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Because God loves you, He Provides- Part 120

Did you know that God loves you more than anyone else could ever love you?

God proves His love to you by **His vindicating love**. **Ps. 72:4** "May He vindicate the afflicted of the people, save the children of the needy and crush the oppressor."

The Hebrew word for <u>vindicate</u> is **yish pot** which means to judge or argue our case, to defend and deliver, to exercise judgment or to decide and pronounce righteous judgment. We know this about our God; He is completely and absolutely righteous. He will never do anything contrary to His perfect nature. As a result, He is the One Who will stand firm for those who are His. He will defend us and deliver us from any attacks that the evil one or evil people might bring against His children. His vindication is found in His righteousness alone. And, the reason that He then vindicates people is because we are a part of Him. He cares for people; all people. No matter the color of the skin or the language that they speak. He truly loves every person because He has created every person. We do not have the right to choose who we will love or not love. Instead, we should be shining His love on everyone He puts in our path.

When I was about seven years old, my parents divorced and my mother, my little sister and I moved in with my grandparents. My Grandpa was like a father to me and I've always thought of Him in that light. He instilled in me that everyone was worth loving.

He had hired a young man from Mexico name Raphael, to work on the farm with us during the summers. He didn't speak very much English and my Grandpa didn't speak very much Spanish, but they were still able to communicate and Raphael was a great help to us as he worked hard and earned his keep. I learned from the way my Grandpa treated him that everyone is valuable and they are worth loving.

We must validate and stand up for everyone so that they can know that they are loved. Yes, there is certainly time for judgment, but the fact is that everyone is special to God.

Dear Father, thank You that You are our righteous vindicator. You stand up for us and will do battle for us when needed. You come to our rescue and we can always look to You for our strength. Thank You Lord. In Jesus Name, Amen