

# You Are Our Father

Read Isaiah 63:15 – 64:12

In today's scripture, God has punished His people for their deep and prolonged sin, and they are crying out to Him. They want Him and need Him to look down on them, remember them, and have mercy on them in their desperate situation. They beg Him to tear open the heavens and come down to them in awesome power, as He did so many times in their past.

In their sinfulness, what is their basis for coming to Him and boldly asking for such help?

*You are our Father, though Abraham does not know us  
And Israel does not recognize us.  
You, O Lord, are our Father. (Isaiah 63:16, NASB)*

Even when our earthly fathers fail us and cannot or do not help us, in a truer, deeper sense, God is our Father. We are most truly and fundamentally His children. That thought is expressed again a few verses later:

*But now, O Lord, You are our Father,  
We are the clay, and You are our potter;  
And all of us are the work of Your hand. (Isaiah 64:8, NASB)*

As earthly parents, we desperately want the very best for our children. But as they grow older, we increasingly realize that we can't touch them and shape them in the areas that matter most. They are becoming, or have become, their own persons. Other voices and other examples are now influencing them.

Take comfort in the fact that God was their Father long before we were, and He will still be so when we're gone. His Spirit is close to them in times and places and ways we can't be. He will guide and provide for them far beyond our own ability.

Your children are most truly and fundamentally His children. Pray for them as such. Respect them as such - as fellow human beings before our Father. Trust them to Him, and make yourself completely available to Him. Let our Eternal Father be the father to your children, and allow Him to father them through you.

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