

## The Father's Heart

### Concept:

As we begin to talk about the Father there could be mixed feelings that begin to swirl around on the inside of us. Our understanding of the Father could be based on the Bible, our own earthly father, false teaching, or a world formed concept framed by fear. We need the Holy Spirit to give us a Word of God revelation of who our Heavenly Father really is. Peter received a revelation in Matthew 16:16 and Jesus was quick to point out that it wasn't flesh and blood that brought the understanding but the Father. We need the veils on our eyes removed in the same way they vanished from Peter. In Jeremiah 9:23-24, we are encouraged not to boast in anything we might possess, but to boast about the fact that we know the Father. Can we boast that we know Him?

### Scripture Application:

Look for adjectives and adverbs that amplify the heart of God toward us.

1. John 3:16 God so loved the world
2. James 1:5 gives generously
3. Exodus 34:5,6 merciful, gracious, longsuffering
4. Exodus 20:6
5. Exodus 34:10
6. Deuteronomy 32:9,10
7. Nehemiah 9:19-21
8. Nehemiah 9:31
9. II Chronicles 16:9
10. Jeremiah 9:23,24
11. Psalms 16:11
12. Psalms 18:9
13. Psalms 37:3
14. Psalms 37:4
15. Psalms 37:5,6
16. Psalms 68:9

17. Psalms 68:19
18. Psalms 84:11
19. Psalms 89:20
20. Psalms 106:45
21. Psalms 107:20
22. Psalms 40:5
23. Psalms 139:8
24. Psalms 139:17,18
25. Isaiah 49:15,16
26. Romans 2:2
27. Romans 2:4
28. Romans 3:23,24
29. Romans 5:16,17
30. Romans 8:38-39
31. Romans 9:16
32. John 14:6,7
33. John 14: 21-23
34. John 10:25
35. Matthew 8:1-4
36. John 15:4
37. II Corinthians 7:1
38. II Timothy 1:8-9
39. Ephesians 1:4

**Summary:**

One of the greatest assets to our receiving the promises of God's Word is to understand the great love that the Father has for us. I John 4:8 tell us that God is love. In the original language the "is" is not there. God does not equal love His very nature explodes with love. You cannot separate God and love; there is no difference. Once we know of His great love, we will not doubt His provision or run from His correction. Everything that the Lord does is for my good. If I being an earthly father, with still some evil in me, know how to give good gifts, how much more does the Heavenly Father give good gifts to His children. We are also called friends and not servants. We are co-heirs with Jesus. The Father loves us just as much as He loves Jesus. Wow! What a great love that would give His only begotten Son for a world that rejected Him. While I was still a sinner, the Lord died for me. Allow that great love to penetrate every part of your being and you will not doubt that the Father wants to take care of you and see your destiny accomplished.

**Action:**

Take an area of unbelief and place the love of God on that unbelief. A good example would be: you have prayed for a family member to get saved and it has not manifested yet. Begin to confess that because of God's great love toward you that all of His promises to you are yes and amen. Because He loves you with such a great love, He will not withhold any good thing from you. See yourself coming into the throne room of a Loving Father who is excited about you coming in and fellowshiping and making your request known with thanksgiving.