

Attributes/Recognition of a Loving Father

He knows you

Psa 139:1-4

139:1 O Lord, thou hast searched me and known me.

139:2 Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising; thou understandest my thought afar off.

139:3 Thou compassest my path and my lying down and art acquainted with all my ways.

139:4 For there is not a word in my tongue, but lo, O Lord, thou knowest it altogether.

1Kings 8:39

8:39 Then hear thou in heaven, thy dwelling place, and forgive, and do, and give to every man according to his ways, whose heart thou knowest (for thou, even thou only, knowest the hearts of all the children of men),

D&C 6:7b

6:7b yea, I tell thee, that thou mayest know that there is none else save God that knowest thy thoughts and the intents of thy heart.

He values you

Mat 10:26-27

10:26 Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? And one of them shall not fall to the ground without your Father knoweth it.

10:27 And the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear ye not, therefore; ye are of more value than many sparrows.

DC 16:3c-f

16:3c Remember, the worth of souls is great in the sight of God; for behold, the Lord, your Redeemer, suffered death in the flesh; wherefore, he suffered the pain of all men, that all men might repent and come unto him.

16:3d And he hath risen again from the dead, that he might bring all men unto him on conditions of repentance.

16:3e And how great is his joy in the soul that repenteth. Wherefore, you are called to cry repentance unto this people.

16:3f And if it so be that you should labor all your days in crying repentance unto this people and bring save it be one soul unto me, how great shall be your joy with him in the kingdom of my Father!

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He created you

Gen 1:27-29

1:27 And I, God, said unto mine Only Begotten, which was with me from the beginning, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness; and it was so.

1:28 And I, God, said, Let them have dominion over the fishes of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

1:29 And I, God, created man in mine own image, in the image of mine Only Begotten created I him; male and female created I them.

Acts 17:26-28

17:26 And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed and the bounds of their habitation,

17:27 That they should seek the Lord if they are willing to find him; for he is not far from every one of us.

17:28 For in him we live, and move, and have our being, as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring.

Jeremiah 1:4-5

1:4 Then the word of the Lord came unto me, saying,

1:5 Before I formed thee in the belly, I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb, I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.

Psalms 139:13-18

139:13 For thou hast possessed my reins; thou hast covered me in my mother's womb.

139:14 I will praise thee, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; marvelous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well.

139:15 My substance was not hid from thee when I was made in secret and curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth.

139:16 Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect; and in thy book all my members were written, which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet I knew none of them.

139:17 How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God! How great is the sum of them!

139:18 If I should count them, they are more in number than the sand; when I awake, I am still with thee.

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He is often misunderstood

John 8:38-43

8:38 I speak that which I have seen with my Father; and ye do that which ye have seen with your father.

8:39 They answered and said unto him, Abraham is our father. Jesus saith unto them, If ye were Abraham's children, ye would do the works of Abraham.

8:40 But now ye seek to kill me, a man that hath told you the truth, which I have heard of God; this did not Abraham.

8:41 Ye do the deeds of your father. Then said they to him, We be not born of fornication; we have one Father, even God.

8:42 Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me; for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me.

8:43 Why do ye not understand my speech? even because ye cannot bear my word.

1 John 3:1-2

3:1 Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God; therefore, the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.

3:2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be; but we know that when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

He is loving

Jeremiah 31:3

31:3 The Lord hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love; therefore, with loving-kindness have I drawn thee.

1 John 4:14-16

4:14 And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Savior of the world.

4:15 Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God.

4:16 And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.

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Moroni 7:52-53

7:52 Wherefore, cleave unto charity, which is the greatest of all, for all things must fail; but charity is the pure love of Christ, and it endureth forever; and whoso is found possessed of it at the last day, it shall be well with them.

7:53 Wherefore, my beloved brethren, pray unto the Father with all the energy of heart, that ye may be filled with this love which he hath bestowed upon all who are true followers of his Son Jesus Christ, that ye may become the sons of God, that when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is, that we may have this hope, that we may be purified, even as he is pure. Amen.

For a more complete reference of His love: Read The Bible, Book of Mormon and Doctrine and Covenants

He is the source of gifts, a rewarder to those that do righteousness

Psalms 37:3-5

37:3 Trust in the Lord, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.

37:4 Delight thyself also in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.

37:5 Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass.

James 1:16-17

1:16 Do not err, my beloved brethren.

1:17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

Matthew 6:27-30

6:27 And your heavenly Father will provide for you whatsoever things ye need for food, what ye shall eat, and for raiment, what ye shall wear or put on.

6:28 Therefore, I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat or what ye shall drink, nor yet for your bodies, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?

6:29 Behold the fowls of the air, for they sow not; neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they? How much more will he not feed you?

6:30 Wherefore, take no thought for these things, but keep my commandments wherewith I have commanded you.

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DC 59:5c-d

59:5c ... he who doeth the works of righteousness shall receive his reward, even peace in this world and eternal life in the world to come.

59:5d I, the Lord, have spoken it; and the Spirit beareth record. Amen.

