

The Fatherhood of God and the Fatherless

Our Heavenly Father is:

- Perfect
- Loving
- Generous
- He is our Authority.
- He is our Provider.
- He loves His enemies.
- He is faithful.

How did we become part of this family?

Adoption:

- Romans 8:14-15 – “...but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, Abba! Father!”
- Galatians 4:4-5 – “...that we might receive the adoption as sons.”

Observations on Psalm 68

- When God arises His enemies will scatter.
- It's not hard for God to judge His enemies.
- There is great rejoicing for the righteous.
- He is a Father to the fatherless!

Pure and undefiled religion...

- Not merely a cold system of beliefs
- Not humanitarian care that earns God's favor
- Is a love for God and faith in Jesus Christ alone for the forgiveness of sins that issues forth in loving action on behalf of the oppressed.

Exodus 22:21-24

- Do not afflict the orphan, widow and foreigner.
- God will hear their cry and judge their oppressors

Proverbs 23:10-11

Affliction of the fatherless:

- His provisions or his finances are underhandedly being taken away
- His provisions or finances are taken forcibly

Do not do this because...

- Their Redeemer (God) is strong
- God is both the judge and the attorney

Psalm 10

- The wicked are prideful
- They are devising plots against those that are weaker than them.
- They are greedy.
- They spurn God.
- Some say that God doesn't exist, others that God doesn't see their oppression or that He has forgotten.
- But God will "vindicate the orphan."

Deuteronomy 24:17-22

- Remembrance of the Israelites enslavement in Egypt and thankfulness for their deliverance
- Blessings promised to those who help the oppressed.

Gleanings in the 21st Century

- Read the book "Field of the Fatherless" by August 1, 2010.
- Set aside a family day of prayer and fasting by August 1, 2010 to seek the Lord's will for your family regarding the Fatherless.
- Come eat a burger and hot dog and give to help the fatherless from the inner-city go to camp.
- Stop waiting and wavering and adopt.
- Foster-care.

Gleanings in the 21st Century

- Help single parents in our church. Befriend their kids, encourage and help them.
- Reach out to kids in our town that have an absentee father.
- Get involved in programs like Big Brothers, Big Sisters.
- Pray for those who are doing these things.
- Give financially to help ministries that minister to the fatherless.
- Be creative and think of other needs and other ways to meet those needs.