

# Paul, His Life and Teachings



## Paul's Theology God (Part 2)

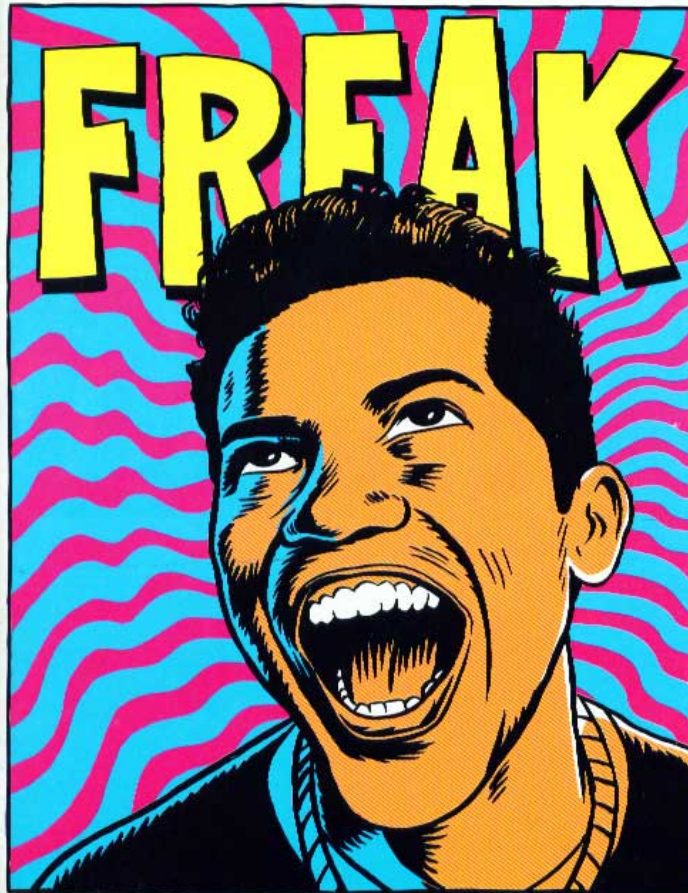
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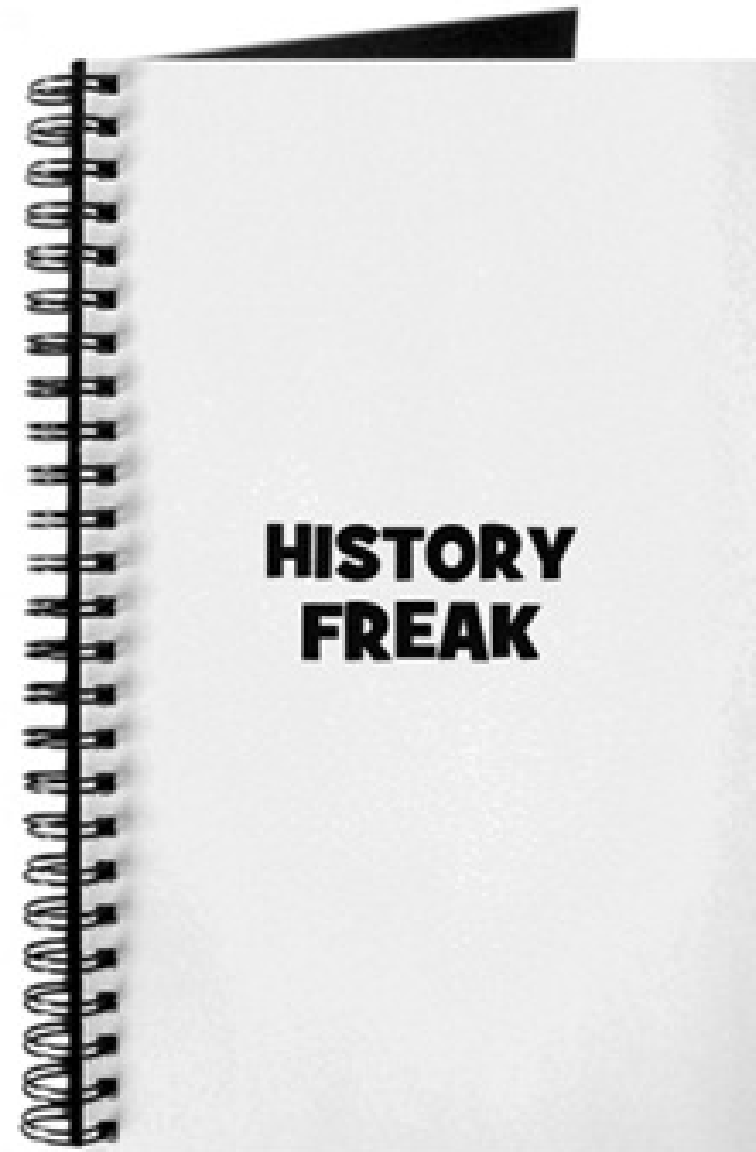
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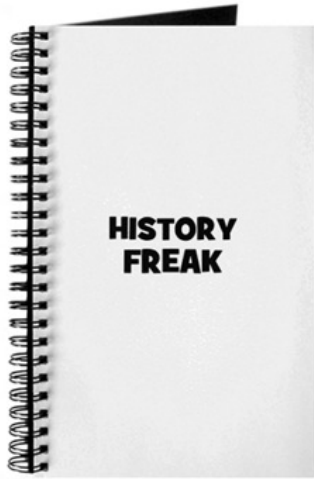
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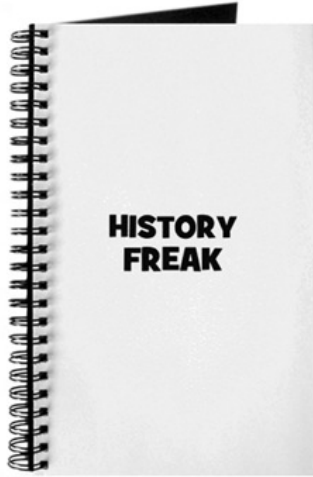
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Ascribing human forms on  
non-humans!

This week ... God the “Father”



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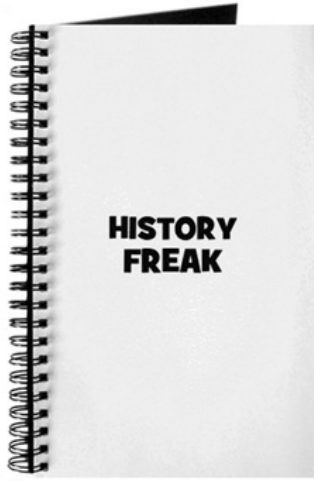


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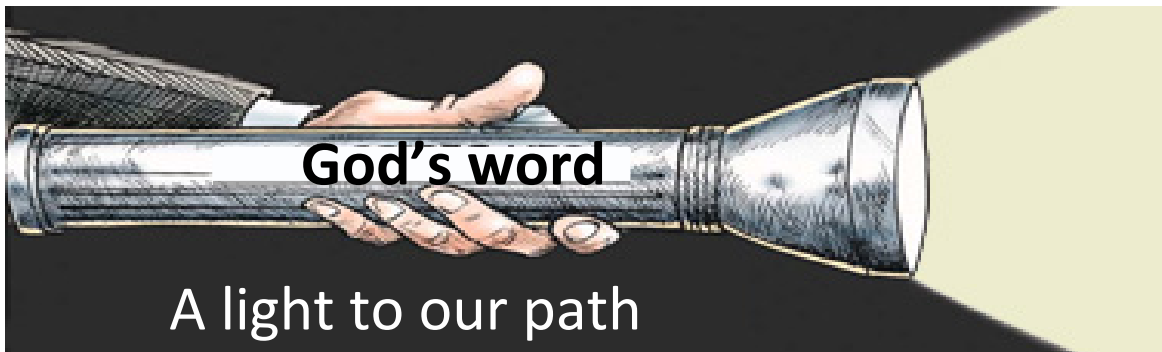




