

## The Benefits of Salvation Series

### A Father's Day Message

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With all of the confusion, chaos, lies, and attempts to destroy families today, I thought we needed to remember the Lord our God, remember Him as our Heavenly Father, and in particular, remember His love for us. We love because He first loved us. That's one reason why a father's love is so important to a healthy family. Many are fatherless, for one reason or another, but the one True and Living God is a father to the fatherless and makes a way for the lonely.

The love of the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ is holy, pure, true, deep and wide. His love does no harm. God is a spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable in His being, wisdom, power, holiness, goodness, justice, and truth. **So today, we are going to consider the expression of His love to each of those whom He has adopted into His family, allowing that each child of His may call Him "Abba," Father.** If we belong to His family, we will always have His love, even through those times of "Fatherly displeasure."

Today we want to reflect on our Heavenly Father, the One Jesus called "Holy Father" and "Righteous Father" and "My Father." May He be pleased with our remembrance of Him. May it bring Him delight and bless Him. May it bring glory to His Name as we hear His expressions of love for us. May we extol His love for us. May He grant us peace and heal us in His Presence.

Our Heavenly Father knows the name of each of His children. He knows us to the core of our being. He speaks of His love like this:

Child of the Covenant of Grace,

I chose you before the foundation of the world, before anything was created. (Ephesians 1.4)

I knew you even before you were conceived. (Jeremiah 1.4, 5)

You were made in My image. (Genesis 1.27)

I am your Origin, your Creator, your Father. You are My offspring. (Acts 17.28)

In Me you live and move and have your being. (Acts 17.28)

I created you. I formed you. I have called you by your name; you are Mine. (Isaiah 43.1)

I know everything about you, when you sit down and when you rise up.

I am acquainted with all your ways. My hand is upon you, your life, and I covered you in your mother's womb. You are fearfully and wonderfully made. You were not a mistake, for all your days are written in My book. There is no place you are, no place where you might go, where My Spirit is not with you. (from Psalm 139)

I brought you forth on the day you were born. (Psalm 71.6)

I determined the exact time of your birth and where you would live. (Acts 17.26)  
Every one that is called by My Name, I created for My glory. (Isaiah 43.7)

I care about you such that even the very hairs on your head are numbered. (Matthew 10.29-31)  
I will never leave you nor forsake you. (Isaiah 41.17; Isaiah 42.16; Ps. 27.10, 94.14; Hebrews 13.5)

From the beginning, I chose you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth. I called you by the gospel to the obtaining of the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ. 2 Thess. 2.13,14

I am the complete expression of love. 1 John 4.16  
It is My desire to lavish My love upon you simply because I am your Father and you are My child. 1 John 3.1

I am more than your earthly father ever could be. Matthew 7.11  
I am the perfect Father. Matthew 5.48  
I am your provider and I meet all of your needs. Matthew 6.31-33  
I love you with an everlasting love. Jeremiah 31.3

Every good and perfect gift comes from Me. I am the Father of lights. James 1.17  
I know the plans I have for you, plans for your welfare and your good that you might have hope. Jeremiah 29.11  
My thoughts toward you are countless, like the sand on the seashore. Psalm 139.17, 18  
I rejoice over you with singing. I exult over you with joy. Zephaniah 3.17  
If I am for you, who can be against you? Romans 8.31  
I will never stop doing good to you. Jeremiah 32.40  
You are My treasured possession. Exodus 19.5

Do you need a Father? I am a father of the fatherless in My holy habitation. Psalm 68.5  
I pity those who fear Me (Psalm 103.13) and in Me the fatherless find mercy. Hosea 14.3

If I am a father, where is My honor? Malachi 1.6  
Receive My instruction and attend to know understanding. I give you good doctrine. Proverbs 4.1

If I am your Father, you are blessed and you will inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. Matthew 25.34

I want to show you great and mighty things, which you know not. I am your Covenant Lord. Call unto Me, and I will answer you. Jeremiah 33.3

