

ADOPTION
THE FATHER HEART OF GOD

**Discussion and Study Questions
to accompany
The Home For Good Foundation
Adoption Bible Study**

Including

Resource List
Father's Love Letter

Chapter Two Discussion & Study Questions:

1. If you have a copy of "The Father's Love Letter" this is an appropriate time to view the 6-minute DVD. The full text of the Father's Love Letter in numerous languages is available for free download from the Father's Love Letter website: <http://www.fathersloveletter.com/flllanguages.html> You can hear it being read aloud in English on this site. After reading or hearing the Father's Love Letter, be sure to read and discuss item No. 6 in the Appendix, How to become an Adopted Child of God.

2. (Gal. 4:4-5) "*so that we might receive the Adoption as Sons*" is the essence of the Good News of Adoption. Who is an adopted child of God? Write in your own words what this verse means to you.

3. (John 1:12) "*as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become Children of God.*" What does it mean to receive Him? The answers are found in Rev. 3:20 and Romans 10:9-10 Have you received Him?

(1 John 3:1) reminds us, "*Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God.*" If you are not really sure that you are already an adopted child of God, ask someone to explain it further to you. Item 6 in the appendix of this study guide outlines "How to become an adopted child of God"

4. Read 1 Cor. 15:1-4; Gal 4:4-5 and John 1:12 Discuss whether or not these verses all belong together as equally important parts of "The Gospel."

5. (Eph. 1:5 NASB) tells us: "*He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will.*" (NLT) "*His unchanging plan has always been to adopt us into His own family by bringing us to Himself through Jesus Christ. And this gave Him great pleasure.*" Whose choice was it to adopt us? Why did He do it?

6. (Romans 8:15-17; 22-23) *“For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, “Abba! Father!” The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and joint-heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him so that we may also be glorified with Him. For we know that the whole creation groans and suffers the pains of childbirth together until now. And not only this, but also we ourselves, having the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our body.* Note: that redemption results in adoption.

Write from your heart what God is speaking to you through these 5 verses above.

7. Most of us have been raised to relate to God as a Father to be revered, respected and perhaps even feared as a stern, righteous judge ready to punish. But God, the Father who adopts us, is an adoring Daddy, the perfect Father who can't wait to forgive us the moment we repent. He is the Daddy many of us have never had, but always longed for. What comes to your mind, or your eyes, when you think of God as a perfect Father and a loving Daddy ?

8. We were once illegitimate, i.e. spiritual orphans, (Heb. 12:5-11) but as an adopted child of God we are no longer illegitimate. Does this suggest a genuine love relationship between you and your Abba Father? Write your thoughts here.

9. Comment on the picture you now have in your mind of your spiritual adoption in contrast with the way our culture views adoption.

10. Legal adoption bears a striking resemblance to Jesus’ return to earth to at the second coming. Write your new insights about this concept.

Chapter Three Discussion & Study Questions:

1. Being adopted by the God of the universe is the greatest blessing that anyone could ever receive. Here are some interesting parallels comparing spiritual adoption to earthly adoption of orphan children.

Adoption is irrevocable. Adopted children cannot be disowned. Heb. 13:5 Deut. 31:6, 8 Rom. 11:29
Can our heavenly father disown us? What about our earthly father?

2. The adopted child receives a new family name. Spiritually, we are in the family of God, and our family name is "Christian." Many adopted children also receive a new first or given name in addition to a new family name. Rev. 3:12 tells us we receive a new heavenly name too.
Why is it important to connect to our family with a first name or given name?

3. Read Rev. 3:5 and 2nd Cor. 5:17. It is traditional for a child who is being adopted by an earthly family to leave all their old clothes behind at the orphanage or foster home. The child is given new clothes that come from the adopting family. Some orphan children can't wait to take off their "orphan clothes" and put on the new garments that identify them with their new family. Can you draw any parallels between this tradition and Rev. 3:5 and 2nd Cor. 5:17

Have you "taken off" your orphan clothes? Or do you still feel or act like an orphan?

