

GOD, OUR FATHER

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Ps. 8:1-9; 1 John 4:7-12; Prov. 3:11-12; Ps. 103: 7-13

What attributes come to mind when you hear God as a Father?

1. GOD IS AN INCOMPREHENSIBLE FATHER.

- We only see a glimpse of who God is.

Genesis 11:1-9 = things are small from God's perspective

- Psalm 8 shows how big our Heavenly Father is.

~ You matter to God.

2. GOD IS A LOVING FATHER.

- God is the source and origin of Love.

1 John 4:9-10- God is the best example of showing love.

- What must our response be?

Matthew 3:17

3. GOD IS A DISCIPLINED FATHER.

- Discipline is supposed to be for the good of the person.

Prov. 3:12- "*The Lord disciplines those He loves*".

4. GOD IS A COMPASSIONATE FATHER.

- The Lord sympathizes with our sufferings/struggles.

- God's forgiveness is continuous.

- God **DOES** care for you! Something we can hold onto in life and in death.

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