I rejoice over you to do you good. I desire to establish you with all My heart and with all My soul. Jeremiah 32.41  
If you seek Me with all your heart, you will find Me. Deuteronomy 4.29  
Delight in Me, and I will give you the desires of your heart. Psalm 37.4  
I work in you both to will and to do My good pleasure. Philippians 2.13

I am your greatest encourager. I have loved you, and have given you everlasting consolation and good hope through grace. 2 Thessalonians 2.16

I am the Father who comforts you in all your troubles. 2 Corinthians 1.3, 4

When you are brokenhearted, I am close to you. Psalm 34.18

I carry you close to My heart, as a shepherd carries a lamb. Isaiah 40.11

I have chosen you and not cast you away. So do not fear. For I am with you. Do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you. Yes, I will uphold you with the right hand of My righteousness. Those that were incensed against you shall be ashamed and confounded. They shall be as nothing. They that strive with you shall perish. You will seek them, and you won't find them, even those that contend with you. Those that war against you shall be as nothing, as a thing of naught. For I the LORD your God will hold your right hand, saying to you, Fear Not. I will help you. Isaiah 41.9b-13

One day I will wipe away every tear from your eyes. There shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, nor any more pain. The former things will pass away. I make all things new. Revelation 21.4, 5

I desire that Christ dwell in your hearts by faith. I desire that you be rooted and grounded in love. I desire that you may be able to comprehend what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height, to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge. I desire that you be filled with all the fullness of God. And remember, I am able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that you ask or think, according to the power that works in you. Ephesians 3.17-20

I am the LORD, the LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth, keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and that will by no means clear the guilty; visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children, unto the third and to the fourth generation. Exodus 34.6, 7

I reveal Myself and My love for you in Jesus, My Son. John 17.26

He is the express image of My being. Hebrews 1.3

He came not to condemn you, but to save you. John 3.16ff

I reconciled you to Myself by Jesus Christ. I was in Christ, reconciling the world unto Myself, not imputing your trespasses unto you. I have made you an ambassador for Christ that you might let others know to be reconciled to Me. 2 Corinthians 5.18-20

I made Jesus to be the sin offering for you, in your place, this Jesus who knew no sin, that you might be made the righteousness of God in Christ. This is why you are urged not to receive My grace in vain. 2 Corinthians 5.21

Jesus' death is the ultimate expression of My love for you. Romans 8.31, 32 You need to know that if I am for you, who can be against you? Indeed, since I did not spare My own Son, but delivered Him up for all My children, how shall I not with Him also freely give you all things? Who shall lay anything to the charge of My elect ones? I am the One who justifies you, so who is it that condemns you? Romans 8.31-34

I am your Father, and I love you even as I love My Son, Jesus -- love [of] the same quantity and quality. John 17.23 In fact, Jesus is risen from the dead and sits at My right hand. He makes intercession for you as a faithful High Priest. Romans 8.34, Hebrews 4.14

You are a born-out-of-God one, and when you were born again, you received Christ and the power to become My child. 1 John 3.9; John 1.12 In acknowledging My Son, you have Me also. Abide. 1 John 2.23 Look at what manner of love I have bestowed upon you that you should be called My child. 1 John 3.1

Seek Me with all your heart. Delight in Me. Do not shrink back, but come, and call upon Me. Yes, I am a consuming fire. Yes, I am a Refiner's fire, a purifying fire, the Flame of Yah. I do not change, but I change you that you might be closer to Me.

Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen.

PRAY.

Father God, our Heavenly Father, we come to you in the Name of Jesus, the Beloved. We hope you are pleased with our small attempt to remember and reflect upon the magnitude of your immeasurable love for us. Forgive us for our impudent, bratty, and unthankful moments. Forgive our rebellion, resistance, disobedience, and so many other things that get in your face and block your countenance which otherwise would shine upon us.

Thank you for sending Jesus and prevailing in our lives to benefit us with your so great salvation. May you be glorified in our lives and pleased on this Father's Day. We humbly ask for grace, mercy, favor, and blessing; and for the anointing of the Holy Spirit to walk in the light, wisdom, goodness, and mercy of your love. It is in the Name of Jesus Christ that we pray, Amen.

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