4. There is a cost involved. Jesus' shed blood was expensive love (John 3:16, Rom. 8:32) Not only is there a cost, but Jesus was willing to pay that cost no matter how expensive it was. It cost Him everything - every day of His life. Could this apply to the adoption of a child into an earthly family?

5. Read Romans 8:23. The King James and NASB versions of this verse speak of the culmination of our status as adopted children of God by equating the word adoption with the phrase: "the redemption of our body." Jesus said in John 14:2-3 *"I go to prepare a place for you, and if I go, I will come again and receive you to myself, that where I am, there you may be also."* Love, commitment, permanence, security, face-to-face relationship and adoption are all unspoken sentiments, assurances and promises included in these verses. These are some of the many ways that Jesus communicates His love for us, all in the context of adoption. Write a prayer expressing thanks for your adoption into the family of God.

6. In John 14:18, Jesus said, "I will not leave you as orphans, I will come to you. Why do you think Jesus said that? What does it mean?"

7. What's wrong with leaving us as orphans? Prv. 13:12, Eph. 2:12 Matt. 9:36.

8. Read John 14:16-17 and 26. What did Jesus mean when He said, "I will come to you?"

9. Adopted children have the same rights, privileges, and inheritance, as do biological children. Rom. 8:17 says we are "Joint heirs with Jesus." This is a humbling thought when you consider who Jesus is. If God did this for us, is it possible to see how someone might do this for a child they are adopting?

10. Most adoptive families have an understanding of this equality of rights between their adopted and biological children, even if they cannot explain it in biblical terms. God undoubtedly knew their tender hearts for children, and gave them a divine understanding and discernment about adoption. Comment on this, but be patient if you are not yet fully equipped to share it or understand it.

11. What two things did Moses, Esther and Jesus all have in common?

Chapter Four Discussion & Study Questions:

1. **Commands** Read the following verses and list all the Commands you find in them.

Deut. 16:11 & 14 _____

Isa. 1:17 _____

Deut. 24:17-22 _____

Deut. 26:12-13 _____

Jer. 22:3 _____

Zech. 7:10 _____

Mark 10:14 _____

Ps. 82:3 _____

Prv. 23:10 _____

2. **Promises** Read the following verses and list all the promises you find in each of them.

Deut. 10: 18 _____

Ps. 10:14 _____

Ps. 68:5-6 _____

Ps. 146:9 _____

Jer. 49:11 _____

Hosea 14:3 _____

3. Write your idea of how you think God will accomplish all these promises?

4. In Deut. 24: 19-21 God promises to feed the orphans, but what is the farmers part?

5. Read (Psalm 68: 5 - 6). How does this verse speak to you? Where were the lonely placed?

6. **Blessings** upon those who give to the poor and to orphans List the blessings found in these verses.

Deut. 14: 29 _____

Deut 24:19 _____

Ps. 41:1; 112:9 _____

Prv. 11:24-25; 14:21; 19:17 ; 22:9 _____

Isa. 58:7-11 _____

Jer 22:16 _____

Mal. 3:10-12 _____

Matt. 25:40 _____

Mark 9:37 _____

Luke 6:35,38; 14:13-14 _____

2 Cor. 9:6-8 _____

7. **Warnings**

Who are the people that God's warnings refer to? _____

Mal. 3:5 Do you think orphans feel oppressed? _____

8. Read Isa. 10:1-2. These verses make a very strong statement about legal systems and the treatment of orphans. This may raise more questions than answers, and may lead to a lively discussion. Discuss your observations with other members in your group, and try to suggest ways that you could be helpful. Is any of this relevant today?

9. Read Isa. 1:23 and write out a prayer for leaders in your community and country. Read it aloud to your group. Stand on the promises found in 2 Chronicles 7:14 Take the time now to pray for your leaders.

10. In Jer. 5:28-29, who is Jeremiah talking about? Have you seen examples of this verse lived out in a nation, a family, an individual or in an orphanage? See also James 4:17

11. Why is adoption so expensive and why are there so many laws, regulations and administrative delays? The answer to this question can be summed up in a single word - SIN. In an attempt to protect innocent children from an unbelievable number of evil schemes, governments have been forced to create law upon law and rule upon rule. So, whose job is it to defend the orphan? God's, the government, or ours?

