

VERSES ON FATHERHOOD

Ge 12:1-4 1 Yahweh said to Abram: Go forth from your country, from your relatives, and from your father's house to the land that I will show you. 2 And I will make you a great nation, I will bless you and make your name great, and so you will be a blessing. 3 And I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse. And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed. 4 So Abram went forth as Yahweh had spoken to him.

1 Ki 2:1-4 1 As David's time to die drew near, he charged Solomon his son saying: 2 I am going the way of all the earth. Be strong, therefore, and show yourself a man. 3 Keep the charge of Yahweh your God, to walk in his ways, to keep his statutes, his commandments, his ordinances, and his testimonies, according to what is written in the law of Moses, that you may succeed in all that you do and wherever you turn, 4 so that Yahweh may carry out his promise that he spoke concerning me saying: If your sons are careful of their way, to walk before me in truth with all their heart and with all their soul, you will not lack a man on the throne of Israel.

1 Ki 15:3-5 3 [Abijam] walked in all the sins of his father [Rehoboam] that he had committed before him, and his heart was not wholly devoted to Yahweh his God, like the heart of his father David. 4 But for David's sake Yahweh his God gave him a lamp in Jerusalem, to raise up his son after him and to establish Jerusalem, 5 because David did what was right in the sight of Yahweh and had not turned aside from anything that he commanded him all the days of his life, except in the case of Uriah the Hittite.

2 Ki 16:2-3 2 Ahaz was twenty years old when he became king, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem. And he did not do what was right in the sight of Yahweh his God, as his father David had done. 3 But he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, and even made his son pass through the fire, according to the abominations of the nations whom Yahweh had driven out from before the sons of Israel.

Ps 127:1-5 1 Unless Yahweh builds the house, they labor in vain who build it. ...3 Look, children are a gift of Yahweh. The fruit of the womb is a reward. 4 Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, so are the children of one's youth. 5 How blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them. They will not be ashamed when they speak with their enemies in the gate.

Ps 128:1-6 1 How blessed is everyone who fears Yahweh, who walks in his ways. 2 When you will eat of the fruit of your hands, you will be happy, and it will be well with you. 3 Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house, your children like olive plants around your table. 4 Look, for thus will the man be blessed who fears Yahweh. 5 Yahweh bless you from Zion, and may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life. 6 Indeed, may you see your children's children. Peace be upon Israel!

Pr 13:24 24 Those who spare the rod hate (שנא) their children, but those who love (אהב) them are diligent to discipline them.

Pr 17:6 6 Grandchildren are the crown of the aged, and the glory of children is their parents.

Pr 19:18 18 Discipline your son while there is hope, and do not desire his death (מות).

Pr 22:15 15 Foolishness (אִנְזָלָה) is bound up in the heart (לֵב) of a child. The rod of discipline will remove it far from him.

Pr 23:13-14 13 Do not hold back discipline from the child. Although you strike him with the rod, he will not die. 14 You will strike him with the rod and rescue his soul from Sheol.

Pr 29:15 15 The rod and reproof give wisdom (חָכְמָה), but a child who is allowed to run around unchecked (שָׁלַח) brings shame to his mother.

Pr 29:17 17 Correct your son, and he will give you comfort (נוח). He will give delights (מְעַדְדִים) to your soul.

Je 32:17-18 17 Aha, my Lord Yahweh! Look, you have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and by your outstretched arm! Nothing is too difficult for you, 18 who shows loyal love to thousands but repays the iniquity of fathers into the bosom of their children after them, O great and mighty God.

Ho 4:6 6 My people [Israel] are destroyed for lack of knowledge (דַעַת). Because you have rejected knowledge (דַעַת), I also will reject you from being my priest. Because you have forgotten the law (תּוֹרָה) of your God, I also will forget your children (בְנֵי).

Mal 1:6 6 A son honors his father and a servant his master. Then if I am a father, where is my honor? And if I am a master, where is my respect? says Yahweh of armies....

Mal 4:5-6 5 Look, I am going to send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and terrible day of Yahweh. 6 He will restore the hearts of the fathers to their children and the hearts of the children to their fathers, so that I will not come and smite the land with a curse.