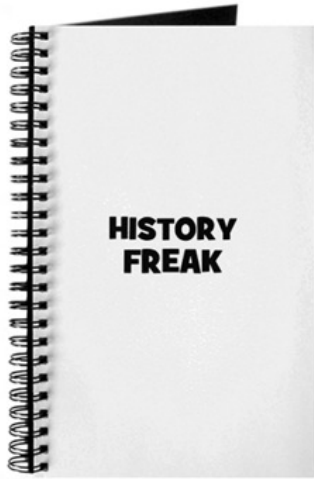
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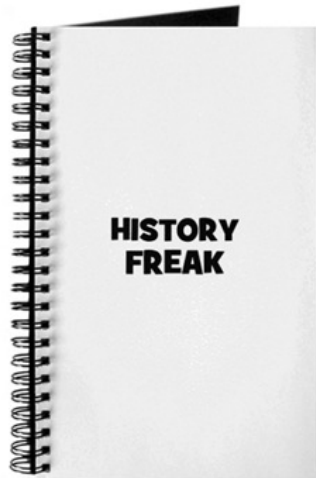
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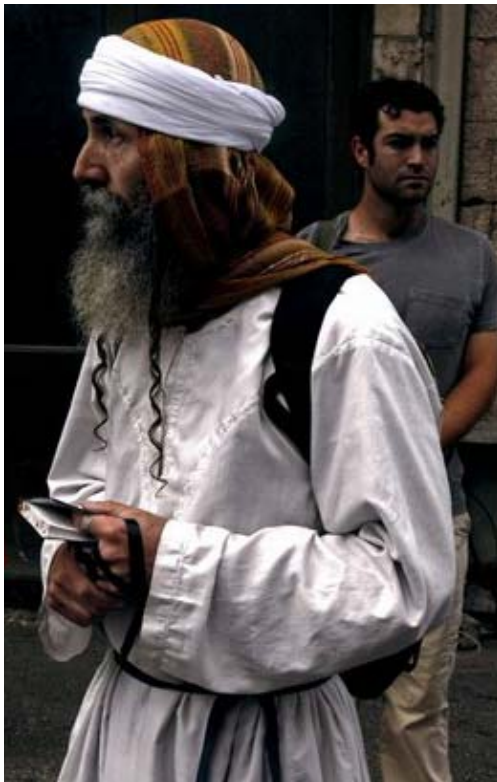
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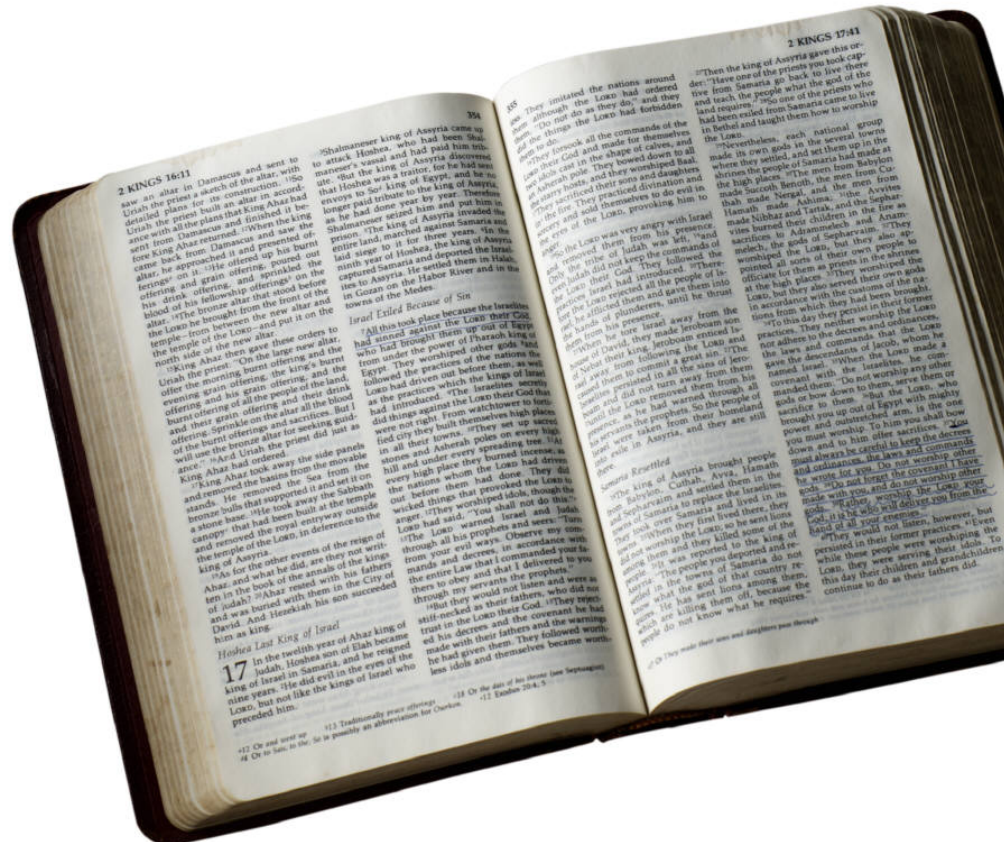
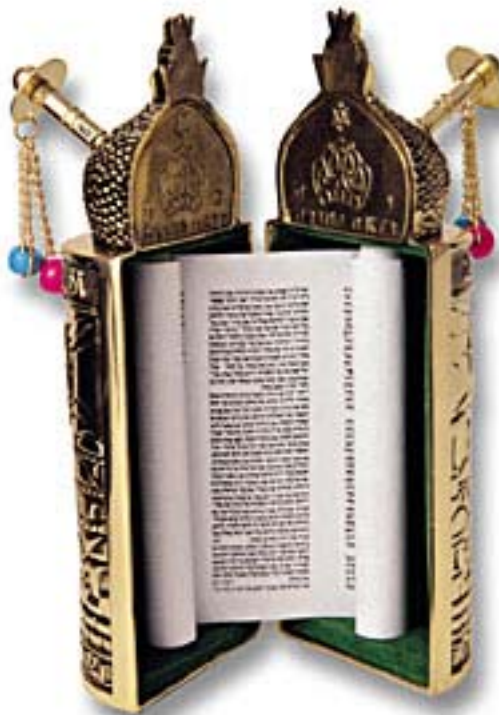
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Paul, a “Hebrew of Hebrews”  
A “Pharisee of Pharisees”  
Rabbinically trained



# The "Old Testament"



## 2 KINGS 16:11

Shalmaneser king of Assyria came up to attack Hoshea, who had been Shalmaneser's vassal and had paid him tribute. But Hoshea was a traitor, for he had sent envoys to So<sup>17</sup> king of Egypt, and he no longer paid tribute to the king of Assyria as he had done year by year. Therefore Shalmaneser seized him and put him in prison. The king of Assyria invaded the entire land, marched against Samaria and laid siege to it for three years. In the ninth year of Hoshea, the king of Assyria captured Samaria and deported the Israelites to Assyria. He settled them in Halah, in Gozan on the Habur River and in the towns of the Medes.

## Israel Exiled Because of Sin

All this took place because the Israelites had sinned against the Lord their God, who had brought them up out of Egypt from under the power of Pharaoh king of Egypt. They worshiped other gods and followed the practices of the nations the Lord had driven out before them, as well as the practices which the kings of Israel had introduced. The Israelites secretly did things against the Lord their God that were not right: from watchtowers to fortified cities they built themselves high places, as the Canaanites had done, and Asherah poles on every hill and under every spreading tree. In every high place the Lord had driven the nations whom he had done. They did everything that provoked the Lord to anger. They worshiped idols, though the Lord had said, "You shall not do this." The Lord warned Israel and Judah through all his prophets and seers. "Turn from your evil ways. Observe my commands and decrees, in accordance with the entire Law that I delivered to your fathers to obey and that I delivered to your servants the prophets. But they would not listen and were as stiff-necked as their fathers, who did not trust in the Lord their God. They rejected his decrees and the covenant he had made with them. They followed worthless idols and themselves became worthless.

