

## HE SHALL BE CALLED EVERLASTING FATHER

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

**14** *For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.*

**15** *For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!"*

**16** *The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,*

**17** *and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.* Romans 8:14-17

*See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; 1 John 3:1a*

*'For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.'*

Isaiah 9:6

### OUR EARTHLY FATHERS

- Never Fully Satisfied
- Often Angry
- Sometimes Absent

### OUR EVERLASTING FATHER

- Is Compassionate

*'The Lord is merciful (compassionate) and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.'* Psalm 103:8

*'Come to me, all you who are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.'*

Matthew 11:28-29

- Is Caring

*'For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.'* Jeremiah 29:11

- Is Always There

*"I will never leave you nor forsake you."* Hebrews 13:5b

*"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."*  
Psalm 46:1