

# Four Faces of God

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## **We need revelation**

*No one has ever seen God, but God the One and Only, who is at the Father's side, has made him known.*

*(John 1:18)*

*A father to the fatherless,  
a defender of widows,  
is God in his holy dwelling.  
God sets the lonely in families,  
he leads forth the prisoners with singing;  
but the rebellious live in a sun-scorched land.  
(Psalm 68:5-6)*

## **A Father and A Family**

*I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. (John 14:18)*

Family = basic unit for God.

O.T. – Sterility = curse

Family vs. Church

Fathers and babies

Fathers and Children

Fathers and Teens

Fathers and Adult Children

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## **A Defender**

Parable of the unjust judge

*And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off?  
(Luke 18:7)*

*But do not think I will accuse you before the Father. Your accuser is Moses, on whom your hopes are set. (John 5:45)*

*He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth;  
He breaks the bow and shatters the spear,  
He burns the shields with fire.  
“Be still, and know that I am God;  
I will be exalted among the nations,  
I will be exalted in the earth.”  
(Psalm 46:9-10)*

Romans 12:7-21

## **A Liberator**

Agents of unconditional liberation.

*The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners.  
(Isaiah 61:1)*

## **A Joy-Giver**

*But let all who take refuge in you be glad;  
Let them ever sing for joy.  
Spread your protection over them,  
that those who love your name may rejoice in you.  
(Psalm 5:11)*

*For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.  
(Romans 14:17)*