

**Creator
(ownership)**

**Lord
(service)**

**How God
relates to us**

**Husband
(mutual delight)**

**Shepherd
(responsibility)**

**Father
(identity)**

The mother heart of God

God as father - explicitly revealed (direct / obvious)

God as mother - implicitly revealed (suggested)

Genesis 5:1-3

When God created mankind, he made them in the likeness of God.

He created them male and female and blessed them.

The four Greek words for love

- Phileos*** (*friendship*)
- Eros*** (*romantic / sexual love*)
- Agape*** (*God's constant, self-sacrificing love*)
- Storge*** (*family affection / nurturing love*)

God as both father and mother

(Deuteronomy 32:18)

You deserted the Rock, who fathered you;
you forgot the God who gave you birth

(Psalm 27:10)

Though my father and mother forsake me,
the Lord will receive me

God as mother

(Psalm 131)

My heart is not proud, Lord, my eyes are not haughty;
But I have calmed and quieted myself,
I am like a weaned child with its mother;
like a weaned child I am content.

(Isaiah 49:15)

“Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have
no compassion on the child she has borne?
Though she may forget, I will not forget you!
See, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands



As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you; and you will be comforted over Jerusalem (Isaiah 66:13)

Jesus

“Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing” (Matthew 23:37)

Experiencing the mother heart of God

Tenderness

Gentleness

Nurture

Kindness

Compassion

In closing ...

Was your mother like I have described?

All parents are imperfect

Your mother may have been far from this, or even the opposite

If so, do you need to forgive her?

Forgiveness unlocks the wall of offence,
which is a wall that can also lock God out

**God longs to reveal to you His heart as the
perfect parent**