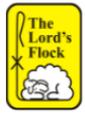


“Father, the Heart of God”

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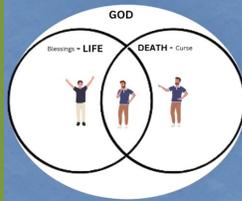
THE LORD'S FLOCK GROW DIGEST

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Jesus revealed God the Father's identity through the prayer “Our Father” (Mt. 6:9-13). Today, there has been a lack of the presence of “fatherhood.” Though fathers may be present, they seem to demonstrate mediocrity. Hence, fathers are perceived as distant, aloof and angry. However, God fashioned fathers as His model who would endeavor to do His will - to enhance humanity's spirituality.

1. What is a Father?

St. Paul wrote specific ways for holiness, for it called for separation from the ways of the enemy (2 Cor. 6:14-18). Jesus is the perfect example for all. Since we have been in covenant with God, He brought forth blessings and curses to keep our relationship with Him (Deut. 30:19). He asked us to choose life over death to enjoy His unending grace.



Life - Blessings	Death - Curse
Righteousness aligns with God's will.	Lawlessness is non-adherence to God's will.
Light means God is light.	Darkness is separation from God.
Believers must have full surrender to God.	Unbelievers deny the Triune God.
A temple of God means a person is the temple of the Holy Spirit.	Idolaters have excessive attachment to things, wealth, power, and wrong relationships.

2. Our God the Father is the father to many; He sent forth His love to the world (2 Cor. 6:18). **He is a**

2.1 Father to those He called (Rom. 8:29). God wanted them to conform to the Son's image. Hence, God justified and glorified them.

2.2 Father to the idol worshipper. His heart breaks for these people. However, God sent forth Christians to these idolaters to bring them back to His fold.

2.3 Father to the atheist and agnostics. They decided not to follow God in their lives, but God pursues them.

2.4 Father to the baptized. Christians who did not advance spiritually after baptism require spiritual revival to improve their relationship with the Father.

2.5 Father to our children. Our Father wants to have a relationship with children. Thus, the (earthly) parents must provide spiritual foundation for them.

2.6 Father to the teenagers. The teenagers must be trained to submit to authority, particularly to the parents (Eph. 6:4), for they are vulnerable to the attacks of the enemy.

2.7 Father to the young adults. God the Father will lead them to their journey as they will be keeping His laws and sharing His kingdom.

2.8 Father to the adults. God the Father expects mature/senior adults to focus their energies in making disciples to all nations (Mt. 28:19-20).

Conclusion:

Our God the Father wants to establish relationships with His people. He sent forth His Son to the world to save humanity (Jn. 3:16). When Jesus Christ ascended into heaven, He directed His disciples to spread the gospel to the nations. Thus, fathers have been chosen by God to model Him and show a myriad of ways how fatherhood can enhance humanity's spirituality.

Reflection:

1. Why do you think “fatherhood” is important?
2. What are the specific qualities fathers must have from God the Father?
3. How can we share God the Father to other people?

Prayer:

“Lord, grant us your tender love and mercy so that we can vigorously seek people whom you want to touch and bring them to your fold. In Jesus name. Amen.

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