

**Title:** *Welcome to our Family*  
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**God, the family man**

***Ephesians 3:14, 15***

<sup>14</sup>For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>15</sup> from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named,

**a. *The place of His presence***

***Psalm 26:8***

LORD, I have loved the habitation of Your house, and the place where Your glory dwells.

***Psalm 27:4***

One thing I have desired of the LORD, that will I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in His temple.

**b. *The place of His provision***

***Psalm 23:1, 6 (GNT)***

<sup>1</sup> The LORD is my shepherd; I have everything I need.

<sup>6</sup> I know that your goodness and love will be with me all my life; and your house will be my home as long as I live.

**c. *The place to be planted***

***Psalm 92:13***

Those who are planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God.

***Ephesians 2: 19, 20***

<sup>19</sup> Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, <sup>20</sup> having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone,

**d. *The place for growth***

***Ephesians 2: 21, 22***

<sup>21</sup> in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, <sup>22</sup> in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

***1 Peter 2: 4, 5***

<sup>4</sup> Coming to Him as to a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God and precious, <sup>5</sup> you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

**e. *The place of security***

***Hebrews 12: 5, 10 (NLT)***

<sup>5</sup> And have you forgotten the encouraging words God spoke to you as His children? He said, "My child, don't make light of the LORD's discipline, and don't give up when He corrects you.

<sup>10</sup> For our earthly fathers disciplined us for a few years, doing the best they knew how. But God's discipline is always good for us, so that we might share in His holiness.

**f. *The place of adventure***

***Ephesians 3: 9b – 11 (GNT)***

God, who is the Creator of all things, kept his secret hidden through all the past ages,<sup>10</sup> in order that at the present time, by means of the church, the angelic rulers and powers in the heavenly world might learn of his wisdom in all its different forms.<sup>11</sup> God did this according to his eternal purpose, which he achieved through Christ Jesus our Lord.

**g. *The place for everyone***

***John 14:2***

In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.