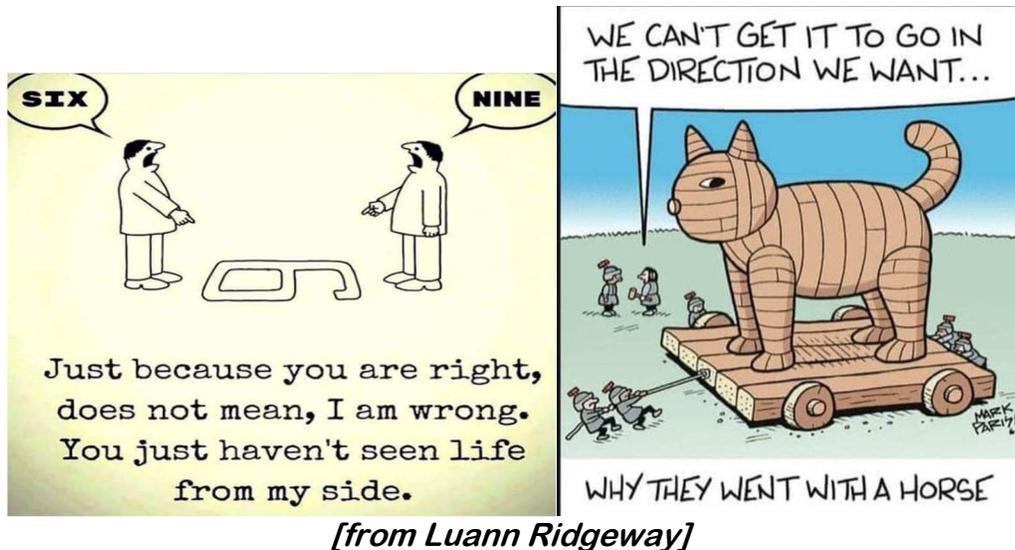


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Father's Day 2021
Fatherlessness

Greetings from Israel: Benjamin and Romema Schlossberg

Plus, some humor ...



Fatherlessness

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[G-d as Father is a foundational concept.]

Mtt. 6.9 You, therefore, pray like this: **'Our Father in heaven!**

Avinu Sheh-ba-shamayim אָבִינוּ שֶׁבַשְׁמַיִם

[Foundational prayer thought.]

Ro. 8.15 These are sons of God ... did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall again into fear; rather...received the Spirit of adoption, by whom we cry, "**Abba! Father!**" The Ruakh Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are **children** of God.

[First experience in New Birth]

T'hillim/Ps 103.13 As a **father has compassion** on his children, so Adoni has compassion on those who fear Him. *[Father models, exemplifies compassion.]*

Yeshayahu/Is 9.6 His Name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, **My Father of Eternity.**

Yn 14.26 But the Counselor, the Ruakh HaKodesh, whom **the Father will send in my name**, will teach you everything; that is, he will remind you of everything I have said to you.

[Fatherhood undergirds the universe]

Father lovingly active in our life]

^{1 Yn 3.1} **See what great love the Father has lavished** on us in letting us be called God's children! For that is what we are.

Definition of father: a male human parent

Words related: encourager, galvanizer, inspirer

[<https://www.merriam-webster.com/thesaurus/father>

Definition needed? Most people DON'T have a good definition in their kishkas. Maybe theoretically, but not a feeling.]



Tools for the Trade

Steve Chapman/1986/Dawn Treader Music/BMI

If you are a father, you are a builder

And your children will become what you've made.

Please do your best,

Please don't forget,

God gave you the tools for the trade.

He gave you arms to hold them

When they are afraid

And time to wait until they're calm

Ears to hear between their lines

And tears to cry when they're gone

He gave you eyes to see

Where your child might go wrong,

And feet to lead them

safely through.

Hands to hold their hands

And lips to say "I love you."

And your knees are for playing

And they're also for praying

That God will watch over the child

And in those times when you can't say it

But they still need to hear it

You can say "I love you" with your smile.

If you are a father, you are a builder

And your children will become what you've made.

Please do your best,

Please don't forget,

God gave you the tools for the trade.

[But we don't live there in our culture. We have an epidemic of Fatherlessness. Promise Keepers men's ministry developed to address that.]

