

Abba Father The Pursuit of our Father

Hebrew name for Father: AB/AV



I. Old Testament

God pursues in big actions, miracles, timing.

"Outside - In" presence of God in form of cloud, tabernacle, dwelling

"I revealed myself to those who did not ask for me; I was found by those who did not see me. To a nation that did not call on my name, I said, 'Here am I, here am I.' All day long I have held out my hands to an obstinate people, who walk in ways not good, pursuing their own imaginations - a people who continually provoke me to my very face." Isaiah 65:1-3

II. New Testament

God pursues in big actions, miracles, timing.

+ Jesus to earth pursuing ALL God's children. (God with skin on)

Luke 10: Parable of Good Samaritan

God pursues the left behind, the broken, those not seen or counted.

Lesson: pursue the ways of Jesus.

Luke 12: Parable of Rich Fool

God pursues with purpose - to show us what really matters in this world.

Lesson: pursue kingdom wealth

Luke 14: Parable of Great Feast

God pursues us to join him for eternity at the ultimate feast.

Lesson: pursue time with Jesus and his will for how we use our time.

Luke 15: Parable of Lost Sheep

God pursues ALL his people.

Lesson: pursue the lost in your sphere of influence.

Luke 15: Parable of Lost Coin

God pursues All his people.

Lesson: pursue the lost - not one matters over another.

Luke 15: Parable of the Lost Son

God pursues All his people.

Lesson: pursue the lost/runaways/rebellious

pursue Jesus as we walk alongside him.

pursue God's people w/ patience, compassion, humility, love

Luke 16: Parable of Shrewd Manager

God pursues our hearts.

Lesson: pursue the heart of God

Luke 18: Parable of Persistent Widow

God pursues justice with a different set of eyes.

Lesson: pursue seeing how Jesus sees the world and those in it.

Luke 18: Parable of Two Men Who Prayed.

God pursues us in our pride.

Lesson: pursue Jesus with humility.

Luke 19: Parable of the King's Ten Servants

God pursues regardless of the depth of our faith.

Lesson: pursue radical faith with gifts given to us.

Luke 20: Parable of Evil Farmers

God pursues us with the sacrifice of his own son

Lesson: pursue the way, the truth and the life found in Jesus.

Pursuit of the father in Luke 15:11-32

-Free will

-Anticipates return

-Expresses compassion

-Removes shame

-Delight in return home

-Celebratory feast

-Pursues his children

-Pleads for righteousness

-Verbalizes desire to want what he wants: death - life, lost - found.

III. Today = Old Testament + New Testament

God pursues in big actions, miracles, timing.

- + real life examples of Jesus' pursuit for our hearts written in scripture.
- + Indwelling moving of his presence.

Abba Father

"And Jesus said, 'Abba father, all things are possible for You. Take this cup away from Me; nevertheless, not what I will, but what You will."
Mark 14:36

"Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation - but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it. For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live. For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, 'Abba Father.'" The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs - heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, in indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory."
Romans 8:12-17

"And because you are sons, God has sent for the the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, 'Abba, Father!'"
Galatians 4:6

"Jesus did not die to sanctify and fill buildings or atmospheres. His work on the cross changed everything. He died to cleanse, fill, and empower our human hearts....this is the promise of ongoing transformation."

Daniel Henderson,

"Transforming Presence: How the Holy Spirit Changes Everything From The Inside Out."

Application

- ★ Receive what the Lord has wherever we are.
- ★ Relinquish small plans.
- ★ Move empowered by the Holy Spirit.

"Eyes that see and Ears that hear" Jennifer Toledo

"The Return of The Prodigal Son", Henri Nouwen

"Transforming Presence - How the Holy Spirit Changes Everything From the Inside Out"

Daniel Henderson

Who you are....

You are the one that created me from dust in your image of beauty, Elohim.
You see me with eyes of love when I feel unnoticed and unworthy, El Roi.
Nothing is impossible for you, my strength El Shadday.
Before time, you are Everlasting to Everlasting El Olam.
You are my provider for all my needs, Yahweh Yireh.
You exist independent of all things, yet desire relationship with me, Yahweh.
The master of my heart and you are after the fullness of my heart, Adonai.
You heal my brokenness and restore me back to life, Yahweh Rophe.
Your love is jealous like no other for my love and affection, El Kanna.
You alone are my peace and your name means peace, Yahweh Shalom.
My rock, my security, my refuge, my Yahweh Tsur.
The shepherd of my life and shepherd of my heart, Yahweh Roi.
Your name is above all other names, Hashem.
Your life gives breath to my being, El Chay.
You are my shield when darts come at me, my refuge in the storms, Machseh.
You judge with righteousness,
yet came to be judged because of my unrighteousness, Shopet.
Your sacrifice for my sin makes me righteous before you, Yahweh Tsideqenu.
God Most High, only one worthy of praise, honor, and glory, El Elyon.
Yesterday, today and tomorrow you are always near, Yahweh Shammah.
This is who you are.

My heart desires to praise you as I live life palms up seeking your will.
I desire to receive all the spiritual blessings you have for me.
I relinquish my small plans for your awesome and victorious plan.
I choose to walk in the power of your Spirit living the abundant life now.
You make this all possible through your son, Jesus Christ.
You are my Abba Father.