## Hoshea Last King of Israel

17 In the twelfth year of Ahas king of Judah, Hoshea son of Beah became king of Israel in Samaria, and he reigned nine years. He did evil in the eyes of the Lord, but not like the kings of Israel who preceded him.

## 2 KINGS 17:41

Then the king of Assyria gave this order: "Have one of the priests you took captive from Samaria go back to live there and teach the people what the god of the land requires." So one of the priests who had been exiled from Samaria came to live in Bethel and taught them how to worship the Lord.

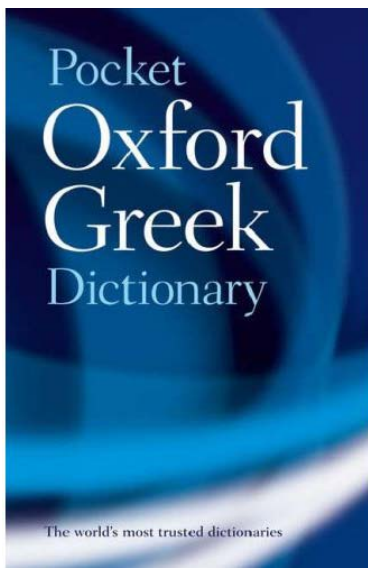
"Nevertheless, each national group made its own gods in the several towns where they settled, and set them up in the shrines the people of Samaria had made at the high places. The men from Babylon made Succoth Benoth, the men from Cush made Nergal, and the men from Hamath made Ashima. The Avvites made Nabaz and Tartab, and the Sepharvites burned their children in the fire as sacrifices to Adrammelech and Anammelech, the gods of Sepharvaim. They also appointed all sorts of priests in the shrines for them as priests in the towns at the high places. They worshiped the Lord, but they also served their own gods in accordance with the customs of the nations from which they had been brought.

"To this day they persist in their former practices. They neither worship the Lord nor adhere to the decrees and ordinances, the laws and commands, whom he gave the descendants of Jacob, whom he named Israel. "When the Lord made a covenant with the Israelites, he commanded them: 'Do not worship any other gods or bow down to them, serve them or sacrifice to them.' But the Lord, who brought you up out of Egypt with mighty power and outstretched arm, is the one you must worship. To him you shall bow down and to him offer sacrifices. "I have said always be careful to keep the decrees and ordinances. The laws and commands I have written for you. Do not worship other gods. 'Do not forget the covenant I have made with you, and do not worship other gods. It is he who will deliver you from the hand of all your enemies. "They would not listen, however, but persisted in their former practices. While these people were worshipping other gods, they were serving their idols. To this day their children and grandchildren continue to do as their fathers did.

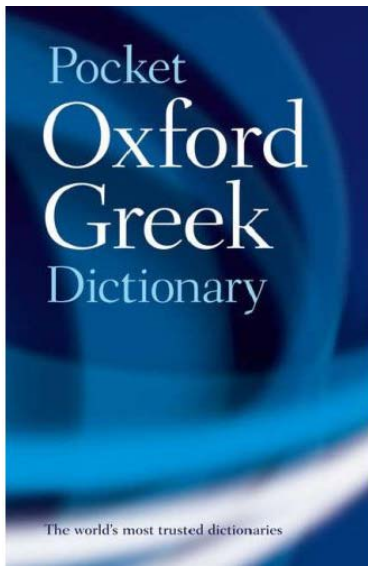
<sup>17</sup> Or: and over it.  
<sup>18</sup> Or: to him; or, to, in possibly an abbreviation for Dushan.

<sup>17</sup> Traditionally given offerings.  
<sup>18</sup> Or: the day of his death (see Septuagint).  
<sup>19</sup> Exodus 20:5.

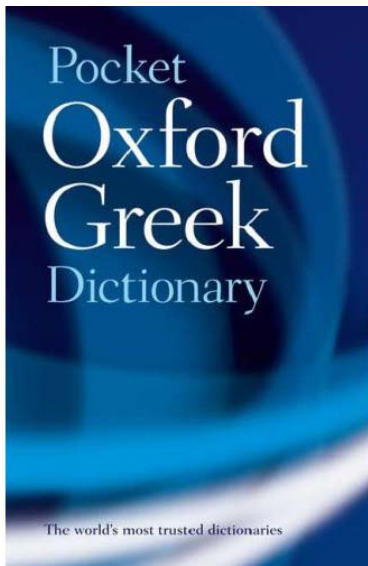
<sup>20</sup> They made their sons and daughters into people who do not know what he requires.



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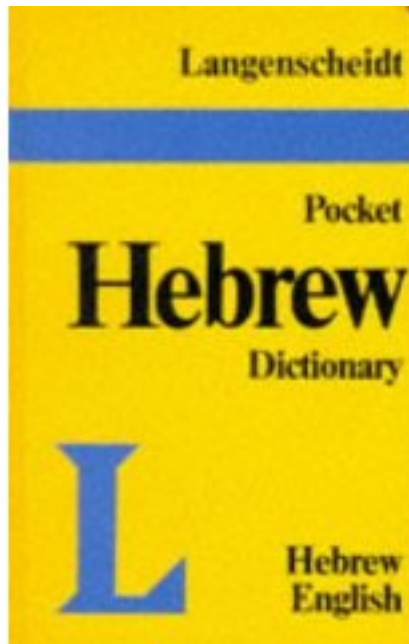


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Think “*Abraham*”



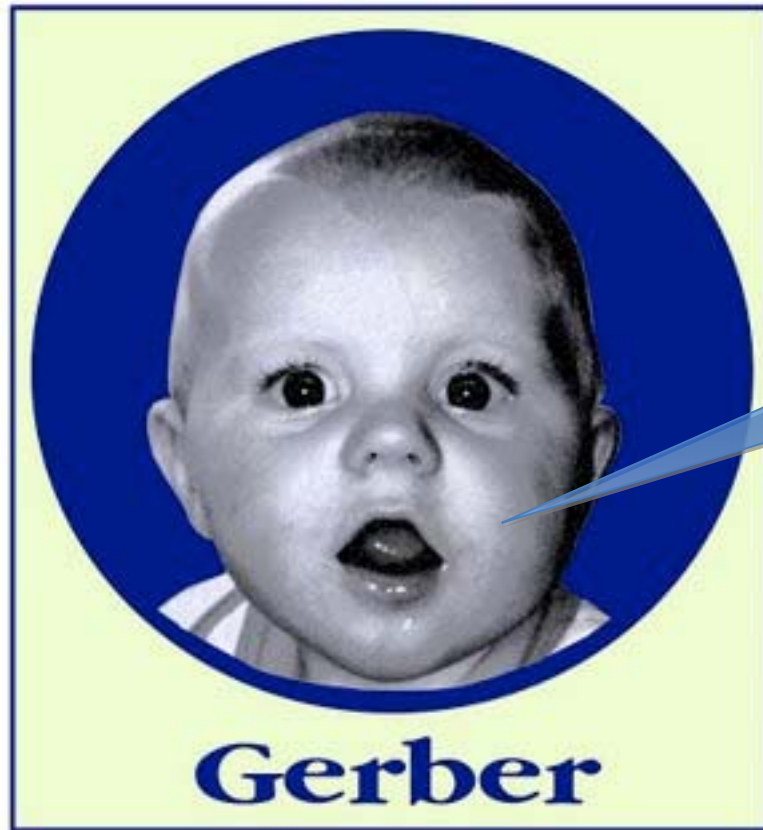
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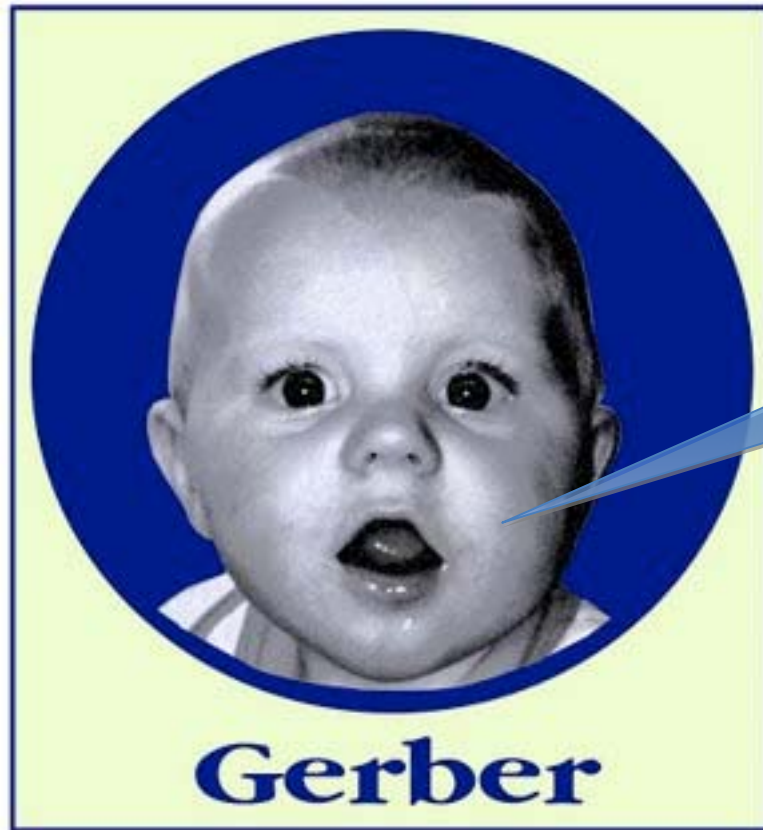