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Perceptions of Fatherlessness

Sounds of [fatherly] Silence

1. You are worthless and your life is hopeless.
2. You are not loved or lovable.
3. You mess everything up.
4. You can't do anything right.
5. If people really knew you, they wouldn't love you.
6. Everyone betrays you; you are all alone.
7. You are a failure.
8. You are not as bad off as others; you don't need help.
9. G-d does not love you.
10. G-d has not protected you.
11. You would be better off dead.
12. It would be best if you weren't born.
13. You are an accident/ unplanned/ unwanted.

[Background brain music.

FreedomFighters.org Foundations booklet]



Up to 5 min., 27 sec video by Dennis Prager

[\[https://www.prageru.com/video/are-fathers-necessary/?utm_source=Iterable&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=campaign_2413996\]](https://www.prageru.com/video/are-fathers-necessary/?utm_source=Iterable&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=campaign_2413996)

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Implanting vision to overcome fatherlessness:

1. He is protective:

A good dad protects his kids by drawing clear boundaries, considers their best interests, talks to them about things they should be aware of and puts things in place. He teaches his kids about consequences of making the wrong choices. Fathers instill character development in kids.

2. Affection is his middle name:

A good father is affectionate to his children. Though he may not hug and kiss the child like a mother does, his affection is no less than a mother's. He lets the children know they can count on him.

3. A wall of trust and security:

The children believe that their father is always right. He will never lie to them, he will never betray them, he will never leave them in the lurch. That is the trust a good father builds in a

child. The kids know that their father is always there whenever they want some help or whenever they are in trouble. *[Not always correct, but always righteous.]*

4. The source of encouragement:

You are the source of encouragement to your kid. Be it a football match or a debate competition, your presence at the venue gives a boost to your child's confidence. You are the happiest when they succeed and you are the one who will make them strive better if they fail. Your words will make a world of difference to your child. Your words have the power to make or break them.

5. Has the patience to listen:

A good father takes out time to listen to their children. He gives his kids undivided attention and tries to understand things from their perspective.

6. Provides the necessities of life:

As the head of the family, the father is responsible for giving a decent living for his children, be it a home, food, education or love, security, and attention.

7. Respects the mother of his children:

Children do well when they see their parents working together. A good father teaches his children how to respect their mother, and this he does by respecting his partner. He honors her views and does not argue with her in front of the kids. This sends the right message to the children that their parents work together, and they need to respect them both equally.

8. Spending time with him is fun for kids:

If the dad is at home, it is a fun time for kids. He plays with them, shares some tricks and shortcuts, makes their artwork easy, and their homework enjoyable. He involves them in things he likes to do. Television, laptops, and phones are put aside.

[Emergency frisbee in my trunk]

9. He is the best teacher:

A father teaches lessons not just for academics but about life. He shows how children can channelize their emotions when met with failure or disappointment, how they can use their energy for their good, how they can plan their careers or study hours.



On June 7, the Christian rock band Seventh Day Slumber shared an [illustration](#) on their Facebook page of Yeshua embracing an LGBTQ person with a pink mohawk, the pride colors prominently displayed on the individual's shaved scalp.

The caption reads, "This picture is a powerful reminder of who God is, how God loves, and how none of us are out of His reach! You can come to Him in your hurt, you can come to Him in your pain, you can come to Him in your sin, you can come to Him in your brokenness. He loves you where you're at. He also loves you too much to leave you there. Be kind to one another. You never know what someone has been through."

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A civilization built with fatherlessness:

In the Middle East, where Islam is the dominant religion, the Qur'an teaches that god is not a father to anyone. According to both the Qur'an and Hadith, there are 99 names of god and not one of them reference him as a father. Allah is just another one of those names.

[<https://www.catalyticministries.com/blog/2019/5/21/spiritual-fatherlessness>]

Nakba Day (يوم النكبة *yawm in-nakbah*), "day of the catastrophe," an annual day of commemoration for the Palestinian Arab people of the anniversary of the creation of Israel, every May 15, the day after Israelis celebrate their Independence Day.

