

FATHER GOD
PSA. 103:13 / 6-21-20 / AM

I. FIRST, GOD PROVIDES FOR US LIKE A FATHER DOES.

- A. Most men are defined by what they do, that is, their work or occupation.
- B. Like a perfect father, God provides for us—Phil. 4:19.
 - 1. Notice that God gives us what we need, not necessarily what we want.
 - 2. God provides more than just the bare necessities of life—James 1:17.

James 1:17

Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father...

II. SECOND, GOD ADVISES US LIKE A FATHER DOES.

- A. Most fathers are quiet at home compared to mothers.
- B. The Bible tells us that like a perfect father, God advises us—James 1:5.

James 1:5

If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.

- 1. Much of God's advice can be found in the Bible, but prayer is also a good way to hear from God.
- 2. James says God doesn't find fault in us, in other words, He doesn't criticize us.

III. THIRD, GOD IS AVAILABLE TO US LIKE A FATHER.

- A. It's true that some fathers today are "MIA"—missing in action.
- B. The Bible tells us that like a perfect father, God is always available to us—Heb. 13:5.

Hebrews 13:5

...God has said, "Never will I leave you and never will I forsake you."

- 1. It's possible that some of us don't sense God's presence in our lives.
- 2. If that's the case, guess who moved? Not God.
- 3. Remember that God is always with us—Isa. 43:2.

IV. **FOURTH, GOD LOVES US LIKE A FATHER DOES.**

- A. Most men prefer to demonstrate their love rather than verbalize it.
- B. The Bible tells us that like a perfect father, God loves us—Psa. 103:13.
- C. How does God express His love for us?

- 1. In words—Jer. 31:3.

Jeremiah 31:3

The Lord appeared to us in the past, saying: “I have loved you with an everlasting love.

- 2. In actions—Romans 5:8.

Romans 5:8

...God demonstrates his love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

- 3. In discipline—Prov. 3:12.

Proverbs 3:12

The Lord disciplines those he loves like a father does...

- 4. In forgiveness. God forgives us as the father forgave the prodigal son. .”
- 5. God loves us in all these ways because it’s in His nature to love—I John 4:8.

1 John 4:8

...God is love.