of old:

3 Which we have heard and known, and our fathers have told us.

4 We will not hide them from their children, shewing to the generation to come the praises of the LORD, and his strength, and his wonderful works that he hath done.

5 For he established a testimony in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our fathers, that they should make them known to their children:

6 That the generation to come might know them, even the children which should be born; who should arise and declare them to their children:
7 That they might set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments:
8 And might not be as their fathers, a stubborn and rebellious generation; a generation that set not their heart aright, and whose spirit was not stedfast with God.

Proverbs 22:6 Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

The contrasting/wrong testimony of fathers is set forth in Jeremiah.

Jeremiah 9:14 But have walked after the imagination of their own heart, and after Baalim, which their fathers taught them:

- (2) Seemed to pass their professions on to their children
 - (a) Aaron – priesthood
 - (b) Levites (singers, porters, etc...) passed down through families. I Ch. 9:10-34.

Fathers are to be one with God and their children one with them. See Jesus and his father.

- (3) Exhort, comfort and charge children. I Thessalonians 2:11.

Correction

Proverbs 22:15 Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child; but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him.

Proverbs 23:13 Withhold not correction from the child: for if thou beatest him with the rod, he shall not die.

Proverbs 29:15 The rod and reproof give wisdom: but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame.

Proverbs 15:10 Correction is grievous unto him that forsaketh the way: and he that hateth reproof shall die.

2 Timothy 3:16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

God spoke to David by way of Nathan the Prophet concerning Solomon as follows:

14 I will be his father, and he shall be my son. If he commit iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men, and with the stripes of the children of men:

15 But my mercy shall not depart away from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away before thee. II Samuel 7:14-15.

Psalm 89:18-37

18 For the LORD is our defence; and the Holy One of Israel is our king.

19 ¶ Then thou spakest in vision to thy holy one, and saidst, I have laid help upon one that is mighty; I have exalted one chosen out of the people.

20 I have found David my servant; with my holy oil have I anointed him:

21 With whom my hand shall be established: mine arm also shall strengthen him.

22 The enemy shall not exact upon him; nor the son of wickedness afflict him.

23 And I will beat down his foes before his face, and plague them that hate him.

24 But my faithfulness and my mercy shall be with him: and in my name shall his horn be exalted.

25 I will set his hand also in the sea, and his right hand in the rivers.

26 He shall cry unto me, Thou art my father, my God, and the rock of my salvation.

27 Also I will make him my firstborn, higher than the kings of the earth.

28 My mercy will I keep for him for evermore, and my covenant shall stand fast with him.

29 His seed also will I make to endure for ever, and his throne as the days of heaven.

30 If his children forsake my law, and walk not in my judgments;

31 If they break my statutes, and keep not my commandments;

32 Then will I visit their transgression with the rod, and their iniquity with stripes.

33 Nevertheless my lovingkindness will I not utterly take from him, nor suffer my faithfulness to fail.

34 My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips.

35 Once have I sworn by my holiness that I will not lie unto David.

36 His seed shall endure for ever, and his throne as the sun before me.

37 It shall be established for ever as the moon, and as a faithful witness in heaven. Selah.

Chastening

Proverbs 19:18 Chasten thy son while there is hope, and let not thy soul spare for his crying.

Proverbs 3:11-12

11 My son, despise not the chastening of the LORD; neither be weary of his correction:

12 For whom the LORD loveth he correcteth; even as a father the son in whom he delighteth.

Hebrews 12:5-11

5 And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him:

6 For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.

7 If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?

8 But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons.

9 Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live?

10 For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but he for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness.

11 Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.

Revelation 3:19 As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.

Provoke Not Your Children

Ephesians 6:4 And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. (See verses 1-3 as well)

Colossians 3:21 Fathers, provoke not your children to anger, lest they be discouraged.

Fathers in the Lord.

1 Corinthians 4:15 For though ye have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet have ye not many fathers: for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel.

Scriptures relating to children/fathers

Proverbs 17:6 Children's children are the crown of old men; and the glory of children are their fathers.