Real Naqba, real wound, and hope

Beresheet/Genesis 16.1-2 Now Sarai Avram's wife had not borne him a child. But she had an Egyptian slave-girl named Hagar; so Sarai said to Avram, "Here now, ADONI has kept me from having children; so go in and sleep with my slave-girl. Maybe I'll be able to have children through her." Avram listened to what Sarai said.

[*Avraham with great wisdom and holiness*

Hagar ~16 maybe in love some appropriate young man

Snatched by complaining matriarch]

First trouble

Beresheet/Genesis 16.4 Avram had sexual relations with Hagar, and she conceived. But when she became aware that she was pregnant, she looked on her mistress with **contempt**.

[*Tone*

Baby grew up w contempt in family,

Hagar probably festering anger ↻ forced

Hormones → fetus]

First Reaction

Beresheet/Genesis 16.5-6 Sarai said to Avram, "This **outrage** being done to me is your fault! True, I gave my slave-girl to you to sleep with; but when she saw that she was pregnant, she began holding me in **contempt**. May ADONI decide who is right - I or you!" However, Avram answered Sarai, "Look, she's your slave-girl. Deal with her as you think fit." Then Sarai **treated her so harshly** that she ran away from her.

[*Sarah's response: Contempt and harshness: babies hear emotional messages]*

First Restoration

Beresheet/Genesis 16.7-9 The angel of ADONI found her by a spring in the desert, the spring on the road to Shur, and said, "Hagar! Sarai's slave-girl! Where have you come from, and where are you going?" She answered, "I'm running away from my mistress Sarai." The angel of ADONI said to her, "Go back to your mistress, and submit to her authority."

First Redemption

Beresheet/Genesis 16.10-12 The angel of ADONI said to her, "I will greatly increase your descendants; there will be so many that it will be impossible to count them." The angel of ADONI said to her, "Look, you are pregnant, and you will give birth to a son. You are to call him Yishma'el [God pays attention] because ADONI has paid attention to your misery. He will be a **wild donkey of a man ...**"

[*Three promises]*

First Redemption

Beresheet/Genesis 16.13 So she named ADONI, who had spoken with her, El Ro'i [God of seeing], because she said, "Have I really seen the One who sees me [and stayed alive]?"

Firsts:

1. Multitude of offspring [almost first]
2. Gender prediction
3. Divine Naming Yishma'el יִשְׁמָעֵאל
4. First Character prediction: Wild donkey: The Asian wild ass, also called the onager. They can run faster than any other horse or donkey, reaching and sustaining speeds of up to about 44 miles (70 km) per hour.

<http://animal.discovery.com/guides/mammals/habitat/aridland/asianass.html>

3.5 First angelic visit

Proud nomadic unconq, independent, to a slave girl forced to an old man FREE

Other not so flattering names: Dan – a serpent,

Benjamin – a ravenous wolf

~Am mustang



5. First revelation, seeing G-d 'El Ro'i (God of my seeing), because she said, "Have I really seen the One who sees me [and stayed alive]?"

6. First prediction of progeny: 12 17.20 to this day

[Saw יָרָא first

12 princes Abu Saada p 208

Jeff Seif:

- *David could be another mother Ps 51*

• *David's sister Avigayil married Yeter the Yishmaeli 2 Sam 19.13 [355] Amasa nephew of David 1 Chron 2.17 (1152 CJB)*

(2 Sam 17.25 complicates)

Camels 1 Chron 27.30 1181]

7. First circumcised? Likely, age 13

NOT a cursed son

NOT the covenantal son: blessing, destiny, Land

Finalized Trouble

Beresheet/Genesis 21.8-9 Yitz'chak ... grew and was weaned, and Avraham gave a great banquet on the day that Yitz'chak was weaned. But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom Hagar had borne to Avraham, making fun of Yitz'chak
[Making fun means?? Bad relations]

Finalized Reaction

Beresheet/Genesis 21.10 Sarah said to Avraham, "Throw this slave-girl out! And her son! I will not have this slave-girl's son as your heir along with my son Yitz'chak!"

