

**FATHER GOD: if you've seen me you've seen the Father!!**

The LORD, who forms the spirit of man within him. (Zechariah 12:1)

“O God, the God of all the spirits of mankind...” (Numbers 16:22)

“the God Who gives life to the dead

and calls things that are not as though they were (Romans 4:17)

The Spirit of God has made me; the breath of the Almighty gives me life. (Job 33:4)

No One in all of the universe is more misunderstood than our Heavenly Father.

When you read the Old Testament all people see is the wars, etc.

Let's get a few things straight:

1) the Garden of Eden

2) Noah's ark: only 8 responded

3) David and Bathsheba. David killing Uriah.

4) Forgave Jonah when he ran away from Him.

5) “Father forgive them they don't know what they're doing”. Do you think God answered that prayer?

Today I want to look at Who our Heavenly Father really is:

**Intimate and involved:**

Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? (Psa.139:7)

For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I

praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are

wonderful, I know that full well. (Psalm 139:13-14)

**Kind and compassionate:**

The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He

will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; he does not treat us as

our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens

are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is

from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. As a father has

compassion on his children,

so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him; **(Psalm 103:8-13)**

**Accepting and filled with joy and love:**

The LORD your God is with you,

he is mighty to save.

He will take great delight in you;

he will quiet you with his love,

he will rejoice over you with singing.” **(Zeph.3:17)**

### **Warm and affectionate:**

He tends his flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart; he gently leads those that have young. **(Isaiah 40:11)**

I led them with cords of human kindness, with ties of love. To them I was like one who lifts a little child to the cheek, and I bent down to feed them. **(Hosea 11:4)**

### **Always with me and eager to be with me:**

Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you. **(Heb.13:5; Deut. & Joshua)**

Is not Ephraim my dear son, the child in whom I delight? Though I often speak against him, I still remember him. Therefore my heart yearns for him; I have great compassion for him,” declares the LORD. **(Jer.31:20)**

I will tend them in a good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel will be their grazing land. There they will lie down in good grazing land, and there they will feed in a rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. **(Ezek.34:14)**

### **Patient and slow to anger:**

And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, “The LORD, the LORD, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, **(Exodus 34:6)**

The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. **(2 Peter 3:9)**

### **Loving & gentle:**

The LORD appeared to us in the past, saying: “I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with unfailing kindness. **(Jer.31:3)**

A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out. In faithfulness he will bring forth justice; **(Isaiah 42:3)**

### **Protective of me:**

The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn<sup>l</sup> of my salvation, my stronghold. **(Psalm 18:2)**

### **Trustworthy & faithful:**

Because of the LORD’s great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. **(Lam.3:22-23)**

### **He wants to give me a full life:**

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. **(John 10:10)**

**His will is good, pleasing, and perfect:**

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. **(Romans 12:2)**

**Full of grace & mercy:**

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. <sup>16</sup>Let us then approach God’s throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need. **(Heb.4:15-16)**

**He demonstrates “mercy triumphing over judgment”:**

“But the father said to his servants, ‘Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let’s have a feast and celebrate. For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ So they began to celebrate. **(Luke 15:22-24)**

**His heart and arms are always open to me**

“‘My son,’ the father said, ‘you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’” **(Luke 15:31-32)**

**Tender-hearted and forgiving;**

But with you there is forgiveness, so that we can, with reverence, serve you. **(Psalm 130:4)**

**Committed to my growth and proud of me as His growing child:**

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. **(Romans 8:28)**

because the Lord disciplines the one he loves,

and he chastens everyone he accepts as his son.” **(Hebrews 12:6)**

**Able and willing to supply all my needs:**

Take delight in the LORD,

and he will give you the desires of your heart. **(Psa.37:4)**

But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. **(Matt.6:33)**

**Father forgive me for not seeing You as You really are.  
Father it must hurt to be so misunderstood.  
I love You Heavenly Father.  
Father, thank You that I am Your child.  
Father You love me as much as You love Jesus.  
Father, I am a friend of God.  
Father I have been made right in Your sight through Jesus' blood.  
Father I am united in spirit with You.  
Father You have bought me with a price. I belong to You Father God.  
Father You call me a saint, and a holy one.  
Father You have adopted me as Your child.  
Father, I have direct access to You through the Holy Spirit.  
Father You have redeemed me and forgiven all of my sins.  
Father, I am complete in Christ.  
Father, I am free forever from condemnation.  
Father, I am assured that all things work together for good.  
Father, I am free from any condemning charges against me.  
I cannot be separated from the love of God.  
I have been established, anointed, and sealed by You, Father God.  
I am confident that the good work You have begun in me will be perfected.  
Father, I am a citizen of heaven.  
Father, I am hidden with Christ in You.  
You I have not given me a spirit of fear, but of power, love and a sound mind.  
Father, You give me grace and mercy to help me in time of need.  
Father, I am born of You and the evil one cannot touch me.  
Father, I am the salt in this earth and light in the world.  
Father, You have chosen and appointed me to bear fruit.  
Father, You've made me a personal, Spirit-empowered witness of Christ.  
Father I am Your temple. Father Your Holy Spirit lives in me.  
Father, I am a minister of reconciliation for You.  
Father, I am Your co-worker.  
Father I am seated with Christ in the heavenly realms at Your right hand.  
Father, I am Your workmanship, created for good works.  
Thank You Father that I can approach You with freedom and confidence.**

When he (the King) saw Queen **Esther** standing in the court, he was pleased with her and held out to her the gold scepter that was in his hand. So **Esther** approached and touched the tip of the scepter. (Esther 5:2)

**He's a good, good Father!! He is a Just God!!**

Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. (James 1:17)