12. In ancient Israel the economy consisted predominantly of growing crops, raising animals, or fishing. All three directly resulted in the production of food that could be given as the sacred portion to feed the Levite, the alien, the orphan, the widow and the poor. Much of modern economy is now based on manufacturing, marketing, and services, which produce only cash income. In some countries there are laws that allow the poor to farm on land that is not otherwise being used. Could it be that this custom grew from someone's understanding of God's true plan to provide for the poor and this in some way provides for the needy to glean in the fields of the fatherless so to speak? There is no need to answer this. It is merely an interesting parallel. Armed with this knowledge, what must we do regarding orphans to lift the curse that plagues our nation and continues to add more people to the ranks of the poor? Start your answer by writing 2 Chronicles 7:14 in your own words.

Chapter Five Discussion & Study Questions:

1. Can we choose the spiritual gifts we want? Read First Corinthians 12:11. Who decides which gifts a person will have?

2. Do you know what are your spiritual gifts? Read First Corinthians Chapter 12. List your gifts here. Note: There are other studies that will help you discover your unique gifts.

3. Is everyone called to take part in orphan care and adoption? Deut. 24:17-18; 27:19; Jas. 1:27; 2:15-17

4. Write something about your part in the family business. Perhaps it's something you are praying for. This is a good time to write it out and tell someone. If you are currently involved in a ministry, is orphan care a part of it? If not, can it be incorporated into that ministry? Give an example.

Example: I teach Sunday school. Perhaps I could incorporate a teaching about orphan care to my students.

Example: I have been on a medical outreach. I will suggest an outreach to an orphanage.

5. Comment on how orphan care is part of the family business.

6. Prayer is the first step in seeking Gods will for how you will express yourself as a doer of the word in His family business. This is a good time to reflect on what we are leaning. Write out a prayer now, and share it with the group if you feel comfortable doing that.

Chapter Six Discussion & Study Questions:

1. In light of all we have learned about adoption, what can be done regarding orphan care to become a doer of the word instead of merely a hearer.(James 1:22) Below is a list of things we can do. Check off the things you have seen or heard of someone doing, and try to list other things that could be done. Compare your lists with each other to see if there are any new creative ideas that come up. Examine each item in light of the scriptures you have learned from this study, and not by what you see being done in the world today.

- Pray for orphans in your land on a regular basis
- Give clothing and food to orphans
- Offer personal hands-on assistance to orphanages and social workers
- Financially support an orphanage
- Become a foster parent
- Organize and lead church outreach visits to orphanages
- Work for an agency that cares for orphans
- Become an active member of a group that supports orphan care
- Participate in a medical outreach to an orphanage
- Teach about adoption in churches and Sunday school, on radio and TV.
- Conduct adoption forums
- Adopt a child
- Help a family you know to raise funds to pay adoption expenses

2. With such a long list, it is likely that most of us have already participated in some aspect of orphan care. Does adoption seem to be a very small component on that list? Does it make any sense that there is so little emphasis placed on adoption when we know how close adoption is to the very heart of God? Comment on this and share your answers.

3. Where does the Bible specifically tell us we should adopt orphan children? Do you think James 1:27 and James 2:15-17 are sufficient biblical evidence? Is there even more evidence. Read 2 Timothy 3:16-17 before answering this question.

4. Why do many orphans who are never adopted face such a disastrous future?

5. Is adoption the responsibility of believers individually, the church corporately or both?

6. If your church is involved with orphans, could it be described as an orphan ministry, an adoption ministry or both?

7. If you or your church support an orphanage or sponsor orphan children in an orphanage, does that orphanage have a good program that leads to the adoption of the orphan children entrusted to them? If not, what can be done?

8. What does our culture tell us about adoption? Can you envision yourself now being able to be a positive force in discussing the doctrine of adoption as a Godly model for orphan care when the subject arises? If you have heard people raising objections to adoption, based on what you have learned, write an answer in your own words to counter to the objection(s).

