

# Father, My Father

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Father, and I love to call you Father! That word itself denotes so much to me. When I hear the word 'father' I think of protection, guidance, security, and most importantly love. I realize that many may not have been as fortunate as I was to grow up with these qualities in their biological father; however, I also **know** that these qualities and many more can be found **by everyone** in our Heavenly Father.

Our Heavenly Father wants us to trust Him. When we open our hearts and begin to really trust Him, we discover that it is easier to obey Him. God desires only the best for us **always!** Not only did our Heavenly Father create us, He placed a call on each of our lives. Jeremiah 1:5 reads: ***"Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee (set you apart), and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations."*** We have all been called to tell others of **all** cultures about the goodness of our God and Father.

But our Heavenly Father did not leave us to defend for ourselves, He is **still a vital part** of our lives! Here are some of the things He is to us:

**Our Protector** – Psalms 91:4 says, ***"He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler."*** The buckler is a shield which surrounds the person. Talk about protection! How can anything or anyone get through the blood line of Jesus when He is surrounding us?

**Our Guide** – In Psalms 23:2 we read: ***"He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth (and continues to lead) me beside the still waters."*** When we don't know which way to turn, which way to go, God **will** give us the guidance we need.

**Our Security** - Proverbs 29:25 states: ***"The fear of man bringeth a snare: but whoso putteth his trust in the Lord shall be safe."*** The key word here is putteth – **continue** to put your trust in the Lord and you will always find safety and security.

**Our Love** – One of the best scriptures in the Bible that tells us who our Heavenly Father really is, is found in John 3:16: ***"For God so loved the world (not just those doing good things), that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever (no matter where you find yourself!) believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."*** Such a **great love** our Heavenly Father has for us. We cannot begin to fathom the depth of it. We love until we get deeply hurt and then walk around with that hurt refusing to let anyone get close to our heart again, but **God loves (and continues to love) despite** the hurt we unintentionally or intentionally cause Him. Talk about a love story!

Father, you and you alone are my hiding place. You know me so completely and yet you love me in spite of my short comings. **Oooooo, how I love to call YOU, Father!**