

## Character Profile: My God is My Father

### The Bible Proclaims and Displays that is My Heavenly Father.

#### *He has taken me into His Family*

**Eph 2:18-19** For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father. 19 Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God;

**Gal. 4:4-7** But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, 5 To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. 6 And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father. 7 Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

#### *He Loves Me*

**1 John 3:1** Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.

#### *He Chastens Me*

**Prov. 3:11-12** My son, despise not the chastening of the Lord; neither be weary of his correction: 12 For whom the Lord loveth he correcteth; even as a father the son in whom he delighteth.

#### *He Takes Care of Me*

**Matt. 6:26, 32** Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?... (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.

#### *He Protects Me and Keeps Me*

**John 10:29** My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand.

1. Look for key/ repeating words in these verses. Do you see any themes or common ideas?
2. Meditate on Eph. 2:18-19 and Gal. 4:4-7. What are the benefits of being in God's family?  
  
- What does that mean personally for you?
3. Re-Read 1 John 3:1. How does God bringing us into His family showcase His love for us?
4. Re-Read Prov. 3:11-12. Why should you not "hate" God's chastening? How does God's chastening prove His love to His children?

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5. Re-Red Matt. 6:26, 32. What is Jesus trying to get us to understand through the illustration of the birds of the air?
6. Re-Read John 10:29. What should comfort you about God as your Father?
7. What do these verses teach us about who God is? What about God's heart is revealed?
6. How do we tend to think incorrectly about God in this area?

### How should we apply the truth that God is our Father?

Maybe you think of God as someone who doesn't have time for you. Maybe you think of God as someone who is waiting for you to mess up so that He can punish you.

Yes, we ought to fear God because He is great, powerful, and just, but we should also think of Him in a positive way. Christian, God is your Father and your friend.

1. Because God is our Father, what should our response(s) be?
2. What sin(s) do we need to "put off" in our lives in light of these truths?
3. How do we need to "renew our mind" (change the way we think) because of today's verses? (Hint: What thoughts should replace the wrong thoughts from discussion question 6 above?)
4. What do we need to "put on" in our lives because God is our Heavenly Father?
5. **Pray specifically for each other.** As you go around your circle, specifically pray that the person to your right will find security on God the Father's love (1 John 3:1) and specifically pray that the person on your left would respond correctly to God the Father's correction (Prov. 3:11-12).