You are now on your way to becoming an advocate for orphan children, by having a ready answer to objections, negative comments and questions about orphan care and adoption.

Chapter Seven Discussion & Study Questions:

You may not be able to answer all these questions alone. God has sent a helper, the Holy Spirit, He also tells us to use good Christian counsel. Share your ideas with others and compare them with the word. When you finish this chapter, save it. In the future, you might have different feelings or ideas and you will find it interesting to see how you have changed.

1. Is everyone called to adopt?
2. How will I know if I'm called to adopt? Read (Psalm 37:4), Who do you think gave you those desires? (Phil. 2:13 NLT) (Eph. 2:10)

3. Is the fact that you cannot conceive children the only reason to adopt? Is it a reason at all? What are some other reasons?

4. Why do you think people would object to adoption, and how can you overcome these objections?

5. There are many reasons to delay adopting, such as a reluctant spouse. Can you name some others? There are no right answers here. The timing is different for everyone.

6. If there are objections to adoption that I can't answer or overcome, is that a reason to delay adopting?

7. If my current children, extended family or friends object, is that a sign I should wait? What can I do to help change the heart of my children?

8. "I'm beginning to believe I only wanted to adopt to fulfill my own personal need to have children and a family. I see now there is much more to it. Should I still consider adoption?"

9. When cultural trends differ from what the Word of God says, what should I do? Give an example of what the culture around you says, and what God's response would be. What would you say in defense of what is right? In your example, answer the objections with the help of the Bible, and guidance of the Holy Spirit.

10. For many reasons, numerous people have hidden the fact that they have adopted or are adopted. Now that you know how special adoption is to God, and that the truth shall make you free, perhaps you can feel better about sharing the truth of your own adoption situation, or giving wise counsel to someone else who is struggling with this issue.

Summary Discussion and Questions:

1. Before reading this study, what did you think would happen to orphans who were never adopted?

2. Now what do you think will happen to most orphans when they grow up without being adopted?

3. What do you see are the most wonderful blessings an orphan may receive when he or she is adopted?

4. What challenges do you think are hardest for you if you choose to adopt?

5. What are the obstacles that deter people from adopting?

6. How can we individually and corporately help to get more children adopted in our church and around the world?

9. What single word describes the need that a family fulfills? _____

10. Why is family so important? Discuss both human and a spiritual reasons.

11. What do you want to do now?

APPENDIX

Resources for those who are considering adoption

1. Books

Adopting for Good, A guide for People Considering Adoption
By Jorie Kincaid

The Whole Life Adoption Book

What to consider before you adopt
Creating a nurturing family environment
How to tell a child he or she is adopted
Understanding issues and behaviors that can surface in adolescence
How to respond when a child wants to search for a birth parent
By Jayne E. Schooler

Loved by Choice, True Stories that celebrate adoption
By Susan Horner & Kelly Fordyce Martindale

Successful Adoption

A guide for Christian families
By Natalie Nichols Gillespie

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Starting and Growing Your Church Adoption Support Ministry
A guide for Leaders
In this manual there is a resource index where you will find many articles on the biblical basis for adoption and answers to questions often asked about adoption. It can be downloaded free at: www.hfgf.org

Five Books by Sherry Eldridge - www.adoptionjewels.org

This web site offers books, some free articles, and free workbooks. The workbooks are one of a kind concerning adoption issues and are designed to be used in a group study setting. They are also good for adopted children facing questions during pivotal teen years. They can be downloaded free at: http://www.adoptionjewels.org/books_work.htm

- **Twenty Things Adopted Kids Wish Their Adoptive Parents Knew** (this is a book and it is not free)
- **Twenty Life-Transforming Choices Adoptees Need To Make** (this is a book and it is not free)
- **Under His Wings** Creating a Safe Place for Adoptees to Talk about Adoption (a free bible study)
- **Beauty for Ashes** a Healing Journey for the Adoption Triad (a free bible study)
- **Twelve Steps for Adopted Teens** (a book/not free)

2. Hiring an Adoption Attorney

Here are some suggestions to help keep your attorney fees reasonable.

