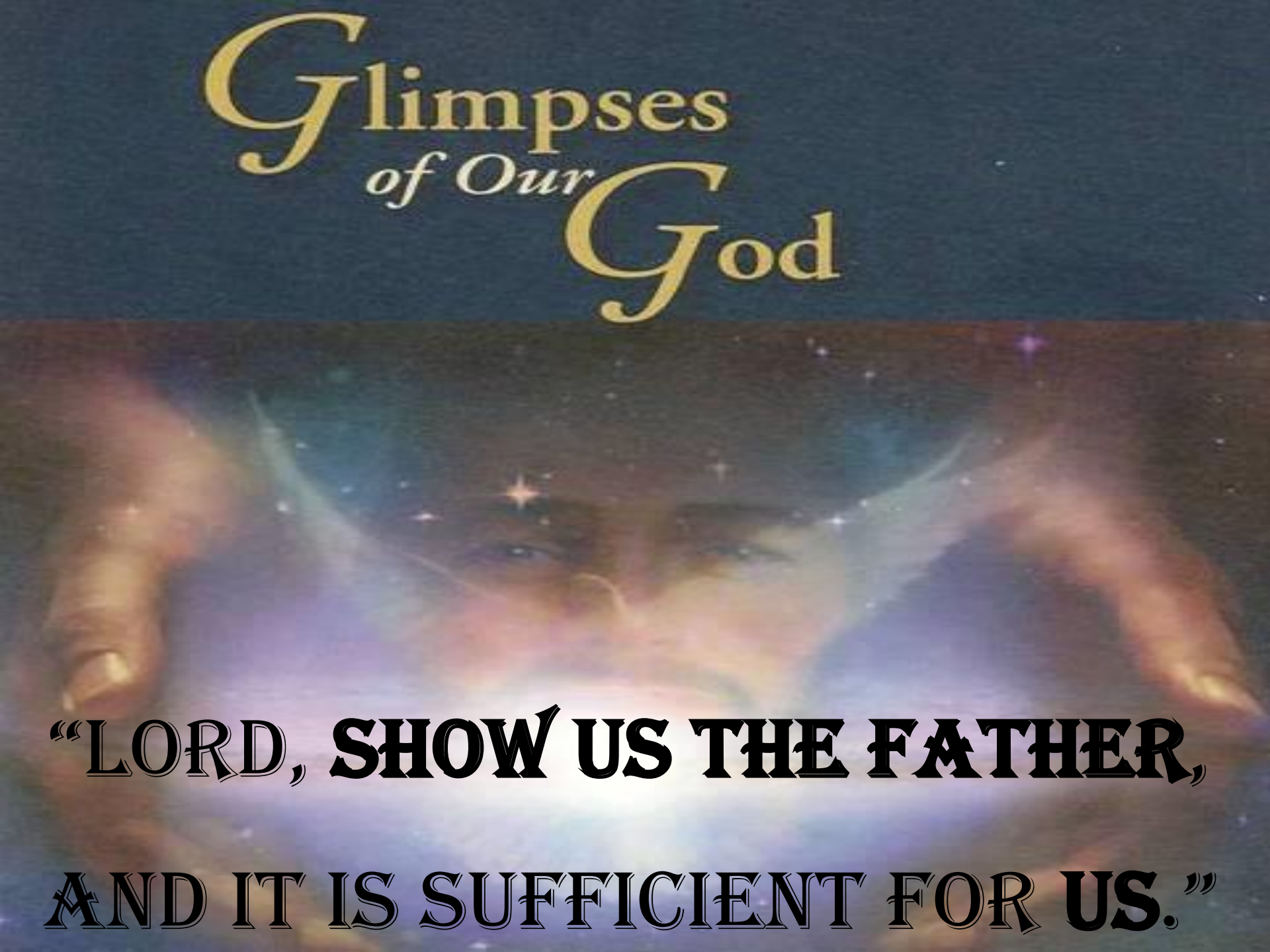


**Show us**

**the**

**F a t h e r**



*Glimpses  
of Our God*

**“LORD, SHOW US THE FATHER,  
AND IT IS SUFFICIENT FOR US.”**

**Out of about 12 million single parent families in 2014, more than 80% were headed by single mothers**

<https://singlemotherguide.com/single-mother-statistics/>

**1 in 4 children under the age of  
18 — a total of about 17.4 million  
— are being raised without a  
father and nearly half (45%) live  
below the poverty line**