He has expectations for us

Jeremiah 29:11-13

29:11 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord--thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you an expected end.

29:12 Then shall ye call unto me, and ye shall go and pray unto me; and I will hearken unto you.

29:13 And ye shall seek me and find me when ye shall search for me with all your heart.

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He rejoices over us

Zephaniah 3:17

3:17 The Lord, thy God, in the midst of thee is mighty; he will save; he will rejoice over thee with joy; he will rest in his love; he will joy over thee with singing.

DC 22:23a-b

22:23a And the Lord God spake unto Moses, saying, The heavens, they are many, and they cannot be numbered unto man; but they are numbered unto me, for they are mine; and as one earth shall pass away, and the heavens thereof, even so shall another come;

22:23b and there is no end to my works, neither to my words; for this is my work and my glory: to bring to pass the immortality and eternal life of man.

DC 24:3b

24:3b ...for my soul delighteth in the song of the heart; yea, the song of the righteous is a prayer unto me

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He is easily found

Deuteronomy 4:29

4:29 But if from thence thou shalt seek the Lord, thy God, thou shalt find him if thou seek him with all thy heart and with all thy soul.

Isaiah 65:1

65:1 I am found of them who seek after me; I give unto all them that ask of me; I am not found of them that sought me not or that inquireth not after me.

Matthew 7:12-13 (Luke 11:10-11, 3Nephi 6:19-20)

7:12 Say unto them, Ask of God; ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.

7:13 For everyone that asketh, receiveth; and he that seeketh, findeth; and unto him that knocketh, it shall be opened.

Mark 9:45

9:45 Seek unto my Father, and it shall be done in that very moment what ye shall ask, if ye ask in faith, believing that ye shall receive.

He comforts us

Genesis 6:64

6:64 Therefore, it is given to abide in you the record of heaven, the Comforter, the peaceable things of immortal glory, the truth of all things, that which quickeneth all things, which maketh alive all things, that which knoweth all things, and hath all power according to wisdom, mercy, truth, justice, and judgment.

Psalms 34:18

34:18 The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.

34:19 Many are the afflictions of the righteous; but the Lord delivereth him out of them all.

Isaiah 40:11

40:11 He shall feed his flock like a shepherd; he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry them in his bosom, and shall gently lead those that are with young

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2 Corinthians 1:3-4

1:3 Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort,

1:4 Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.

He protects Us

Psalms 23

23:1 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

23:2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; he leadeth me beside the still waters.

23:3 He restoreth my soul; he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

23:4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

23:5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

23:6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Romans 8:31

8:31 What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can prevail against us?

1st Nephi 1:65

1:65 And it came to pass that I, Nephi, said unto my father, I will go and do the things which the Lord hath commanded; for I know that the Lord giveth no commandments unto the children of men, save he shall prepare a way for them that they may accomplish the thing which he commandeth them.

He is always with us

John 14:26

14:26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

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Romans 8:38-39

8:38 For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,

8:39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

He is dependable

Isaiah 29:25 (2Nephi 11:145)

11:145 For behold, I am God; and I am a God of miracles; and I will show unto the world that I am the same yesterday, today, and forever; ...

Hebrews 13:8

13:8 Jesus Christ--the same yesterday, and today, and forever.

1Nephi 3:27

3:27 For he is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

2Nephi 11:145

11:145 For behold, I am God; and I am a God of miracles; and I will show unto the world that I am the same yesterday, today, and forever; ...

2Nephi 12:60-62

12:60 Wherefore, I speak the same words unto one nation like unto another.

12:61 And when the two nations shall run together, the testimony of the two nations shall run together also.

12:62 And I do this that I may prove unto many that I am the same yesterday, today, and forever, and that I speak forth my words according to mine own pleasure.

DC 34:1a-b

34:1a Listen to the voice of the Lord, your God, even Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, whose course is one eternal round, the same today as yesterday and forever.

34:1b I am Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who was crucified for the sins of the world, even as many as will believe on my name, that they may become the sons of God--even one in me as I am in the Father, as the Father is one in me, that we may be one.

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He is selfless/sacrificing

Mark 14:40

14:40 And he said, Abba, Father, all things are possible unto thee; take away this cup from me; nevertheless, not my will, but thine be done.

John 3:16-17

3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his Only Begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

3:17 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved.

Mosiah 1:47-51

1:47 Yet, my brethren, I have not done these things that I might boast; neither do I tell these things that thereby I might accuse you; but I tell you these things that ye may know that I can answer a clear conscience before God this day.

1:48 Behold, I say unto you that because I said unto you that I had spent my days in your service, I do not desire to boast, for I have only been in the service of God.

1:49 And behold, I tell you these things that ye may learn wisdom, that ye may learn that when ye are in the service of your fellow beings, ye are only in the service of your God.

1:50 Behold, ye have called me your king; and if I, whom ye call your king, do labor to serve you, then had not ye ought to labor to serve one another?

1:51 And behold, also, if I, whom ye call your king, who has spent his days in your service, and yet has been in the service of God, doth merit any thanks from you, Oh, how had you ought to thank your heavenly King!