

DAILY BIBLE READINGS - Week of June 15, 2025

"Biblical Fathers"

GOD, THE FATHER

Sunday Read Matthew 6:9-13

"After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name." As all Americans honor their fathers on Father's Day, Christians are reminded of their Father in heaven. God considers all those who have personally received Jesus as their personal Savior His family. That is the truth of John 1:12: *"But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name."* As children of God by faith in Christ we have an eternal home in heaven. That is our guarantee mentioned in I Peter 1:4: *"To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you."* That decision to receive Jesus is receiving the gift of eternal life mentioned in Romans 6:23: *"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."*

ADAM, THE FATHER

Monday Read Genesis 4:1-5

"And Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the Lord. And she again bare his brother Abel. And Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground." We can judge from what we read in Genesis that Adam was a responsible father. His son Abel was a keeper of the sheep and Cain a Tiller of the ground. Adam also apparently gave instruction about worshiping God. His son Abel had it right, bringing an offering of the flock, foretelling of Jesus being the Lamb of God. Cain brought of the fruit of the ground, the emphasis on man's effort. We see a microcosm of true and false religion; Abel's by the truth of God; Cain's by the efforts of man. That is a picture of worldwide religion: God's truth as revealed in the Bible, and manmade religions practiced by many.

ABRAHAM, THE FATHER

Tuesday Read Genesis 21:1-3

"For Sarah conceived, and bare Abraham a son in his old age, at the set time of which God had spoken to him." God made a covenant with Abraham that is recorded in Genesis 12:1-2: *"Now the Lord had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee. And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:"* Looking back with the luxury of seeing how things unfolded in world history, we realize, that the blessing of God was that He would send the Savior of the world into the nation that dated back to the family of Abraham. That promise to Abraham in Genesis 12:2 was the basic reason why a

United States President, Harry Truman, in 1947, had the United States vote to recognize Israel to be a member of the United Nations, the organization founded after World War II to try to maintain world peace. **ISAAC, THE FATHER**

Wednesday Read Genesis 25:21-26

"And Isaac entreated the Lord for his wife, because she was barren: and the Lord was entreated of him, and Rebekah his wife conceived." God blessed Isaac with twin boys: Esau, the first to be delivered and Jacob, the younger. While the boys were in the womb, God shared a prophetic truth in verse 23: *"the elder shall serve the younger."* As they grew, Esau became the favorite of Isaac and Jacob the favorite of Rebekah. When they became of age, it was time for Isaac to issue the family blessing (the line of the promised Messiah) to the older son, Esau. By treachery, in which Jacob disguised himself as Esau, Isaac passed the blessing on to Jacob. The promised Messiah would come from the family of Jacob!

JACOB, THE FATHER

Thursday Read Genesis 49:1-8

"And Jacob called unto his sons, and said, Gather yourselves together, that I may tell you that which shall befall you in the last days." Jacob revealed to his sons prophetic truths about their future. It was then that he advised Judah this truth as mentioned in Genesis 49:8: *"Judah, thou art he whom thy brethren shall praise: thy hand shall be in the neck of thine enemies; thy father's children shall bow down before thee."* That was the Messianic line into which Jesus would be born! We read in Genesis 32:28: *"And he said, Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel: for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed."* Jacob went on to have twelve sons, one of whom was sold into slavery to Egyptians. That resulted in amazing events in the history of Israel.

JOSEPH, THE FATHER

Friday Read Matthew 1:18-20

"But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost." It is difficult to imagine what it would be like to have God the Son as a child in your home. When Mary, his fiancée, advised him that she was pregnant, he was stunned. His love for her, however, was so great that he would not have her punished for infidelity. God then sent an angel to advise Joseph that the marriage should go forward, that the pregnancy was that of which the prophet wrote in Isaiah 7:14: *"Behold, a virgin shall conceive..."* The marriage took place, and Jesus had an earthly father.

CHRISTIAN FATHERS

Saturday Read Ephesians 6:1-4

" And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." God's plan to populate His earth with human beings was to have families. All children would have a father and a mother. It is to the father that God gave the responsibility to bring up his children to have an understanding of God and His Divine plans. That is the fundamental responsibility of fathers, and his wife is his helper. The greatest joy of a father is to see the children follow the ways of God. The primary way in which a father can teach his children the ways of God is to be an example as told in I Timothy 4:12: *"Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity."*