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Controversial work revised and expanded It's been ten years since John Miller first presented his Biblical, psychological, and sociological analysis of why we need to call God "father." In that time, he says, there has been only more evidence of the devastating social and psychological consequences of fatherlessness. Feminists critics say the Bible is so hopelessly patriarchal it must be re-imagined, even abandoned entirely. As controversial as that is, Miller takes the equally controversial position that imaging God as father is a necessity for the improved status of women and children and the very health of civilization. Persuasive without being rancorous, Miller's book - - combines practical theological insights with recent findings from the social sciences to reveal the foundational relationship between human fatherhood and the fatherhood of God - addresses significant omissions and distortions in feminist critiques of Biblical patriarchy - shows how the Bible can foster a high culture of fathering and actually help men to "shape up" in their responsibilities.

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