

BIBLICAL FATHERHOOD



²⁶**Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."** ²⁷So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

Genesis 1:26-28 (ESV)

²⁸And God blessed them. And God said to them, "**Be fruitful and multiply** and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.

Genesis 1:26-28 (ESV)

⁶And **He will turn the hearts of fathers to their children** and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction.

Malachi 4:6 (NIV)

- Fatherhood is the Manifestation of the Image of God
- Fatherhood is Spiritual
- Fatherhood is an Instrument of Revival

"Studies show children with involved fathers, stepdads or father figures are less likely to get in trouble with the law, tend to do better in school and are more likely to hold a job."
- USA Today, *"Why Dads Matter According to Science"*

All Men Represent the Fatherhood of God Because
We Are Made in His Image



Reflecting the Authority of God

Revealing the Affection of God

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"But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; **he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.**"

Luke 15:20 (NIV)

Expressing the Forgiveness of God

Demonstrating Faith in God

Biblical Fatherhood Strikes the Balance Between:

- Authority and Affection
- Forgiveness and Faith

Then the Lord God formed a man from the dust of the ground **and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.**

Genesis 2:7 (NIV)