

# Mothers Pleasing to God

## Introduction

### 1. The beginning of Mother's Day:

- **President Woodrow Wilson signed a joint resolution in Congress on May 9, 1914, recommending that the federal government observe Mother's day.**
- **The next year, the president was authorized to proclaim an annual holiday.**
- **Though this is a special one time event each year, I think that we all should honor our mothers on a daily basis – especially those who are pleasing to God.**

#### **A. Before we begin this morning's lesson, let us notice a few things about mothers:**

- **A mother is one who will nourish, love and care for her children.**
- **A mother is a night watchman – listening for her children's cry at night and will immediately respond to comfort her children.**
- **A mother is a doctor and nurse – no matter what kind of hurt a child has, it is only a mother's hug and kiss that can make it feel better.**
- **A mother is a chef who makes meals that are best for her children.**
- **A mother is a counselor who works with her children's emotions during difficult times.**
- **A mother is a referee – handling disputes between her children.**
- **A mother is a great comforter when her children wake up from a bad dream or is frightened by the weather.**
- **A mother is a great encourager – giving her children what they need to succeed.**

- 2. Although overworked and underpaid, mother doesn't complain. She would do anything and everything for her children.**
  - A. She would come to their rescue no matter what.**
  - B. These are, after all, her God-given "talents" to take and to use for the glory of God.**
- 3. God expects a mother to raise and nurture her children to become the best the very best Christians they can be in this world – equipping them with everything they need to get them to spend an eternity with almighty God!**
- 4. This morning I want each of us to reflect upon the importance of mothers and how their godly lives can help influence us to be more faithful to the Lord.**

## **Honor Father and Mother**

Deuteronomy 5:16 'Honor your father and your mother, as the LORD your God has commanded you, that your days may be long, and that it may be well with you in the land which the LORD your God is giving you.

- 1. The Bible teaches that we are to honor our father and mother.**
- 2. To honor them means both to obey them while we are young and to provide for them when they become old.**
  - A. Our nation has set aside one day out of the year to specifically honor and remember our mothers.**
    - 1) We should honor our mothers every day of the year.**
- 3. Let us now reflect on "Mothers who are Pleasing to God."**

## **Reflecting on Mothers – Celebrating Life**

### **1. Life began with God in the miracle of creation.**

Genesis 2:7 And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.

#### **A. Man was made in the image of God.**

Genesis 1:26-27 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

### **2. Life is a gift from God that we ought not to take for granted.**

### **3. It is through mothers that God chose to perpetuate life through the natural process of procreation.**

Genesis 3:20 And Adam called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living.

#### **A. Men certainly have their role in procreation, but the mother bears a special role.**

1 Timothy 2:15 Nevertheless she will be saved in childbearing if they continue in faith, love, and holiness, with self-control.

- 1) What a blessing to know that God has given women the special role of mother to impart the blessing of life upon their children.**

**4. We celebrate life and cherish life through our mothers, but we also recognize that there is a life beyond this life on earth.**

John 10:10 The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

John 3:16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

**A. The truly godly mother will not only be concerned about physical life, but more importantly – spiritual life.**

## **Reflecting on Mothers – Remembering Death**

**1. As much as we value life, we are all appointed to the day of death as well.**

Hebrews 9:27 And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment,

**A. Notice what God told Adam;**

Genesis 3:19 In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread Till you return to the ground, For out of it you were taken; For dust you are, And to dust you shall return."

**2. While the Lord tarries, our mothers do not escape this end.**

**A. There are some here today whose mothers have passed from this life to the next.**

**B. Mother's day may remind us of sad, but sober times.**

**C. There are also, however, the happy times that we experienced with our mothers and their life is complete.**

**3. May we not let these thoughts discourage us, but for us to give appropriate thought to our own end – after all, godly mothers raised us with this in sight.**

Psalms 90:10 The days of our lives are seventy years; And if by reason of strength they are eighty years, Yet their boast is only labor and sorrow; For it is soon cut off, and we fly away.

Psalms 90:12 So teach us to number our days, That we may gain a heart of wisdom.

**A. We can also call to our remembrance what is stated in the book of Ecclesiastes;**

Ecclesiastes 7:2-4 Better to go to the house of mourning Than to go to the house of feasting, For that is the end of all men; And the living will take it to heart. Sorrow is better than laughter, For by a sad countenance the heart is made better. The heart of the wise is in the house of mourning, But the heart of fools is in the house of mirth.

## **Reflecting on Mothers – Reinforcing Holiness**

**1. The Bible gives us examples of good mothers.**

**A. Sarah (Genesis 17:15-16)**

**B. Hannah (1 Samuel 1-2)**

**C. Elizabeth (Luke 1:6)**

**D. Mary**

**1) These good mothers, provide in the scriptures, good examples for all of us today.**

- 2. There is a desperate need in our society to understand what a good mother really is.**
  - A. If we allow the sit-coms to define for us what is a good mother – we have lost our way.**
  - B. The feminist movement is not going to define for us what a good mother is.**
  - C. Even our government will not be able to tell us what a good mother is.**
- 3. The good, godly mother, is described for us in the scriptures.**  
**Proverbs 31:10-31**
  - A. She is industrious.**
  - B. She is charitable.**
  - C. She takes care of her husband and children.**
- 4. The apostle Paul instructs the older women;**

Titus 2:4-5 that they admonish the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, to be discreet, chaste, homemakers, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be blasphemed.

- 5. A mother who is pleasing to God is one who practices holiness and honors God in her life.**

## **Conclusion**

- 1. We need mothers to help us celebrate life, to remember death, and to reinforce holiness.**
- 2. Let us honor our mothers and live with these principles in mind.**

