

## The Purple Corner June 2010

### “A Portrait of a Godly Father”

A godly father paints a beautiful picture of our heavenly father. He loves unconditionally and at all times. Even when the child misbehaves and does something that is wrong, his love remains. Like God, he loves the sinner while at the same time hates the sin. He disciplines out of a sense of love and not in the heat of anger. The child may not be mature enough to discern the difference but as time passes the lesson is learned that love doesn't mean allowing you to do any and everything. The godly father teaches his child how to make right choices, not simply by what he says but more importantly by how he lives.

A godly father provides for and protects his family like our heavenly Father provides for and protects his children. He sometimes puts himself in danger if it means protecting his family. He often goes the extra mile to give his family what is needed and some of what is wanted.

The portrait a godly father paints is that of someone who can be trusted, confided in and depended on for the things all little girls need- security, unconditional love, protection, provision and a shoulder to lean on when she is tired, a strong pair of arms to pick her up and carry her when she's too tired to walk on her own. He is someone who will stand between her and impending danger and think nothing of it because it what a godly father does.

As a little girl I was blessed with the presence, assurance, protection and love of a godly father. He was not rich by the world's definition but he was rich in love and devotion for his family. Each week I looked forward to the jar of peanut butter he brought because he knew I loved it. I looked forward to going to his barbershop and just sitting in his chair, just to be in his presence. When he handed me a nickel (without me asking) so I could go buy an ice cream cone, I felt special. When he listened to me and heard what I said as well as what I did not say, I felt loved and valued.

Beauty for Ashes Ministry, Inc. salutes all the godly fathers who demonstrate the character of our Father who art in heaven and wish you a **Happy Father's Day.**