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# FATHERLESSNESS

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## I Introduction

- The revelation of the Father Heart of God encompasses many aspects of the character of Father...
- Society is becoming fatherless.
- The number of babies being born without a biological father present is on the rise.
- Single parenting is heard more of now than that of parented families.
- The consequences for children are toxic.
- Teenage crime gangs appear in news headlines more now than ever before.

### How is this going to be reversed?

What part does the church have in reversing this negative trend in society?

## II. Nothing will change until we understand that this is a spiritual issue.

- Look at it from a world-review through biblical spectacles.
- Beyond the visible to the naked eye is a great battle between **LIGHT** and **DARKNESS**; **GOOD** and **EVIL**.

## III. There is a battle...

- The Bible shows that this battle began before the dawn of history. It began with an angel called Lucifer, 'light bringer.' Now, as the cast down Satan he is the 'darkness giver.'
- Lucifer became separated from the Father's love and His presence, so too Adam and Eve became separated from Father's love and His presence.
- From the time of Adam until the coming of Jesus Christ all of humanity was orphaned from their real Father.

**Galatians 4:4-6** (NIV2011)

- Paul is saying that Jesus came to rescue us from our orphan state.

#### IV. Abba, Father!

- Jesus knew God personally and intimately as ‘Abba, Father.’ Abba is Aramaic for Daddy; or Pupa.
- Jesus used this term in an intimate and relational way when addressing His Father.
- He came to die on a cross so that we who were far away could be brought near, having intimate access to Abba, Father through the work of the cross and through the power of the Holy Spirit.
- Thanks to Jesus’ sacrifice, all human beings can be reconciled to Father and are no longer orphans.

**Revelation 21:1-4** (NIV2011)

We win!

**Ephesians 6:12** (NIV2011)

Paul knew what and who opposed him.

**Ephesians 2:6** (NIV2011)

- Once we are in Christ we have been given in extra ordinary position.
- We are reigning with Christ in the heavenly places, and we have nothing to fear.
- We have an extra ordinary position once we are ‘in Christ.’
- We have both power and authority.
- It is the same power that raised Jesus from the dead.
- **A powerless church is no church at all!**

**Ephesians 6:10-11** (NIV2011)

#### V. The Devil’s World Tactics

- One of the tactics in the last hundred years or so, has been to undermine fatherhood throughout the world.
- **2 Corinthians 2:9-11** (NIV2011)

His strategy is to create a fatherless world filled with orphans and widows.

In the documentary ‘Inside 9/11’, one of the most evil and disturbing rhetoric I have ever heard was from a terrorist leader who preached pure evil and hatred. His opening words were:

**“Blood must flow - there must be widows - there must be orphans.”**

- That for me highlighted the demonic plan that it is at work in the world— to create orphans and widows.
- No wonder the Father speaks so often throughout the Bible in reference to orphans and widows.
- The murderer, the father of all lies comes to murder and destroy families.

**BUT...**

- **Our true Father** — the dad whom Jesus came to reveal — is busy working in the opposite spirit. He is a Father to the fatherless, He is a defender of the widow.

**Psalm 68:5-6** (NIV2011)

- This was David’s revelation of the Father’s character and focus.
- Our Father’s greatest passion is to care for orphans and widows. The Old Testament link was to all those without fathers, the orphans; and to all those without husbands, the widows.

**Isaiah 1:17** (NIV2011)

- Until Jesus returns this family of God (universal) is to take the Father’s love to the fatherless, to the widows and make every effort to reverse the curse of fatherlessness on earth.

**Malachi 4:5-6** (NIV2011)

## **VI. It’s Up To Us!**

- For you and I to fulfil this task we need to have our father wounds healed.
- On one hand the ‘Ultimate Orphan’ is at work trying to create orphans and widows, driving families apart through lawlessness and violence—destroying family relationships.

- On the other hand our Real Father in Heaven has been warring against the Orphan Maker.
- When Jesus shed His blood at Calvary, the devil's hold on the planet was loosened and a way was opened up to the Father by which all humanity could choose to come home into the arms of pure love.
- Today, you who are in Christ have the power of the Holy Spirit within you. The power, the Holy Spirit who enables you to know that you are God's child and causes you to cry out— Abba, Father!

## **VII. It's Time!**

- It is time to be set free from the orphan state.
- It is time to fall in love with an experience of the world's greatest Father.
- It is time to meet the Father you always wanted but never knew.
- It is time church, to war against fatherlessness with the Father's love.