

What is our Heavenly Father Really Like?

Genesis 1:1 (NLT)

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Genesis 3:21 (KJV)

Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skins, and clothed them.

Genesis 3:21-24 (NLT)

²² Then the LORD God said, “Look, the human beings have become like us, knowing both good and evil. What if they reach out, take fruit from the tree of life, and eat it? Then they will live forever!”

²³ So the LORD God banished them from the Garden of Eden, and he sent Adam out to cultivate the ground from which he had been made.

²⁴ After sending them out, the LORD God stationed mighty cherubim to the east of the Garden of Eden. And he placed a flaming sword that flashed back and forth to guard the way to the tree of life.

Genesis 6: 5-9 (NLT)

⁵ The LORD observed the extent of human wickedness on the earth, and he saw that everything they thought or imagined was consistently and totally evil. ⁶ So the LORD was sorry he had ever made them and put them on the earth. It broke his heart. ⁷ And the LORD said, “I will wipe this human race I have created from the face of the earth. Yes, and I will destroy every living thing—all the people, the large animals, the small animals that scurry along the ground, and even the birds of the sky. I am sorry I ever made them.”

⁸ But Noah found favor with the LORD. ⁹ This is the account of Noah and his family. Noah was a righteous man, the only blameless person living on earth at the time, and he walked in close fellowship with God.

Genesis 12: 1-3 (NLT)

The LORD had said to Abram, “Leave your native country, your relatives, and your father’s family, and go to the land that I will show you. ² I will make you into a great nation. I will bless you and make you famous, and you will be a blessing to others. ³ I will bless those who bless you and curse those who treat you with contempt. All the families on earth will be blessed through you”.

Genesis 15: 6 (NLT)

And Abram believed the LORD, and the LORD counted him as righteous because of his faith

Genesis 18: 25 (NLT)

Surely you wouldn't do such a thing, destroying the righteous along with the wicked. Why, you would be treating the righteous and the wicked exactly the same! Surely you wouldn't do that! Should not the Judge of all the earth do what is right?"

Genesis 50: 20 (NLT)

You intended to harm me, but God intended it all for good. He brought me to this position so I could save the lives of many people.

Exodus 12:12 (NLT)

On that night I will pass through the land of Egypt and strike down every firstborn son and firstborn male animal in the land of Egypt. I will execute judgment against all the gods of Egypt, for I am the LORD!

Exodus 34: 5-7 (NKJV)

⁵Now the LORD descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the LORD. ⁶And the LORD passed before him and proclaimed, “The LORD, the LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abounding in goodness and truth, ⁷keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, by no means clearing *the guilty*, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children and the children’s children to the third and the fourth generation.”

Exodus 34: 12-14 (NKJV)

¹² Take heed to yourself, lest you make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land where you are going, lest it be a snare in your midst. ¹³ But you shall destroy their altars, break their *sacred* pillars, and cut down their wooden images ¹⁴ (for you shall worship no other god, for the LORD, whose name *is* Jealous, *is* a jealous God),

Deuteronomy 4:40 (NLT)

“So remember this and keep it firmly in mind: The LORD is God both in heaven and on earth, and there is no other.⁴⁰ If you obey all the decrees and commands I am giving you today, all will be well with you and your children. I am giving you these instructions so you will enjoy a long life in the land the LORD your God is giving you for all time.”

Joshua 21: 43-45 (NLT)

So the LORD gave to Israel all the land he had sworn to give their ancestors, and they took possession of it and settled there. ⁴⁴ And the LORD gave them rest on every side, just as he had solemnly promised their ancestors. None of their enemies could stand against them, for the LORD helped them conquer all their enemies. ⁴⁵ Not a single one of all the good promises the LORD had given to the family of Israel was left unfulfilled; everything he had spoken came true.

Jeremiah 3: 20-22 (NLT)

²⁰But you have been unfaithful to me, you people of Israel! You have been like a faithless wife who leaves her husband. I, the LORD, have spoken.”

²¹Voices are heard high on the windswept mountains, the weeping and pleading of Israel’s people. For they have chosen crooked paths and have forgotten the LORD their God.

²²“My wayward children,” says the LORD, “come back to me, and I will heal your wayward hearts.”

Jeremiah 9: 23-24 (KJV)

²³ Thus saith the LORD, Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches:

²⁴ But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I am the LORD which exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these things I delight, saith the LORD.

II Chronicles 16: 9 (NKJV)

For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him.

Some Characteristics of God our Father:

1. He creates good things
2. He provides for us
3. He wants relationship with us
4. He is jealous for us.
5. He is faithful to keep His promises
6. He wants us to believe him
7. He wants to bless people
8. He is the Judge of all the Earth and will do right and see that Justice is done and evil punished
9. He gives us rules for our own protection
10. His heart breaks when we disregard his rules
11. He can bring good things about even from evil
12. He delights in loving, judgment & righteousness