

Silver Creek Fellowship NOTES

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WHAT A NAME - EVERLASTING FATHER WHAT KIND OF FATHER IS GOD?

Isaiah 9:6 (NIV) "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

Hebrews 13:8 (NIV) "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever."

Jesus Christ came to earth to show us show us what God is really like.

John 14:9 (NCV) "Jesus answered: 'Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father.'"

Hebrews 1:3 (NIV) "The Son reflects the glory of God and shows us exactly what God is like."

Psalms 103:1 (NIV) "Praise the LORD, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

² Praise the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits—

³ who forgives all your sins
and heals all your diseases,

⁴ who redeems your life from the pit
and crowns you with love and compassion,

⁵ who satisfies your desires with good things
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

⁶ The LORD works righteousness
and justice for all the oppressed.

⁷ He made known his ways to Moses,
his deeds to the people of Israel:

⁸ The LORD is compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger, abounding in love.

⁹ He will not always accuse,
nor will he harbor his anger forever;

¹⁰ he does not treat us as our sins deserve
or repay us according to our iniquities.

¹¹ For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his love for those who fear him;

¹² as far as the east is from the west,
so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

¹³ As a father has compassion on his children,
so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him;"

GOD'S LOVE FOR HIS PEOPLE

1. God has a long fuse.

Psalm 103:8 "The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love."

Exodus 34:6 (NIV) "And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, 'The LORD, the LORD, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin.'"

2. God has a short memory.

Psalm 103:9 (NIV) "He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever"

Psalm 130:3 (NIV) "If you, O LORD, kept a record of sins, Lord, who could stand?"

Isaiah 57:16 (NIV) "I will not accuse forever, nor will I always be angry, for then the spirit of man would grow faint before me."

3. God has thick skin.

Psalm 103:10 (NIV) "He does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities."

The Bible word for the thick-skinned attribute of God is forbearance.

Romans 2:4 (NIV) "Or do you think lightly of the riches of His kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that the kindness of God leads you to repentance?"

4. God has a big heart.

Psalm 103:11 (NIV) "For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us."

Micah 7:19 (NIV) "He will hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea."

Isaiah 43:25 (NIV) "He blots out all of our transgressions, for His own sake, and remembers our sins no more."

Jeremiah 31:34 (NIV) "The Lord says, 'For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.'"

Romans 8:38 (NIV) "For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."