

The Father's Heart of Love for the Nations

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Isaiah 9 ⁶ For a Child will be born to us, a Son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷ There will be no end to the increase of His government or of peace On the throne of David and over his kingdom, To establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness From then on and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of armies will accomplish this. NASB

Proverbs 4 ¹⁸ But the lovers of God walk on the highway of light, and their way shines brighter and brighter until the perfect day. TPT

Acts 3 ¹⁹ And now you must repent and turn back to God so that your sins will be removed, and so that times of refreshing will stream from the Lord's presence. ²⁰ And he will send you Jesus, the Messiah, the appointed one. ²¹ For he must remain in heaven until the restoration of all things has taken place, fulfilling everything that God said long ago through his holy prophets. TPT

1 Timothy 2 ¹ First of all, then, I urge that requests, prayers, intercession, and thanksgiving be made in behalf of all people, ² for kings and all who are in authority, so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity. ³ This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴ who wants all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. NASB

2 Peter 3 ⁹ The Lord is not slack concerning *His* promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. NKJV

John 3 ¹⁵ so that those who truly believe in him will not perish but be given eternal life. ¹⁶ For here is the way God loved the world—he gave his only, unique Son as a gift. So now everyone who believes in him will never perish but experience everlasting life. ¹⁷ “God did not send his Son into the world to judge and condemn the world, but to be its Savior and rescue it! ¹⁸ So now there is no longer any condemnation for those who believe in him, but the unbeliever already lives under condemnation because they do not believe in the name of the only Son of God. TPT

Isaiah 60 ¹ Arise, shine; For your light has come! And the glory of the Lord is risen upon you. ² For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, And deep darkness the people; But the Lord will arise over you, And His glory will be seen upon you. ³ The Gentiles shall come to your light, And kings to the brightness of your rising. ⁴ “Lift up your eyes all around, and see: They all gather together, they come to you; Your sons shall come from afar, And your daughters shall be nursed at *your* side. ⁵ Then you shall see and become radiant, And your heart shall swell with joy; Because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, The wealth of the Gentiles shall come to you. NKJV

1 John 3 ^{1a} See how very much our Father loves us, for he calls us his children, and that is what we are! NLT

1 John 4 ¹⁹ We love Him because He first loved us. NKJV

The power of love and acceptance cannot be overstated. Criticism, belittling, shaming or any other form of manipulation will never make them be what you want them to be. In fact, those who feel criticized, rejected usually dig their heels in and become more defensive and resistant to change. It's a well-known fact that people are only motivated to change if they feel loved, appreciated, and accepted. (Exceptions would be abuse, violence, betrayal) **Acceptance Paradox:** To get people to change, you first have to accept them as they are, warts and all only then will they be able to consider the possibility of changing.

Romans 2 ⁴ Or do you despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance? NKJV

Malachi 4 ⁵ “Look, I am sending you the prophet Elijah before the great and dreadful day of the Lord arrives. ⁶ His preaching will turn the hearts of fathers to their children, and the hearts of children to their fathers. Otherwise I will come and strike the land with a curse.” NLT

Luke 1 ¹⁶ And he will persuade many in Israel to convert and turn back to the Lord their God. ¹⁷ He will go before the Lord as a forerunner, with the same power and anointing as Elijah the prophet. He will be instrumental in turning the hearts of the fathers in tenderness back to their children and the hearts of the disobedient back to the wisdom of their righteous fathers. And he will prepare a *united people* who are ready for the Lord’s appearing.” TPT

Luke 15 ¹¹ Then Jesus said, “Once there was a father with two sons. ¹² The younger son came to his father and said, ‘Father, don’t you think it’s time to give me my share of your estate?’ So the father went ahead and distributed between the two sons their inheritance. ¹³ Shortly afterward, the younger son packed up all his belongings and traveled off to see the world. He journeyed to a far-off land where he soon wasted all he was given in a binge of extravagant and reckless living. ¹⁴ “With everything spent and nothing left, he grew hungry, because there was a severe famine in that land. ¹⁵ So he begged a farmer in that country to hire him. The farmer hired him and sent him out to feed the pigs. ¹⁶ The son was so famished, he was willing even to eat the slop given to the pigs, because no one would feed him a thing. ¹⁷ “Humiliated, the son finally realized what he was doing, and he thought, ‘There are many workers at my father’s house who have all the food they want with plenty to spare. They lack nothing. Why am I here dying of hunger, feeding these pigs and eating their slop? ¹⁸ I want to go back home to my father’s house, and I’ll say to him, “Father, I was wrong. I have sinned against you. ¹⁹ I’ll never again be worthy to be called your son. Please, Father, just treat me like one of your employees.”’ ²⁰ “So the young son set off for home. From a long distance away, his father saw him coming, dressed as a beggar, and great compassion swelled up in his heart for his son who was returning home. The father raced out to meet him, swept him up in his arms, hugged him dearly, and kissed him over and over with tender love. ²¹ “Then the son said, ‘Father, I was wrong. I have sinned against you. I could never deserve to be called your son. Just let me be—’ “The father interrupted and said, ‘Son, you’re home now!’ ²² “Turning to his servants, the father said, ‘Quick, bring me the best robe, my very own robe, and I will place it on his shoulders. Bring the ring, the seal of sonship, and I will put it on his finger. And bring out the best shoes you can find for my son. ²³ Let’s *prepare a great feast* and celebrate. ²⁴ For my beloved son was once dead, but now he’s alive! Once he was lost, but now he is found!’ And everyone celebrated with overflowing joy. TPT

1 Corinthians 13 ¹³ Until then, there are three things that remain: faith, hope, and love—yet love surpasses them all. So above all else, let love be the beautiful prize for which you run. TPT

Galatians 5 ¹⁹ The behavior of the self-life is obvious: Sexual immorality, lustful thoughts, pornography, ²⁰ chasing after things instead of God, manipulating others, hatred of those who get in your way, senseless arguments, resentment when others are favored, temper tantrums, angry quarrels, only thinking of yourself, being in love with your own opinions, ²¹ being envious of the blessings of others, murder, uncontrolled addictions, wild parties, and all other similar behavior. Haven’t I already warned you that those who use their “freedom” for these things will not inherit the kingdom realm of God! ²²⁻²³ But the fruit produced by the Holy Spirit within you is divine love in all its varied expressions: joy *that overflows*, peace *that subdues*, patience *that endures*, kindness *in action*, a life full of virtue, faith *that prevails*, gentleness *of heart*, and strength *of spirit*. Never set the law above these qualities, for they are meant to be limitless. TPT