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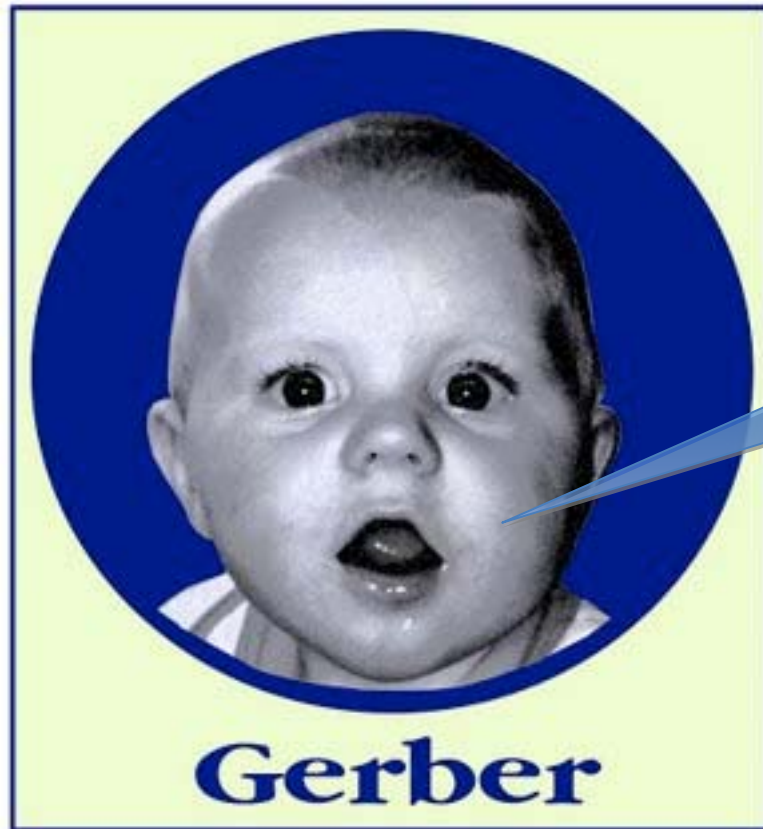
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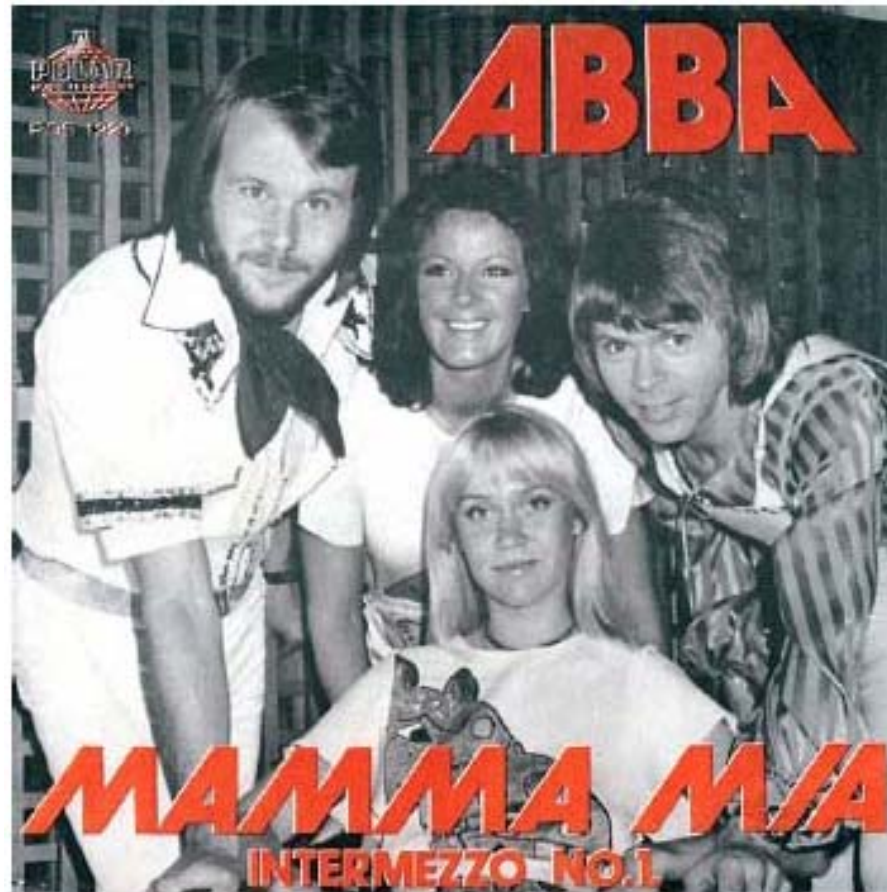
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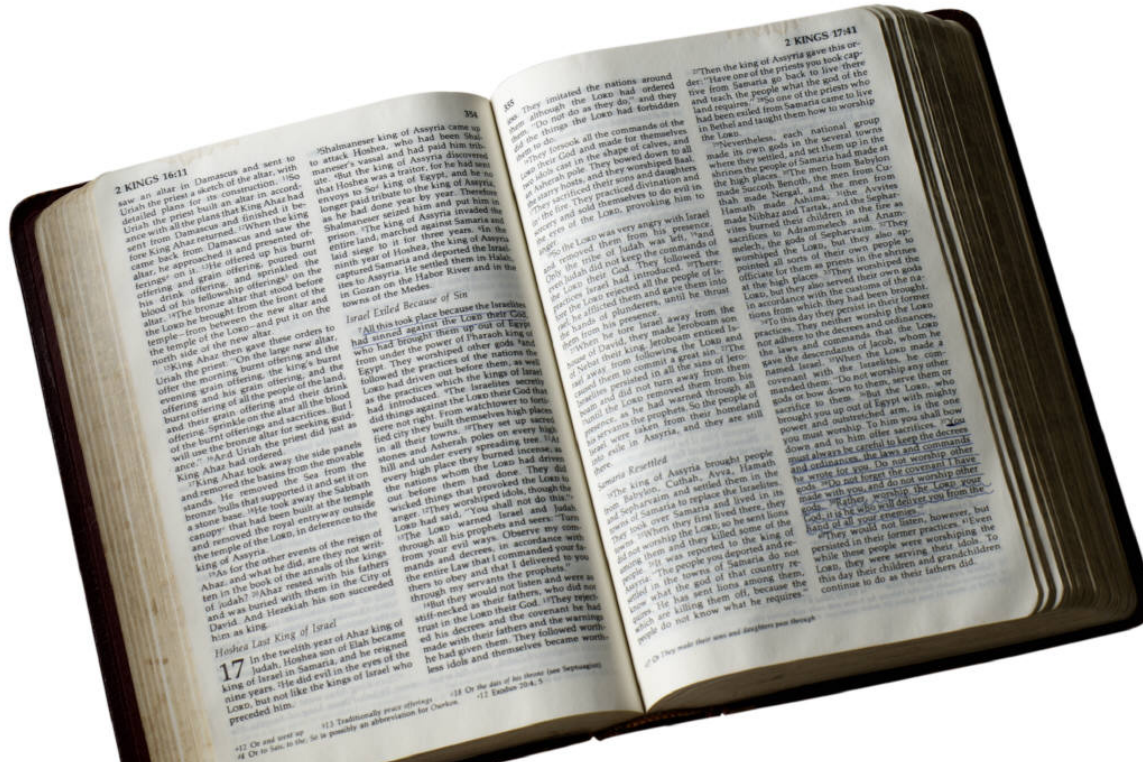
*abba* is an  
affectionate  
form for *ab*

