

The Father Heart Of God

Text: Malachi 4:5-6

“See, I will send the prophet Elijah to you before that great and dreadful day of the Lord comes. He will turn the hearts of the parents to their children, and the hearts of the children to their parents; or else I will come and strike the land with total destruction.”

A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in his holy dwelling. God sets the lonely in families, he leads out the prisoners with singing; but the rebellious live in a sun-scorched land. (*Psalms 68:5-6*)

Proverbs 3:5-8 Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight. Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and shun evil. This will bring health to your body and nourishment to your bones.

“Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne? Though she may forget, I will not forget you! See, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands; your walls are ever before me. (*Isaiah 49:15-16 NIV*)

John 16:26-27

26 In that day you will ask in my name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; 27 yfor the Father himself loves you, because wyou have loved me and xhave believed that I came from God. 1

2 Corinthians 6:18

18 iand I will be a father to you, and you shall be sons and daughters to me, says the Lord”

Isaiah 66:13

As one whom his mother comforts, so iI will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.

Psalms 54:4

Behold, God is my helper; the Lord is the upholder of my life.

Defining an Orphan Spirit

Independence and self-reliance.

Live by the Love of Law.

Insecure and lacking peace.

Strives for man's approval.

Defining an Orphan Spirit

Motivated by need for personal achievement.

Christian disciplines are a duty.

Holiness brings God's favour.

Opinion of self derived from comparison with others.

Defining an Orphan Spirit

Comfort sought in counterfeit affections.

Threatened by peers.

Exposing of other's faults to improve own standing.

Find it difficult to receive admonition.

Defining an Orphan Spirit

Conditional expression of love.

Walks in condition of bondage.

Spiritual ambition to achieve and be seen and counted among the mature.

Attitude to the future is fight for what you can get.