

A Godly Father

Father's Day, Sunday Morning, June 21, 2015

Introduction:



Ever heard of “Borax” and “Soda Ash”? Both are salt forms of a type of acid. Both over the years have been used as cleaning products. Borax, a mineral acid, has also been used in cosmetics, enamel glaze, to make buffer solutions

in biochemistry, fire retardant, an anti-fungal compound for fiberglass, and as an insecticide. Soda ash, a plant acid, is commonly used as a water softener. In combination the two are used to purify gold. According to science.howstuffworks.com , “The final stage of gold production -- refining -- involves removing impurities that remain after the smelting process. Refining companies receive doré bars, as well as scrap gold, and re-liquefy the metal in a furnace. Workers add borax and soda ash to the molten metal, which separates the pure gold from other precious and less precious metals. A sample is then taken to a lab for tests, or assays, that measure the gold content. In most cases, the gold is 99.9 percent pure. Workers cast the gold produced during refining into bars.” This refinement process is what makes the gold valuable and usable. Not too many people want a gold ring full of impurities.

Likewise, God the Father prefers Christian Fathers to be without impurities and will use what is necessary to purify us.

I. Fathers, How Well Do You Know Your Heavenly Father?

(I John 2: 12 – 14)

12 I write to you, little children, Because your sins are forgiven you for His name's sake.

13 I write to you, fathers, Because you have known Him who is from the beginning. I write to you, young men, Because you have overcome the wicked one. I write to you, little children, Because you have known the Father.

14 I have written to you, fathers, Because you have known Him who is from the beginning. I have written to you, young men, Because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, And you have overcome the wicked one.

Fathers, do you know God the Father well-enough to teach others about Him?

II. Abraham Knew His Heavenly Father

(Genesis 22: 1 – 18)

1 Now it came to pass after these things that God tested Abraham, and said to him, “Abraham!”

And he said, “Here I am.”

2 Then He said, “Take now your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.”

(more of Bible Passage on next page)

3 So Abraham rose early in the morning & saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son; and he split the wood for the burnt offering, and arose and went to the place of which God had told him.

4 Then on the third day Abraham lifted his eyes and saw the place afar off.

5 And Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the lad and I will go yonder and worship, and we will come back to you."

6 So Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife, and the two of them went together.

7 But Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said, "My father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son."

Then he said, "Look, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?"

8 And Abraham said, "My son, God will provide for Himself the lamb for a burnt offering." So the two of them went together.

9 Then they came to the place of which God had told him. And Abraham built an altar there and placed the wood in order; and he bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, upon the wood.

10 And Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. 11 But the Angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!"

So he said, "Here I am."

12 And He said, "Do not lay your hand on the lad, or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me."

13 Then Abraham lifted his eyes & looked, & there behind him was a ram caught in a thicket by its horns. So Abraham went & took the ram, & offered it up for a burnt offering instead of his son.

14 And Abraham called the name of the place, The-Lord-Will-Provide; as it is said to this day, "In the Mount of the Lord it shall be provided." *(more of Bible Passage on next page)*

15 Then the Angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time out of heaven,

16 and said: "By Myself I have sworn, says the Lord, because you have done this thing, and have not withheld your son, your only son—

17 blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heaven and as the sand which is on the seashore; and your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies.

18 In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice."

Learn to let go of all that's valuable to you, so you can live a life that is honorable to God.

III. A Father's Genuine Faith is Known Through Trials (1 Peter 1: 7 – 8)

7 that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ,

8 whom having not seen you love. Though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory,

A Christian Father ≈ Spiritually Mature

The Value of Faith tried and true to God the Father

Conclusion:

A Godly Father is Known By His Faith Through Trials. They Purify Him to Have A Heart of Gold.