# Not Your Father's ABBA!





# Let's study *ab* in the "Old Testament"



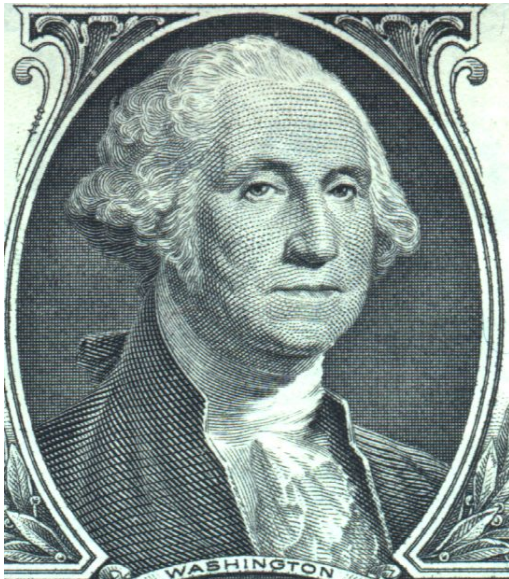


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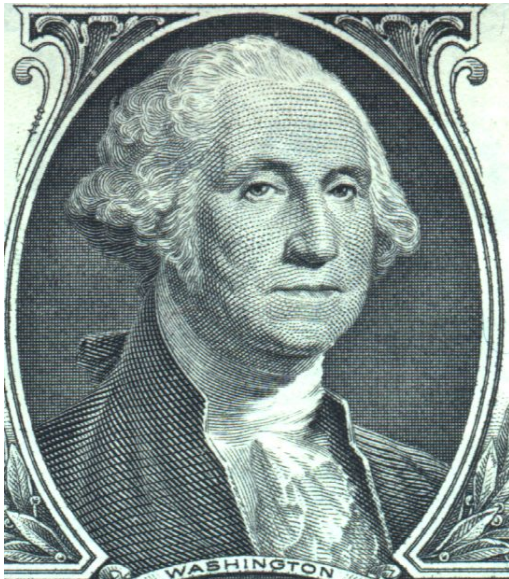


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Jabal is the “father [*ab*  
] of those who dwell in  
tents”  
(Gen 4:20)



*ab* can be someone deserving  
special honor or respect





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David calls King Saul  
“father [*ab* ]”  
(1 Sam. 24:11)



*ab* can be one who takes extra care for those in need







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Joseph calls himself a  
“father [*ab* ]” to Pharoah  
(Gen. 45:8)

