

#6 EMASCULATING THE FATHER

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The Father makes it clear that He is “the Beginning and the End.” If we were able to find all the spoken and inspired words describing God, in the Word of God, we still would not come close to describing the Father of heaven. It will take eternity for us to discover all the attributes of God. This is the primary reason why we should be so excited about going to the Father and spending eternity with Him. I have my order in for multiple interviews myself!

The Hebrew word picture for “*father*” is strength or leader of a house. This Hebrew word includes that of a natural father. It also is used for the founder or the first ancestor, as well as an author or maker of anything. “Father” applies to the one who provides care, i.e. like a father to the needy, a master, or a teacher. “Father” is also for the God whom we choose to follow.

This word comes from two primary ancient pictures: 1) *Alef*--ox, strong or first and 2) *Bet*--house. The first letter of the Hebrew alphabet (beginning of the house) is Alef. This word also means the leader of a family or tribe. This is where the English speaking descendants get the letter A. Aloof is a derivative of Alef, meaning “gentle” or “to tame an ox.”

Bet is the second letter of the Hebrew alphabet. The ancient word picture of Bet is tent, a house, or a family. The word Bet is also used as the number 2 in the Hebrew numeric system. The reason this is a significant factor is that Alef (first strong leader) and Bet (house or family) clearly reveal the importance of a father embracing his strength (first priority) and applying his strength within his home (second priority). The word “authority” comes from Alef ta Bet.

Many people, including His own children, attempt to emasculate Him by making Him out to be passive, inactive, and an egalitarian--feministic. Since people in general tend to rebel against authority and tend to view authoritive figures as immovable and harsh, they work diligently at forming an image of God to be that of a non-gender. Well, I have news . . . God is masculine. He is *all* male. This might be why 100% of the references of God in the Word are He, His, and Him. There are no references of God being shim, she, her, or it--just He.

God is not only a Father, but a Leader. He leads the world in the same fashion as a Father. Being a Father and Leader to the people is all the same to Him. In fact, His leadership is for the generations.

In order not to emasculate our heavenly Father, we must embrace the fact that He is in full control. Ephesians 4:6 says, “One God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all.” Knowing this, we can see clearly that God the Father covers the basis of our manhood. He is our Father, Leader, Provider, Protector, Educator, and pure example of maleness.

Manhood is a difficult concept for most men to understand. Many men are clueless as to knowing what it means to be a man. There is no way men can truly understand their manhood unless they take the time to know the Father. By knowing the Father and understanding how He functions, men will be able to see what it looks like to be man.

Men of our society today typically gain their view of manhood through the counsel of women. This is why men have lost their way. They look to women to gain the details of their role as a man. This is nothing short of emasculation through feminism.

We need to be called back to the original design—the plan that is only revealed by the Father. Since most men do not have a male role model to replicate their manhood after, they attempt to “invent” their own form of manhood.

The Bible gives us clear directions and examples of manhood. Men need to be men of the Word and devoted to the power of prayer. Through these two, they will be groomed to accomplish their primary mission in life--demonstrating the design of the Father. A father initiates actions that replicate the Father. When men do this, they bring glory and honor to the Creator of men.

By modeling the behavior of God’s Son, Jesus Christ, we will exemplify the truest and most honorable man who ever lived, or ever will live. How can we lose? As men, we can shape our families, women, children, and communities by following the rules and guidelines of the Father.

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