

Perfect Father: He Loves Us

What does a Perfect Father look like?

Psalm 18:30-32

[30] As for God, his way is perfect; the word of the LORD is flawless. He is a shield for all who take refuge in him. [31] For who is God besides the LORD? And who is the Rock except our God? [32] It is God who arms me with strength and makes my way perfect.

1. He **Protects**... "He is a shield for all who take refuge in Him."
2. He **Provides**... "It is God who arms me with strength"
3. He **Perfects**... "...And makes my way perfect"

Our Father Loves us with His Perfect Love...

(Billy Graham)

Often the Church has banged away negatively at evils without reminding us that God is tremendously interested in our finding a satisfying way of life here and now. We Christians have talked so much of the negative side of Christian experience that we have forgotten to emphasize the positive, joyous, thrilling, and victorious experience of daily fellowship with Christ. God declared that things will not satisfy. God satisfies! This is the secret of soul-satisfaction: Let your soul delight itself in fatness. Remove the obstructions, tear down the barriers, and **let your soul find the fulfillment of its deepest longings in fellowship with God.**

We can do this because God loves us with His perfect love.

1 John 4:16-19

[16] And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him. [17] In this way, love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment, because in this world we are like him. [18] There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.[19] We love because he first loved us.

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Perfect Love drives out Fear...

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

[4] Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. [5] It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. [6] Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. [7] It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. [8] Love never fails.

This is love... 1 John 4:16 tells us "God is Love"

Personalize 1 Corinthians 13:4-8 (My Father God Is...)

Spend time this week contemplating and surrounding yourself in this truth.