*ab* as a family father



Father [*ab*] has almost unlimited authority

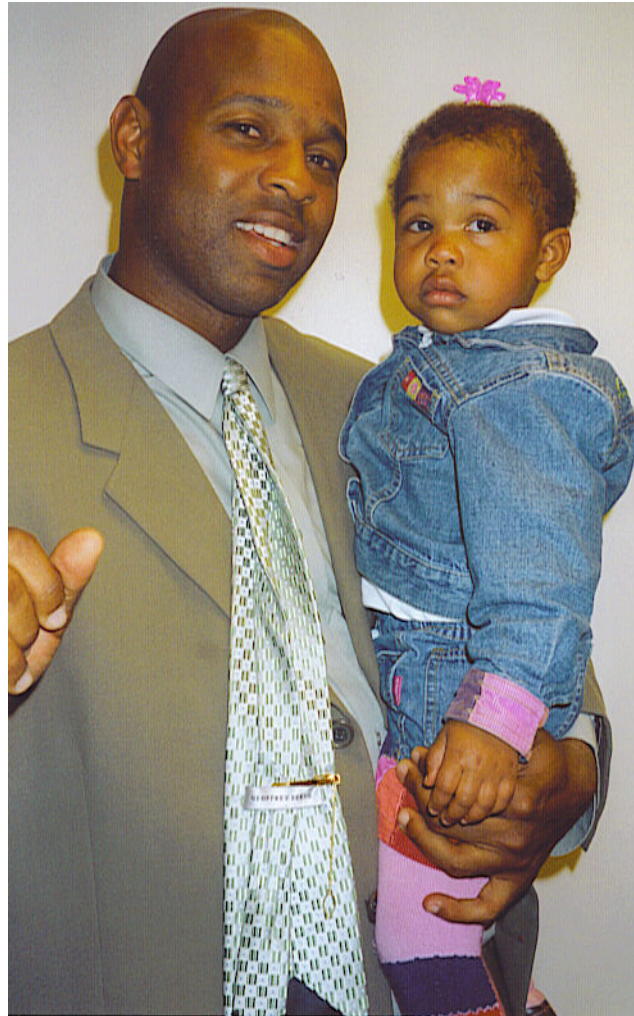




**WARNING! Authority is not always  
exercised properly!**



# Children are taught to honor their father



Father is the one who shapes the  
family



The father was responsible for  
protecting his children

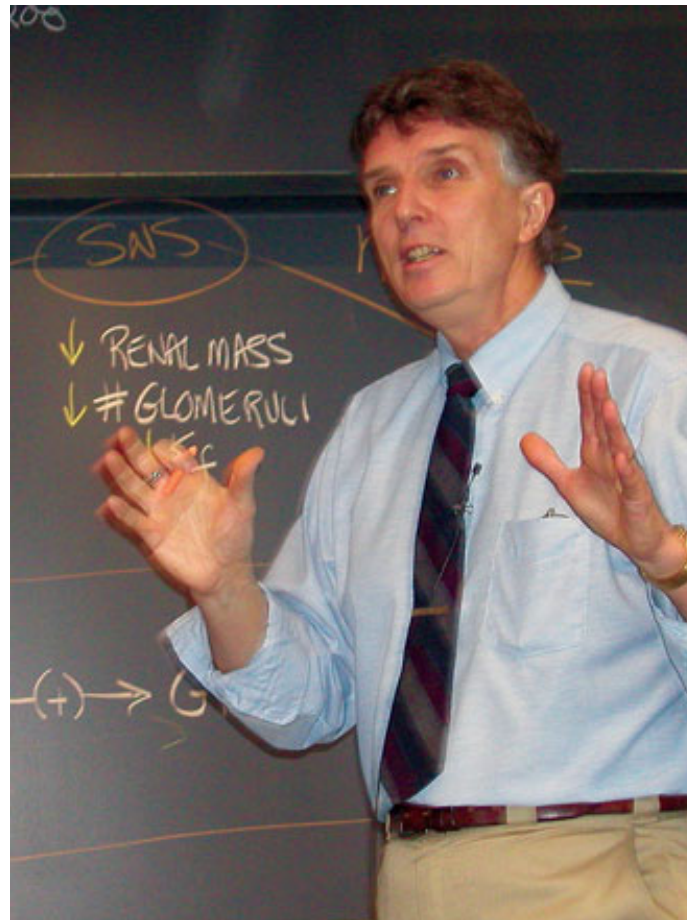


The father was responsible for  
training his children

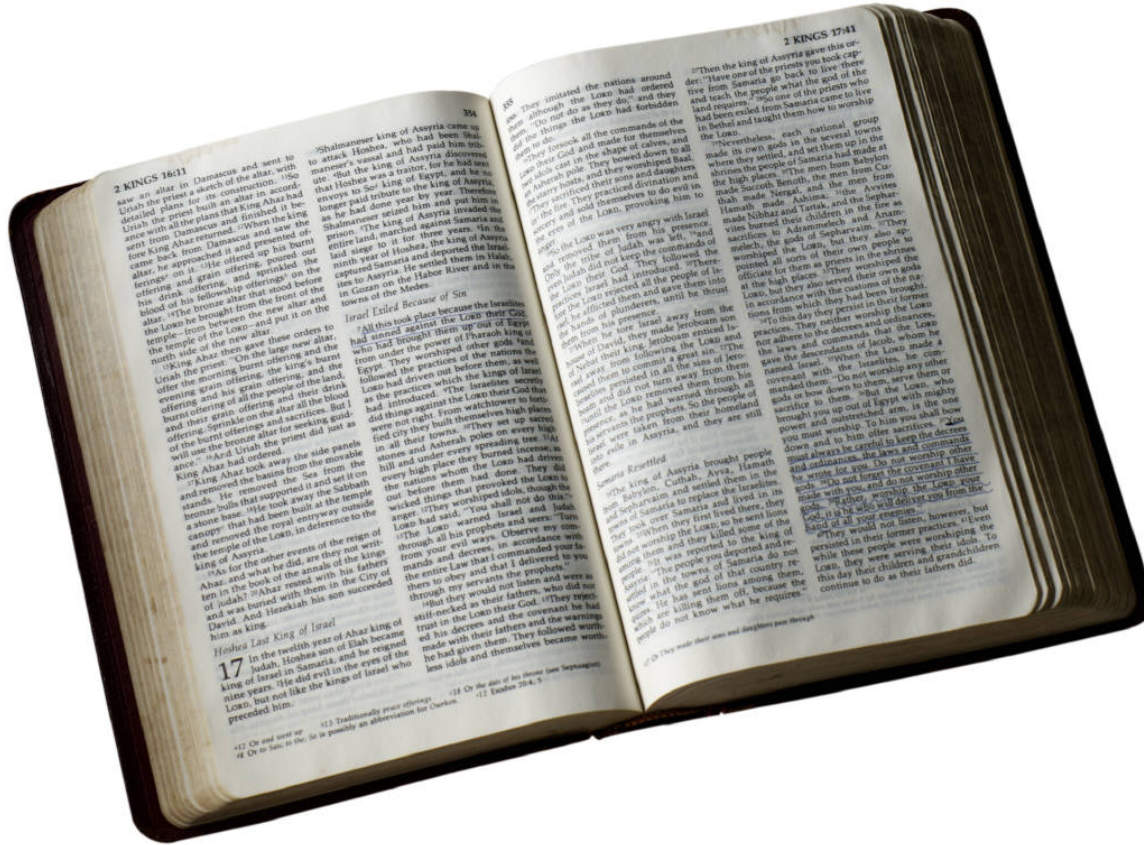




# The father was responsible for teaching his children



It is rare in the Old Testament to  
find God called one's Father



But Paul calls God “Father” over  
and over again

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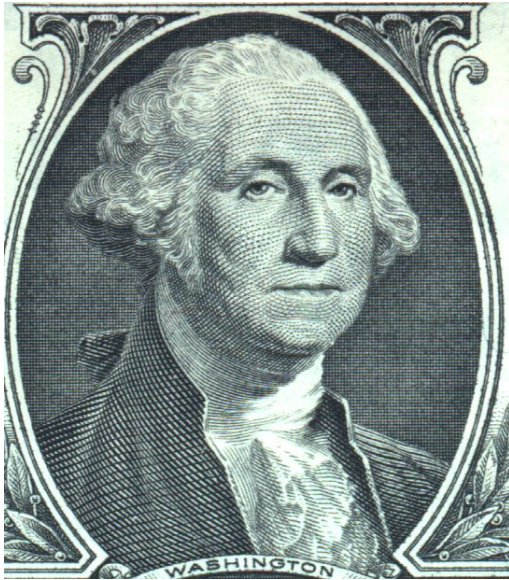


Where did all  
this come  
from?

“Our *Father* in heaven...”



# God (Father) started a movement!



God called Abraham  
from Ur and promised  
him, “In you shall all  
the nations be  
blessed” (Ga. 3:8)

# God (Father) merits special honor and respect!



The crucified and  
resurrected Messiah  
brings every knee to bow  
“to the glory of ***God the  
Father***”  
(Phil. 2:5-11)

# God (Father) takes extra care for those in need!



God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”  
(Rom. 5:8)

God (Father) as a parent has  
unlimited authority!





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# We are to honor God the Father



Give “thanks always  
and for everything to  
God our Father in the  
name of the Lord  
Jesus Christ”  
(Eph. 5:20)



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“glory forever and  
ever” to “God our  
Father”  
(Phil. 4:20)

God the Father is the one who  
shapes his family



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“But who are you, O man, to answer back to God? Will what is molded say to its molder, ‘Why have you made me thus?’ Has the potter no right over the clay?” (Rom. 9:20-21)



God the Father is responsible for  
protecting his children





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“God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace”  
(2 Thess. 2:16)

