

In Israel little children run around in playgrounds, calling out: “Abba! Abba!”, and jumping into their fathers’ embraces. To the Jews, Abba is the most intimate way in which you can address your father. It is a beautiful picture of the truth that through Jesus, you have received the Spirit of sonship / daughtership by whom you cry out “Abba, Father”. Notice that the Holy Spirit refused to translate the original Aramaic word “Abba” into English.

In Abba’s arms, a child is most secure, protected, and loved. No enemy can pull a child out of his or her Abba’s strong arms. That is the image God wants us to have when we pray to Him and call Him “Abba”. Unless you can see Him as your Abba Father, you will continue to have a “spirit of bondage again to fear” (Romans 8:15), referring to the Old Testament fear of God. It is a slavish fear of judgement and punishment that brings you into bondage and makes you afraid of God.

God doesn’t want you to fear Him. He wants you to have a Spirit of sonship / daughtership! Too many believers are living with an orphan, fatherless spirit. If you are entangled with all kinds of fears, guilt, and worries, what you need is a good Heavenly dose of the Father’s love for you. In your moments of weakness you don’t have to approach God with perfect prayers. Just cry out: “Abba!”, and your Heavenly Father will be there for you. You are not coming before a judge. You are coming before your Father, who embraces and loves you just the way you are.

Believe that your Abba Father loves you unconditionally. See Him welcoming you with a smile on His face and with outstretched arms. Run into His embrace, bask in His perfect love for you, and let it melt away all worry, guilt, fear, and insecurity. When you believe and receive your Father’s love for you, it will put unshakeable peace and strength in your soul and spirit!

Romans 8:15-16 “The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship / daughtership. By Him we cry: “Abba, Father.” The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children.”