GOD THE FATHER

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BACK TO THE BASICS

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Let's compare the 1963 Baptist Faith and Message with the 2000 BF&M on this second article. Look for two words that were added.

One of the most amazing truths God reveals about Himself is the fact that He relates to us as Father. Let's see this truth in **Psalm 103:13**.

When Jesus taught us to pray to "our _____, who is in heaven" (**Matthew 6:9**), He opened our eyes to the fact that God's _____ _____ is the _____ of our being and the _____ of our future with Him.

The Bible describes God's love and care for His creation in terms of _____. This simply means that God _____ for His own, giving us _____ we need. It also means that God is intimately involved in His creation and with His creatures. Let's look at **Matthew 6:26.**

God's providence is seen in His _____ and _____.
Let's consider the biblical account of Joseph from boyhood in the land of Canaan to old age in the land of Egypt. This vividly illustrates God's providential care (See **Gen. 37–50**).

Read **Genesis 50:15–21** What did Joseph's brothers plan for him (v. 20)? _____   What did God plan for Joseph (v. 20)? _____

God's providence is seen in His _____. The miraculous feeding of Elijah reminds us that God knows who we are, where we live, and what our needs are. Read **1 Kings 17:2–7**.

In the Lord's prayer Jesus taught us to ask God to "give us this day our _____ _____." (**Matthew 6:11**)

Let's read **Matthew 6:25–34** and answer the following:
Jesus instructs us not to _____.

Verse 25 give us a lesson from the greater to the lesser:
♦ Life is more than _____.
♦ The body is more than _____.

Because God has given us our lives and bodies, He will surely give us _____ that we _____.

Then, Jesus gives us a lesson from the lesser to the greater (see vv. 26–30):
♦ God feeds the _____.
♦ God clothes the _____.
♦ Because God provides for the _____ and the _____, He will surely provide for _____!

ATTRIBUTES OF GOD THE FATHER (look back the BF&M 2000)

God is all-_____ (_____). In the OT He is revealed as _____—God Almighty in **Genesis 17:1.**

God is all-_____ (_____). **Psalm 139:1–4; Jeremiah 29:11**

God is all-_____. **1 John 4:8; Psalm 33:5**

God is all-_____. **Romans 11:33**