1. Hire an attorney who is experienced in handling adoptions. Don't select an attorney just because he or she is a friend or on the recommendation of friends, unless they were satisfied with this attorney's fees and services for their own adoption.
2. Have realistic expectations about the role of an attorney. The attorney should provide competent legal services, but should not be relied on to perform "hand holding" through the adoption process. Other professionals and support groups can fulfill that need.
3. Ask the following questions:
 - What is the average cost of the adoptions you've handled?
 - Do you charge a flat fee or bill by the hour?
 - If a flat fee, what does that fee include?
 - Does it include the cost of public notice for adoption?
 - Are expenses, such as preparation of letters and documents, photocopying, telephone calls, and postage, charged separately?
 - Is a retainer fee required up front, and if so, how much is it?
4. Come to all meetings well prepared, with papers organized and questions thought out in advance.

3. Resources for those considering a church adoption ministry

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Numerous adoption ministry resources can be downloaded from our web site, most of them free.

4. Books and resources for pastors

Secure in God's Embrace, Living as the Father's Adopted Child
By Ken Fong (Evangelistic with adoption theme)

From Orphans to Heirs, Celebrating our spiritual adoption and making a case for the doctrine of adoption
By Vicar Mark Stibbe (U.K.)

Fields of the Fatherless, By C. Thomas Davis

The One Factor, By Doug Sauder How one person can make a significant difference in the world
<http://www.howonechangeseverything.com/>

5. "The Father's Love Letter" <http://www.fllstore.com/>

We highly recommend this DVD that simulates a Love Letter from God, written to every person on earth. It is simply a collection of scriptures which have been paraphrased into everyday language, and read aloud as if God Himself is speaking to us. HE IS! It is a very powerful message that is sure to bring tears to your eyes and love to your heart. It ends with a challenging question that reflects the purpose of this Bible Study. "Will YOU be my Child?"

Text of “The Father’s Love Letter” video/DVD

My Child...

You may not know me, but I know everything about you
...Psalm 139:1

I know when you sit down and when you rise up
...Psalm 139:2

I am familiar with all your ways
...Psalm 139:3

Even the very hairs on your head are numbered
...Matthew 10:29-31

For you were made in my image
...Genesis 1:27

In me you live and move and have your being
...Acts 17:28

For you are my offspring
...Acts 17:28

I knew you even before you were conceived
...Jeremiah 1:4-5

I chose you when I planned creation
...Ephesians 1:11-12

You were not a mistake, for all your days are written in my book
...Psalm 139:15-16

I determined the exact time of your birth and where you would live
...Acts 17:26

You are fearfully and wonderfully made
...Psalm 139:14

I knit you together in your mother's womb
...Psalm 139:13

And brought you forth on the day you were born
...Psalm 71:6

I have been misrepresented by those who don't know me
...John 8:41-44

I am not distant and angry, but am the complete expression of love
...1 John 4:16

And it is my desire to lavish my love on you
...1 John 3:1

Simply because you are my child and I am your Father
...1 John 3:1

I offer you more than your earthly father ever could
...**Matthew 7:11**

For I am the perfect father
...**Matthew 5:48 Luke 15:20-24**

Every good gift that you receive comes from my hand
...**James 1:17**

For I am your provider and I meet all your needs
...**Matthew 6:31-33**

My plan for your future has always been filled with hope
...**Jeremiah 29:11**

Because I love you with an everlasting love
...**Jeremiah 31:3**

My thoughts toward you are countless as the sand on the seashore
...**Psalms 139:17-18**

And I rejoice over you with singing
...**Zephaniah 3:17**

I will never stop doing good to you
...**Jeremiah 32:40**

For you are my treasured possession
...**Exodus 19:5**

I desire to establish you with all my heart and all my soul
...**Jeremiah 32:41**

