

Fathers in the Bible

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1. General References (From Thompson's Index #1629-1630)

***Note: These are all things that God the Father does perfectly. You have and/or are an imperfect father. But we have a perfect Father!

- a. To Teach, Taking the Spiritual Lead, Deuteronomy 6:5-9
- b. To Train, Proverbs 3:12, 19:18, 22:6
- c. To Provide for, 2 Corinthians 12:14
- d. To Nurture, Ephesians 6:4; Colossians 3:21

2. Case Studies

- a. Abraham the father of Isaac and of many nations, etymology—he went from “exalted father” to “father of a multitude or many nations”, Genesis 12:1-3 (separated from idolatry, valued God's covenant/promises made to him), Genesis 15:3-6 (specific promise, faith known by works), Genesis 22:5-8 (Isaac had been taught and trained)
- b. Joseph the stepfather of Jesus, Matthew 1:18-25 (just man, rooted in faith in God's covenant/promises), Matthew 2:13-14 (wise to lead his family), Matthew 13:55 (Cf. Mark 6:3)
- c. The father of the prodigal son, Luke 15:11-32, note his unconditional love, eagerness to see family restoration, based on divine principles of the same (key on verses 21 and 31-32)

3. God the Father

- a. Admonition of Malachi 2:10-12 with John 8:44; Contrast John 14:7-11; 1 John 4:14-16; Family of God seen in Ephesians 4:6; Isaiah 63:16; Romans 8:15-17; 2 Corinthians 6:17-18; Prayer enjoined in Matthew 6:9; 1 Peter 1:17; James 1:17