

Who is the Father? The Needs the Father Fulfills



Scripture

- **Luke 3:38**

³⁸The son of Enosh, the son of Seth, the son of Adam, the son of God.

- **Hebrews 12:5-11**

⁵My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the LORD, nor faint when you are reprov'd by Him, for those whom the LORD loves He disciplines, and He scourges every son whom He receives. It is for discipline that you endure; God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom his father does not discipline? But if you are without discipline, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. Furthermore, we had earthly fathers to discipline us, and we respected them; shall we not much rather be subject to the Father of spirits, and live? For they disciplined us for a short time as seemed best to them, but He disciplines us for our good, so that we may share His holiness. All discipline for the moment seems not to be joyful, but sorrowful; yet to those who have been trained by it, afterwards it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness.

- **2 Corinthians 6:18**

¹⁸“And I will be a father to you, and you shall be sons and daughters to Me,” says the Lord Almighty.

- **John 6:45**

⁴⁵“Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father, comes to Me.”

Other Scriptures

- Matthew 23:9
- Matthew 6:9
- John 14:18
- Hebrews 12:11
- Exodus 34:6
- Genesis 1:27

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Main Points

- Our greatest need is to know God as our Father.
- Jesus' primary focus was to be in relationship and to please His Father.
- The roles of the Father:
 - To give life
 - To protect
 - Discipline
 - Teach
- We receive life through the Father.
- Discipline creates security in us.
- Rachum in Hebrew means compassionate in English. The feminine attribute within the male Fatherhood.
- Male and female are equal within God's family, though their roles differ.
- Ask Father to discipline and teach you.
- The Father reveals Himself to us through His Son.
- The destination of salvation is to know the Father.

Discussion Questions

1. What are the reasons we don't like to ask God to provide discipline in our Christian walk? Did today's study sway your thoughts on this subject? Why do we fear discipline? What fruits come from it according to Hebrews 12?

2. What are some of the things that the wife provides in the home? The husband, or father?

3. Have you ever asked God to deepen and increase your relationship with the Father? Have you ever asked God to reveal His rich thoughts of your beauty and place with Him? Why not pray right now and ask Him to reveal Himself in new dimensions to you?