Expected to have the double blessing of the firstborn

[NO inheritance:

- Not correct, instruct, discipline
- My Dad threatened repeatedly with me
- All to mom anyway]

Finalized Status

Beresheet/Genesis 21.10

God said to Avraham, "Don't be distressed because of the boy and your slave-girl. Listen to everything Sarah says to you, because it is your descendants through Yitz'chak who will be counted.

[Sarah didn't say starve them.

Avraham took further, maybe in bitterness: "This woman, schemes, complains, rages"]

Finalized Rejection: The real Naqba, the real wound

Beresheet/Genesis 21.10

Avraham got up early in the morning, took bread and a skin of water and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, and the child; then he sent her away.

1. Cp 25.5-6 "Avraham gave everything he owned to Yitz'chak

Beresheet/Genesis 21.10

But to the sons of the concubines he made grants while he was still living and sent them off to the east." *[No camel or tent for this now single mom?]*

[211-12 Taysir]

2. Rejection: You may live or die, it's of no consequence. You're dishonorable.

a. Kicked out of the house, 4000 years trying to get back in. Koran, Land

b. Doesn't justify terror.

Explains?

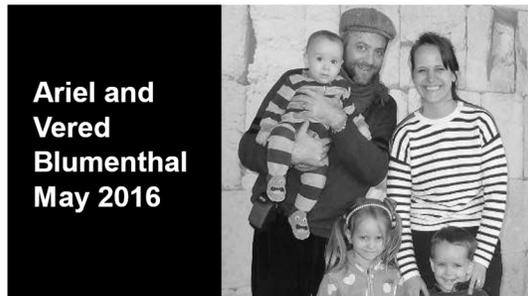
Hope

Some Jewish leader, Israeli leader, Netanyahu previously or now Naftali Bennet bless the Arabs

[211 Abu Saada. Who of us cares about Arabs?

First time I heard Tass, hesitant till he apologized.

Our wound, our need, Start w me and you → MBB 6 million/yr]



Ariel and
Vered
Blumenthal
May 2016

"As so often happens in this Gathering movement, the Holy Spirit moved powerfully on the group through prophetic, 'identificational' acts of reconciliation, intercession and unity – this time bringing healing to the Abrahamic family by us repenting (especially Vered 'standing in' as Sarah) and welcoming Hagar and Ishmael (the Egyptians) back into the family.

"On the third day of our meeting we had a clear sense that God had brought us together 'for such a time as this' (Esther 4:14). As it was with Esther, this time we were led by the women in our midst.

"Egyptian women willingly identified with Hagar and confessed the rejection, envy and resentment she felt when Abraham cast her out of the family as Sarah demanded. (This spirit of rejection has dogged the Arab peoples every generation since.

"Those who have been set free from it are often magnificent people, but the ethnic type prevails.) Agonized tears were wept by the Egyptians and everyone else as we experienced a measure of those emotions.

"They confessed that they had hated and mocked 'Isaac' and his offspring. Then an Israeli mother (Vered) stepped forward to plead, 'There are two empty places at our family table. Won't you come home? Our family is not complete.'

'Isaac needs his older brother, who was blessed by God first.' These words don't begin to express the depth of significance and emotion of the moment. I hope you can imagine a bit of the atmosphere.

"There was much weeping and rejoicing following this time of sharing. And then, the Egyptians began to sing over us, while our 8-month-old boy, Lavi, sat on my shoulders giggling and smiling (as he almost always does). It was as if Hagar and Ishmael were singing, rejoicing over Isaac! (Perhaps that's what we should have named our laughing boy.)

“Possibly for the first time in history, descendants of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob came together with the family of Hagar and Ishmael, all of us secure in our eternal inheritance because of our faith in our great, older brother, Abraham's greatest Son, Yeshua (Romans 8:29-30).”

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No one is a cursed son or daughter.

No one is ultimately fatherless.

We all need to receive the Father's blessing.

We fathers need to GIVE blessing, even if estranged.



*[<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L9hd9AlgmL4&t=7s>
13.13 to 13.44 and 29.23 to 31.02]*

1. Do you KNOW **the Father's love** in Yeshua and sins forgiven?
2. Are you surrendered to Messiah, body, soul, spirit? Walking in relational love, confessing?
3. Are you filled with His Spirit, transforming your life?
4. Who are you discipling, building up?