



FATHERS

are **VITAL** to the
Family, Church, Nation.

**“The glory of children
are their FATHERS”**

(Proverbs 17:6)

“Honor thy father and thy mother, as the LORD thy God hath commanded thee that thy days may be prolonged...” (*Exodus 20:12; Deut. 5:16*). God’s order for the family requires **fathers** and **mothers** which **honor** God’s creative purpose and makes for **God’s blessings**. **GOD AND HIS BLESSING ARE TO BE FOUND BY THE BELIEVING HEART**. “**BLESSED** are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered. **BLESSED IS THE MAN** to whom the Lord will not impute sin” (*Rom. 4:7-8*). “But **WITHOUT FAITH** it is **IMPOSSIBLE** to **PLEASE HIM**: for he that cometh to God **MUST BELIEVE THAT HE IS**, and that He is a rewarder of them that **DILIGENTLY SEEK HIM**” (*Hebrews 11:6*).

FAITH KNOWS AND SHOWS THAT GOD IS. God has spoken and “we have heard and known, and **OUR FATHERS** have told us. We will not hide them [the truths of God from the God of Truth] from their children [sons], showing to the generation to come the praises of the LORD, and His strength, and His wonderful works that He hath done” (*Psalms 78:3-4*). “Come and hear, all ye that fear God, and I will declare **WHAT HE HATH DONE** for my soul” (*Psalms 66:16*). “Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth My Word, and believeth on Him that sent Me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life” (*John 5:24*).

GOD DESIRES HIS WORD TO BE KNOWN. “For He established a testimony in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which He commanded **OUR FATHERS**, that they should make them known to their children: That the generation to come might know them, **EVEN THE CHILDREN** which should be born; who should arise and declare them to their children” (*Psalms 78:5-6*).

GOD’S PURPOSE IS A HOPE-FILLED RELATIONSHIP. “That they might **SET THEIR HOPE IN GOD**, and not forget the works of God, but keep His commandments” (*Psalms 78:7*). “My soul, wait thou only upon God; for my expectation is from Him” (*Psalms 62:5*).

THE PERSON WHO BELIEVES ON THE LORD JESUS CHRIST (Acts 16:31) will know God’s **SAVING GRACE** in his **HEART** and for his **HOME**. The heart that knows God’s **SAVING GRACE** will seek to exercise God’s gracious management in one’s **HEART**, in one’s **HOME** and thus rightly influence one’s **SOCIETY**. God said of **ABRAHAM**, “For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the LORD, to do justice and judgment” (*Genesis 18:19*).

THE NATIONS BENEFIT as God-honoring persons encourage God-honoring families. Such an influence leads to or makes for a God-blessed nation. “Blessed is the **NATION** whose God is the LORD” (*Psalms 33:12*). “There is no God else beside Me. **LOOK UNTO ME**, and be ye **SAVED**, all the ends of the earth: for I **AM GOD**, and there is none else” (*Isaiah 45:21-22*).

What is your relationship to the living God? Are you in need of God’s saving grace as provided in the Lord Jesus Christ? Will you receive Him as your personal Saviour today? Come and worship with us this Sunday!

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