Mt 4:21-22 21 Going on from there [Jesus] saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets. And he called them. 22 Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Mt 5:16 16 Let your light shine before people in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.

Mt 5:44-45 44 I [Jesus] say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, 45 so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven.

Mt 5:48 48 You are to be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect.

Mt 7:9-11 9 What man is there among you who, when his son asks for a loaf, will give him a stone? 10 Or if he asks for a fish, he will not give him a snake, will he? 11 If you then, being

evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give what is good to those who ask him!

Mt 10:21-22 21 Brother will hand over brother to death, and a father *his* child. And children will rise up against parents and cause them to be put to death. 22 You will be hated by all because of my name.

Mt 10:35 35 I came to set a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law.

Mt 10:37 37 He who loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and he who loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.

Mt 12:50 50 Whoever does the desire of my Father who is in heaven, he is my brother, sister, and mother.

Mt 19:5 5 A man will leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one flesh....

Mt 19:19 19 Honor your father and mother.

Mt 19:29 29 Everyone who has left houses, brothers, sisters, father, mother, children, or farms for my name's sake will receive many times as much and will inherit eternal life.

Mt 23:9 9 Do not call anyone on earth your father. For one is your Father, he who is in heaven.

Mt 26:39 39 [Jesus] went a little beyond, fell on his face, and prayed saying: My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me. Yet not as I desire, but as You desire.

Lk 1:17 17 [John the Baptist] is he who will go before [Messiah] in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers back to the children and the disobedient to the attitude of the righteous, so as to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.

Lk 1:62 62 They made signs to [the baby's] father [Zacharias], as to what he wanted him called.

Lk 2:48-49 48 When they saw [Jesus], they were astonished. And his mother said to him: Son, why have you treated us this way? Look, your father and I have been anxiously looking for you. 49 But he said to them: Why is it that you were looking for me? Did you not know that I had to be in my Father's house?

Lk 3:8 8 Bear fruits in keeping with a change of mind, and do not begin to say to yourselves: We have Abraham for our father. For I say to you that from these stones God is able to raise up children to Abraham.

Lk 6:36 36 Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

Lk 9:59-62 59 [Jesus] said to another: Follow me. But he said: Lord, permit me first to go and bury my father. 60 But he said to him: Allow the dead to bury their own dead. But as for you, go and proclaim everywhere the kingdom of God. 61 Another also said: I will follow you, Lord, but first permit me to say good-bye to those at home. 62 But Jesus said to him: No one after putting his hand to the plow and looking back is fit for the kingdom of God.

Lk 11:11-13 11 Suppose one of you fathers is asked by his son for a fish. He will not give him a snake instead of a fish, will he? 12 Or if he is asked for an egg, he will not give him a scorpion, will he? 13 If you then being evil know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?

Lk 14:26 26 If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father, mother, wife, children, brothers, and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple.

Lk 15:20-22 20 [The younger son] got up and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him, felt compassion, ran, embraced him, and kissed him. 21 And the son said to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight. I am no longer worthy to be called your son. 22 But the father said to his slaves: Quickly bring out the best robe, put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet. 23 And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. 24 For this son of mine was dead and has come to life again. He was lost and has been found. And they began to celebrate.

Jn 14:31 31 So that the world may know that I [Jesus] love the Father, I do exactly as the Father commanded me.

2 Co 6:18 18 I will be a father to you, and you will be sons and daughters to me, says the Lord Almighty.

Ga 4:6 6 Because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of his Son into our hearts crying: Abba! Father!

Eph 5:31 31 A man will leave his father and mother and will be joined to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.

Eph 6:4 4 Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord [Jesus].

Php 2:22 22 You know of [Timothy's] proven worth, that he served with me in the furtherance of the gospel like a child his father.

Col 3:21 21 Fathers, do not provoke your children or they may lose heart.

1 Th 2:11 11 We [Paul and his associates] were exhorting, encouraging, and imploring each one of you as a father would his own children....

Heb 12:7-9 7 God deals with you as with sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? 8 But if you are without discipline, ...then you are illegitimate children and not sons. 9 Furthermore we had earthly fathers to discipline us, and we respected them. Will we not much rather be subject to the Father of spirits and live?

Jas 1:27 27 Pure and undefiled religion in the sight of our God and Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself unstained by the world.