

THE FATHERHOOD OF GOD ROMANS 8:14-17

INTRODUCTION

1. Jehovah God is variously described throughout Scripture.
2. Perhaps none is more personal than "Father."
3. Let us see why.

Discussion

I. God is described as a Father because he cares like a father.

- A. He cares enough to provide spiritual rescue
1. Isaiah 63:16: "...you, O Lord, are our Father, our Redeemer from of old is your name..."
 2. The process:
 - a. Sin Genesis 2
 - b. Promise Genesis 3
 - c. Preparation and preservation of a people Genesis 12 – Matthew 1
 - d. Shadow of a Savior Leviticus 16
 - e. Incarnation of Jesus Luke 2
 - f. Sacrifice John 19
- B. He cares enough to provide physical safety
1. Israelite laws for cleanliness and sanitation (Leviticus)
 2. Esther
 3. Warnings to Jewish followers about the destruction of Jerusalem
- C. He cares enough to teach
1. At Sinai, Exodus 24:12
 2. Deuteronomy 5:31 & 6:1
 3. 2 Timothy 3:16
- D. He cares enough to spend "quality time"
1. James 4:8 "Draw nigh to God and He will draw nigh unto you..."
 2. Psalm 1:2 "But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and in his law doth he meditate day and night..."

II. God is described as a Father because he provides like a father.

- A. God provides for all of our spiritual needs
1. 2 Peter 1:3
According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:
 2. If sin is man's greatest problem, then Jesus is His greatest answer: John 14:6

B. God provides for all of our physical needs

1. Matthew 6:25-34
3. Matthew 7:7-11
2. 1 Timothy 1:6-10

III. God is described as a Father because he corrects like a father.

A. Correction is love

1. Proverbs 3:11,12

B. Punishment is also love

1. Proverbs 13:24
2. Proverbs 22:15
3. Proverbs 23:13,14
4. Isaiah 10:5

C. There is a purpose to his correction

Conclusion