

BBCB Bible Study Notes  
"What Kind of Father is God?"  
June 21, 2020

***What kind of Father is God?***

1. God is a compassionate Father. (Psalm 103:13-14)
2. God is a close Father. (Psalm 34:18)
3. God is a consistent Father. (Malachi 3:6, Joshua 23:14-15)
4. God is a competent Father. (Jeremiah 32:26-27)
5. God is a committed Father. (Deuteronomy 31:6)

***A question for Dads: What kind of Father does God want you to be?***

BBCB Verse of the Week: "*Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.*" Ephesians 6:4 NIV

## BBC Devotional Guide for June 21 to 27, 2020

**Sunday:** One of the most profound questions in human existence is this: does God really care? Does God care about my problems? Does God care about my pain? Does God care about the pressure I'm under? This is what the Bible says about God: *"The Lord is like a father to his children, tender and compassionate to those who fear him. For he knows how weak we are; he remembers we are only dust."* (Psalm 103:13-14 NLT) Thank God today that He is a compassionate Father who cares deeply about His children.

**Monday:** *"The Lord is close to the brokenhearted; he rescues those whose spirits are crushed."* (Psalm 34:18 NLT) God is a Father who is close to His children. In the person of Jesus Christ, God came close by entering our world. In much the same way, Fathers express love by entering the world of their children. Why is this important? Because the world of your child is different than your world. Dad, you may need to enter the world of ballet or baton twirling, the world of legos or video games. Ask God to help you express love to the people He has placed in your life by being willing to enter and understand their world.

**Tuesday:** *"I am the LORD and I do not change."* (Malachi 3:6 NLT) The Bible says that God is a consistent Father who always keeps His promises. *"Deep in your hearts you know that every promise of the Lord your God has come true. Not a single one has failed!"* (Joshua 23:14b NLT) Having a heavenly Father who is consistent brings a sense of stability to our lives. Thank God today that He can be trusted to always keep His promises to you!

**Wednesday:** *"O Sovereign Lord! You made the heavens and earth by your strong hand and powerful arm. Nothing is too hard for you!"* (Jeremiah 32:17 NLT) Many of the fathers portrayed in movies and cartoons are completely incompetent. Can you think of some examples? God is a Father who is completely competent and capable of handling anything that happens in the lives of His children. Where do you need God to help you today?

**Thursday:** *"So be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid and do not panic before them. For the Lord your God will personally go ahead of you. He will neither fail you nor abandon you."* (Deuteronomy 31:6 NLT) Before the Israelites enter the promised land Moses reminds them that God is completely committed to them. Every Christian can know that God is a Father who is totally committed to them. Whenever we are tempted to doubt God's commitment we need to look back at the cross and remember the depth of God's commitment. Thank God today that He will never fail you or abandon you!

**Friday:** *"You parents—if your children ask for a loaf of bread, do you give them a stone instead? Or if they ask for a fish, do you give them a snake? Of course not! So if you sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give good gifts to those who ask him."* (Matthew 7:9-11 NLT)

Jesus reminds us that God is a Father who loves to give good gifts to His children. Thank God today for His great love and ask Him to show you what to ask Him for.

**Saturday:** *“See how very much our Father loves us, for he calls us his children, and that is what we are!” (1 John 3:1 NLT)* When you become a Christian by trusting Jesus you are adopted into God’s family. Now you have a new identity as a child of God. Now you have a new security because God is your Father. Now you have a spiritual family to share your life with. I encourage you to thank God today for your church family!