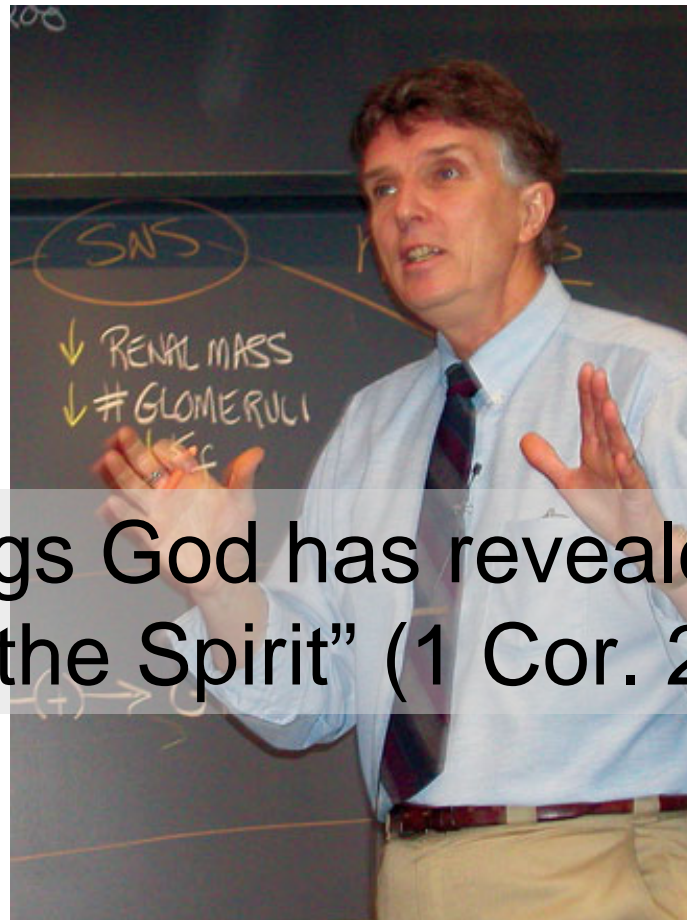
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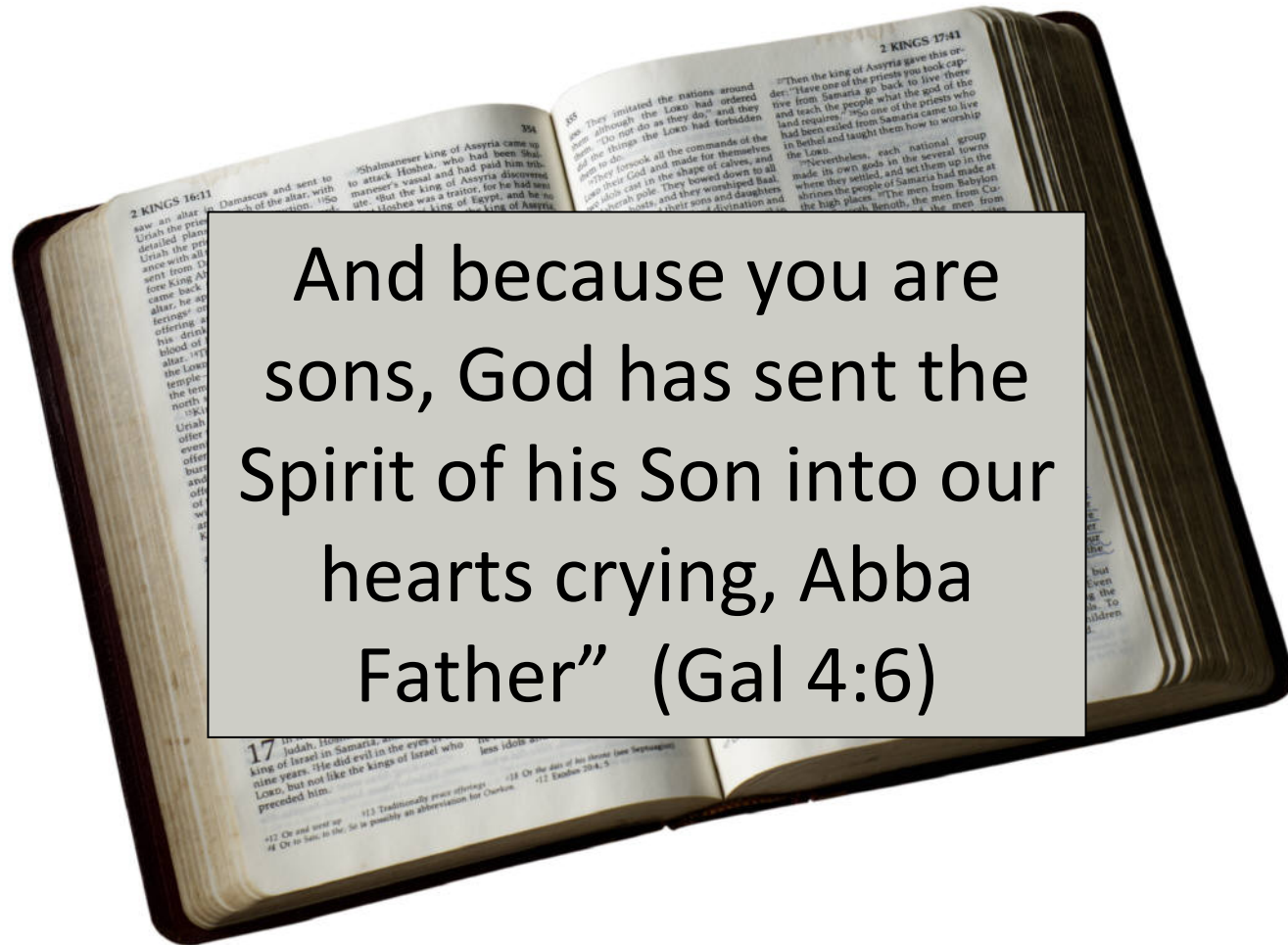
# The father was responsible for teaching his children



“These things God has revealed to us through the Spirit” (1 Cor. 2:10)