<https://singlemotherguide.com/single-mother-statistics/>

**Youth from fatherless homes  
have 5 times higher rate of  
suicide attempts compared  
to the average**

<https://thefatherlessgeneration.wordpress.com/statistics/>

**90% of all homeless and  
runaway children are  
from fatherless homes –  
32 times the average**

<https://thefatherlessgeneration.wordpress.com/statistics/>

**85% of all children who show  
behavior disorders come  
from fatherless homes – 20  
times the average**

<https://thefatherlessgeneration.wordpress.com/statistics/>

**80% of rapists with anger  
problems come from  
fatherless homes – 14  
times the average**

<https://thefatherlessgeneration.wordpress.com/statistics/>



**85% of youths in  
prisons grew up in a  
fatherless home**

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**Josef Fritzl (73), an Austrian, who fathered seven children with his daughter he held captive and enslaved for 24 years in a basement of his house**



**“And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.”**

**(John 17, 3)**

“FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD  
THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY  
BEGOTTEN SON, THAT WHOEVER  
BELIEVES IN HIM SHOULD NOT  
PERISH BUT HAVE EVERLASTING  
LIFE.”

(John 3, 16)

**Was the Old Testament God  
(Father) different from the  
New Testament God?**

# What do Americans think about God?

- **Authoritarian God**
- **Benevolent God**
- **Distant God**
- **Critical God**

**The Critical God** (16% overall, 21.3% in the East) has his judgmental eye on the world, but he's not going to intervene, either to punish or to comfort.

What do you think  
God (Heavenly  
Father) is like?



**What kind of God  
(Heavenly Father)  
do you know?**

Luke 15

**A lost sheep** – “there will be more joy in heaven ...”

**A lost coin** – “there is joy in the presence of the angels of God”

**The lost son** – “His father saw him and had compassion and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him.”

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and ran and fell on his neck and kissed  
(καταφιλεω) him.”

**Καταφιλεω**

**φιλημα**



**"if any one in Jerusalem has a disobedient child, he shall take him out to the Valley of Jehoshaphat, to Absalom's Monument, and force him, by words or stripes, to hurl stones at it, and to curse Absalom; meanwhile telling him the life and fate of that rebellious son."**

“Now in all Israel there was no one who was praised as much as Absalom for his good looks. From the sole of his foot to the crown of his head there was no blemish in him.” (2 Samuel 14, 25)

“You *were* the seal of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty.  
Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty ...”  
(Ezekiel 28, 12.17)

“After this it happened that Absalom provided himself with chariots and horses and fifty men to run before him.”

(2 Samuel 15, 1)

Now Adonijah the son of Haggith exalted himself, saying, I will be king and he prepared for himself chariots and horsemen, and fifty men to run before him.

(1 Kings 1, 5)

**“Now Absalom would rise early and stand beside the way to the gate. *So* it was, whenever anyone who had a lawsuit came to the king for a decision, that Absalom would call to him and say, “What city *are* you from?” And he would say, “Your servant *is* from such and such a tribe of Israel.” Then Absalom would say to him, “Look, your case *is* good and right; but *there is* no deputy of the king to hear you.”**



Moreover Absalom would say, “Oh, that I were made judge in the land, and everyone who has any suit or cause would come to me; then I would give him justice.” And *so* it was, whenever anyone came near to bow down to him, that he would put out his hand and take him and kiss him. In this manner Absalom acted toward all Israel who came to the king for judgment. So Absalom stole the hearts of the men of Israel.”

(2 Samuel 15, 2-6)

**“For you have said in your heart:  
‘I will exalt my throne above the  
stars of God; I will also sit on the  
mount of the congregation on the  
farthest sides of the north; I will  
be like the Most High.’”**

(Isiah 14, 13-14)

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*You were perfect in  
your ways from the  
day you were  
created, till  
iniquity was found  
in you. (Ezekiel 28,  
15)*

And with Absalom  
went two hundred  
men invited from  
Jerusalem, and they  
went along  
innocently and did  
not know anything.  
(2 Samuel 15, 11)

His tail drew a  
third of the stars  
of heaven and  
threw them to  
the earth.  
(Rev. 12, 4)

**“And the king said to the Cushite, ‘Is the young man Absalom safe?’ And the Cushite answered, ‘May the enemies of my lord the king, and all who rise against you to do you harm, be as that young man is!’”**

**(2 Sam. 18, 32)**

**“Then the king was deeply moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept. And as he went, he said thus: ‘O my son Absalom – if only I had died in your place! O Absalom my son, my son!’”**

(2 Sam. 18, 33)

**“And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.”**

**(John 17, 3)**

**"You have heard that it was said, '*You shall love your neighbor* and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; (...) Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect."**

**Matthew 6, 43-48**



**“But if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? (...) But love your enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High. For He is kind to the unthankful and evil. Therefore be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful.”**

**Luke 6, 32-36**