And I want to show you great and marvelous things
...**Jeremiah 33:3**

If you seek me with all your heart, you will find me
...**Deuteronomy 4:29**

Delight in me and I will give you the desires of your heart
...**Psalms 37:4**

For it is I who gave you those desires
...**Philippians 2:13**

I am able to do more for you than you could possibly imagine
...**Ephesians 3:20**

For I am your greatest encourager
...**2 Thessalonians 2:16-17**

I am also the Father who comforts you in all your troubles
...**2 Corinthians 1:3-4**

When you are brokenhearted, I am close to you
...**Psalms 34:18**

As a shepherd carries a lamb, I have carried you close to my heart
...Isaiah 40:11

One day I will wipe away every tear from your eyes
...Revelation 21:3-4

And I'll take away all the pain you have suffered on this earth
...Revelation 21:3-4

I am your Father, and I love you even as I love my son, Jesus
...John 17:23

For in Jesus, my love for you is revealed
...John 17:26

He is the exact representation of my being
...Hebrews 1:3

He came to demonstrate that I am for you, not against you
...Romans 8:31

And to tell you that I am not counting your sins
...2 Corinthians 5:18-19

Jesus died so that you and I could be reconciled
...2 Corinthians 5:18-19

His death was the ultimate expression of my love for you
...1 John 4:10

I gave up everything I loved that I might gain your love
...Romans 8:31-32

If you receive the gift of my son Jesus, you receive me
...1 John 2:23

And nothing will ever separate you from my love again
...Romans 8:38-39

Come home and I'll throw the biggest party heaven has ever seen
...Luke 15:7 Luke 15:22-24

I have always been Father, and will always be Father
...Ephesians 3:14-15 Isaiah 9:6

My question is...Will you be my child?
...John 1:12-13

I am waiting for you
...Luke 15:11-32 (The parable of the Perfect Father)

Love,

*Your Dad (Abba),
Almighty God*

<http://www.fathersloveletter.com/>

6. How to become an adopted child of God

Note: Just as in the Father's Love Letter above, assume that God is speaking to you in person.

I have already sent my son, Jesus Christ to make all the arrangements and pay all the costs for your adoption. (Gal 4:4-5)

“But when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law (in subjection to the law), so that He might redeem those who were under the law (slaves to the law), that we might receive the adoption as sons.” (John 1:12) “But as many as received Him (Jesus), to them He gave the right to become children of God.”

Read Romans 3:23; 6:23; 5:8; and Eph. 2:8-9

If you accept my invitation, I will adopt you and make you my very own child, (Jn 1:12) and I will never leave you or forsake you. (Heb 13:5)

You will become a joint heir of everything in my kingdom along with my beloved son Jesus. (Rom 8:17)

You don't need to live like an orphan for one more day. (Jn 14:18) I will come and live with you.

Perhaps no-one has ever told you, but I chose you to be my child even before you were born. (Eph 1:4-5)

Nothing you could ever do would cause me to stop loving you. (Rom 8:38)

It's up to you, I am waiting for you.

I am the perfect father who longs to have fellowship with you. No matter what you have done or how you have failed, my heart aches to love you and make you my child. I will gladly forgive you, the moment you come to me. (Luke 15:11-32) Rom 3:23

Romans 6:23 tells us that “*the wages for sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life.*” The only way to receive the free gift of God is to become one of His heirs. We become an heir of God and a joint heir with Jesus when we accept the fact that Jesus' death paid the penalty for our sin. (Rom 5:8) Therefore, our spiritual death (separation from God) is no longer necessary when we receive Jesus Christ and become an adopted child of God.

Receiving Jesus Christ means to renounce (turn away from) sin (which means to repent) and just like the prodigal son did, confess that you are not worthy to be a son anymore because you know you are a sinner. Ask God to forgive your sins, and then read in Luke 15:11-32 how God could not wait to forgive his son. Receiving Jesus Christ is more than just an intellectual or emotional experience. It is an act of your will in simple child like-faith. Rom 10:9 says, “If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is (your) Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.” To be saved means the same thing as becoming an adopted child of God. (Rom 8:23) It means to be saved from your sins, saved from judgment and saved from hell. Once you receive Jesus Christ, then you really are worthy to be God's beloved child. You are worthy because Jesus cleansed you with His blood, which paid the penalty for all of your sins. Therefore what God has cleansed, let no man consider unholy, not even you.