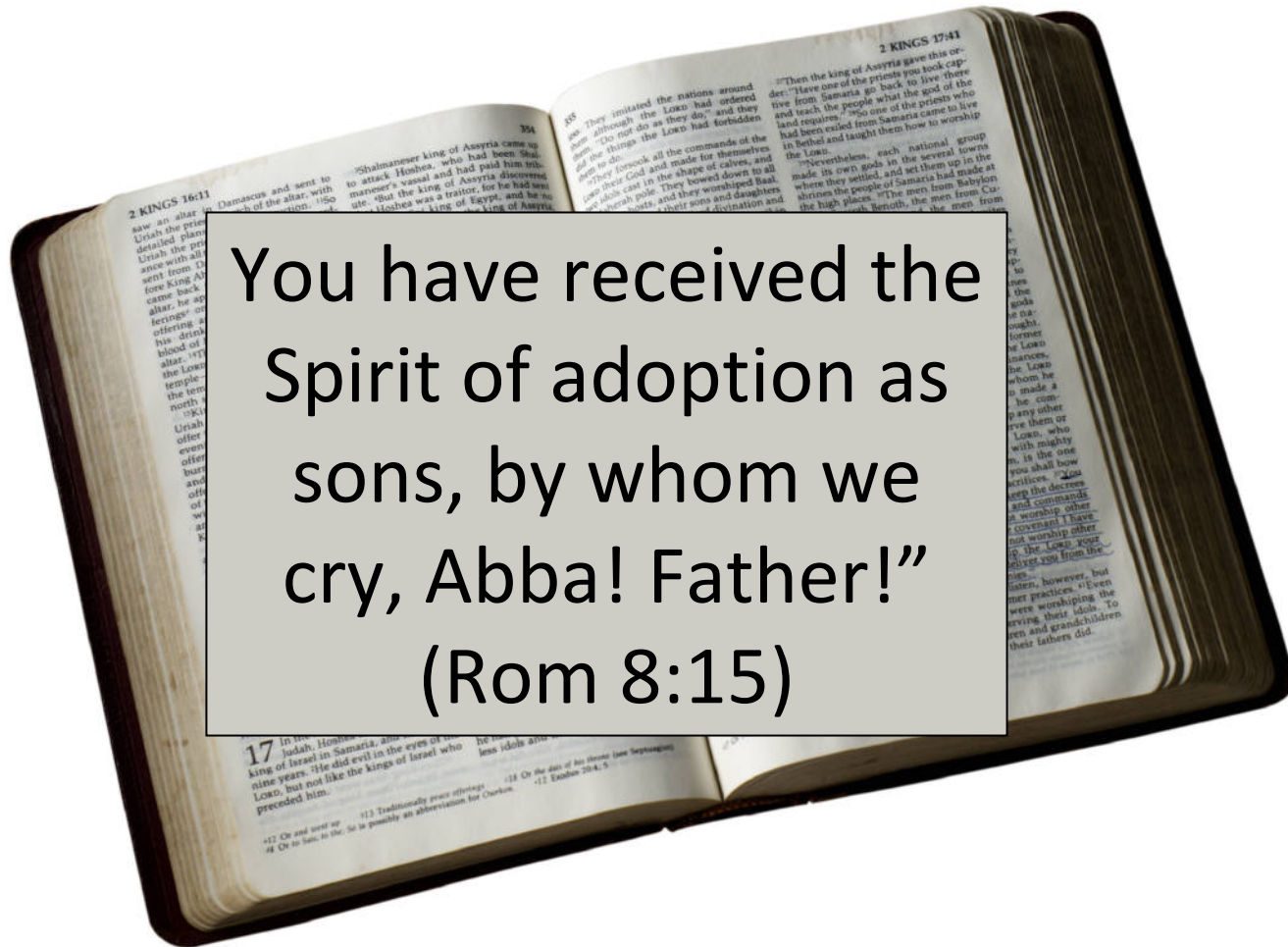


# Consider closely the family bond

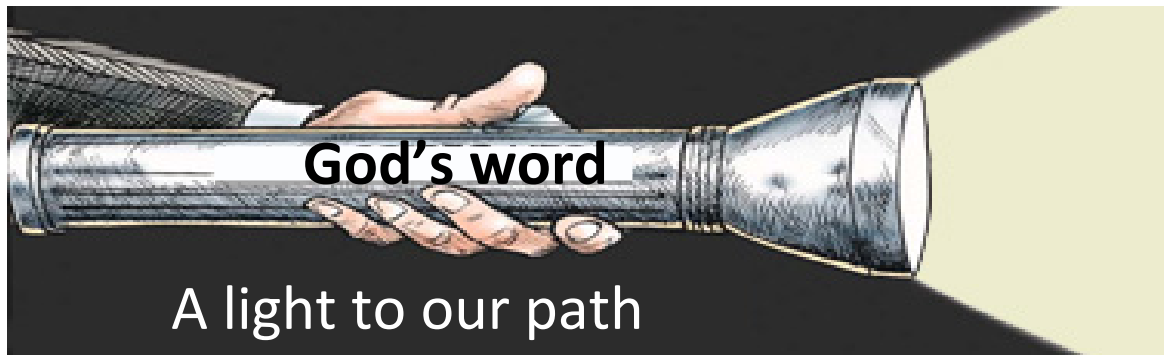


And because you are  
sons, God has sent the  
Spirit of his Son into our  
hearts crying, Abba  
Father” (Gal 4:6)

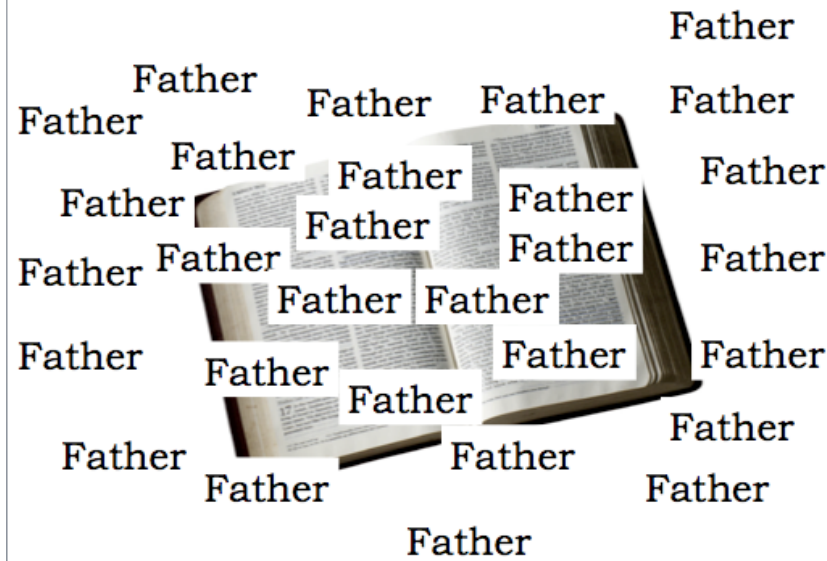
# Remember Paul was a devout Jew



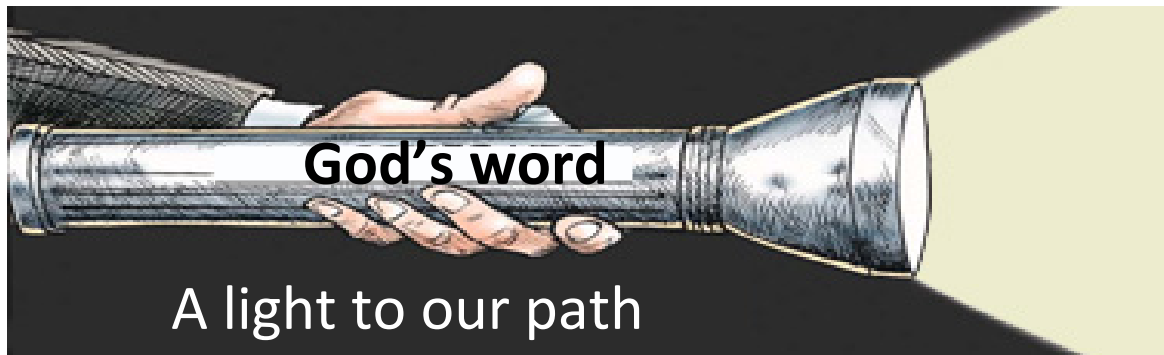
You have received the  
Spirit of adoption as  
sons, by whom we  
cry, Abba! Father!"  
(Rom 8:15)



# Points for Home



“There is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist”  
(1 Cor 8:6)

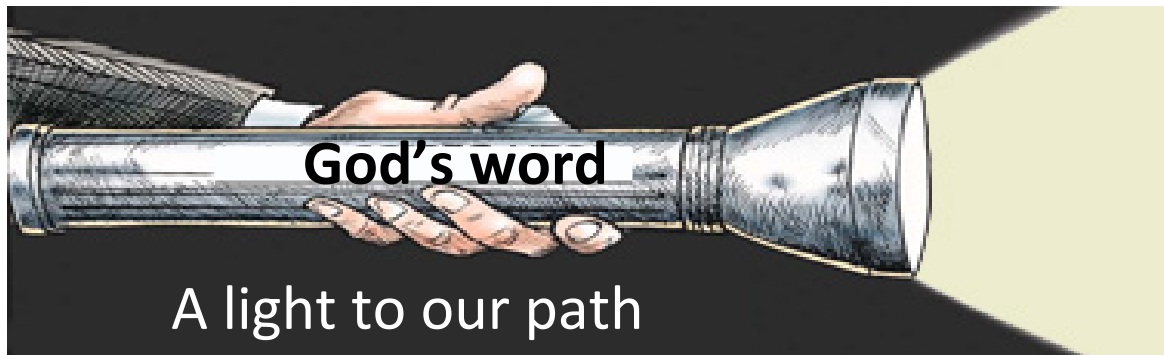


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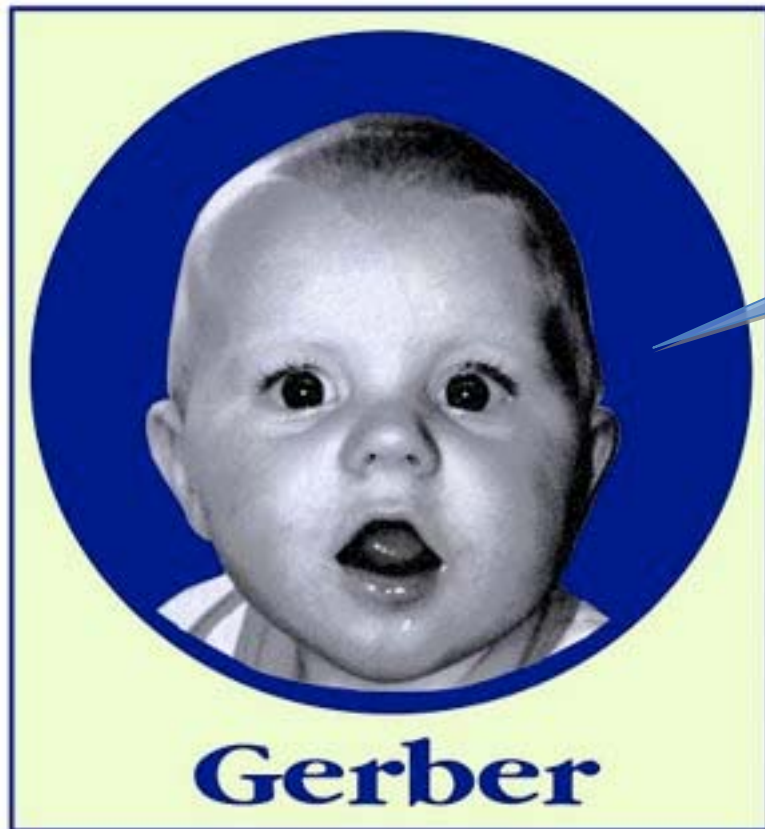
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“What son is there  
whom his father does  
not discipline?”  
(Heb 12:7)



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