This is not The End
Only the first Installment.

God's Love lasts for Eternity!

Scriptures relating to Adoption, Orphans and Children of God

ORPHAN (26 instances)

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| shall not afflict any widow or orphan . | Ex 22:22 |
| justice for the orphan and the widow, | Dt 10:18 |
| the orphan and the widow who are in | Dt 14:29 |
| and the stranger and the orphan and the | Dt 16:11 |
| the stranger and the orphan and the widow | Dt 16:14 |
| the justice due an alien <i>or</i> an orphan , | Dt 24:17 |
| alien, for the orphan , and for the widow, | Dt 24:19 |
| alien, for the orphan , and for the widow. | Dt 24:20 |
| alien, for the orphan , and for the widow. | Dt 24:21 |
| to the orphan and to the widow, | Dt 26:12 |
| the alien, the orphan and the widow, | Dt 26:13 |
| justice due an alien, orphan , and widow. | Dt 27:19 |
| snatch the orphan from the breast, | Jb 24:9 |
| help, And the orphan who had no helper. | Jb 29:12 |
| And the orphan has not shared it | Jb 31:17 |
| He grew up with me as with a father | Jb 31:18 |
| lifted up my hand against the orphan , | Jb 31:21 |
| have been the helper of the orphan . | Ps 10:14 |
| vindicate the orphan and the oppressed, | Ps 10:18 |
| Defend the orphan , Plead for the widow. | Is 1:17 |
| They do not defend the orphan , | Is 1:23 |
| the cause, The cause of the orphan , | Jer 5:28 |
| the alien, the orphan , or the widow, | Jer 7:6 |
| the stranger, the orphan , or the widow; | Jer 22:3 |
| For in You the orphan finds mercy.” | Hos 14:3 |
| do not oppress the widow or the orphan , | Zch 7:10 |
| in his wages, the widow and the orphan , | Mal 3:5 |

ORPHANS (10)

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| would even cast <i>lots</i> for the orphans And | Jb 6:27 |
| strength of the orphans has been crushed. | Jb 22:9 |
| drive away the donkeys of the orphans ; | Jb 24:3 |
| the stranger And murder the orphans . | Ps 94:6 |
| pity on their orphans or their widows; | Is 9:17 |
| And that they may plunder the orphans . | Is 10:2 |
| Leave your orphans behind, I will keep | Jer 49:11 |
| We have become orphans without a father | La 5:3 |
| “I will not leave you as orphans ; | Jn 14:18 |
| visit orphans and widows in their distress, | Jas 1:27 |

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FATHERLESS (6)

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| the fatherless and a judge for the widows, | Ps 68:5 |
| Vindicate the weak and fatherless ; | Ps 82:3 |
| be gracious to his fatherless children. | Ps 109:12 |
| He supports the fatherless and the widow, | Ps 146:9 |
| Or go into the fields of the fatherless , | Pr 23:10 |
| the fatherless and the widow they have | Ezk 22:7 |

ADOPTION (5)

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| of adoption as sons by which we cry out, | Ro 8:15 |
| waiting eagerly for <i>our</i> adoption as sons, | Ro 8:23 |
| to whom belongs the adoption as sons, | Ro 9:4 |
| we might receive the adoption as sons. | Ga 4:5 |
| He predestined us to adoption as sons | Eph 1:5 |

CHILDREN OF GOD (3)

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| power to become the children of God , | Jn 1:12 |
| our spirit, that we are the children of God | Rom 8:16 |
| that we should be called children of God | 1Jn 3:1 |

HEIRS

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| heirs of God, and joint- heirs with Christ | Rom 8:17 |
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ILLEGITIMATE (2)

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| No one of illegitimate birth shall enter | Deut 23:2 |
| you are illegitimate children and not sons. | Heb 12:8 |

LONELY

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| God places the lonely in <u>families</u> | Ps 68:6 |
| (Not Orphanages) | |

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