

# Precious Mothers

## Introduction

Proverbs 31:30 Charm is deceitful and beauty is passing, But a woman who fears the LORD, she shall be praised.

Anna M. Jarvis (1864-1948) first suggested the national observance of an annual day honoring all mothers because she had loved her own mother so dearly. At a memorial service for her mother on May 10, 1908, Miss Jarvis gave a carnation (her mother's favorite flower) to each person who attended. Within the next few years, the idea of a day to honor mothers gained popularity, and Mother's Day was observed in a number of large cities in the U.S.

On May 9, 1914, by an act of Congress, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day. He established the day as a time for "public expression of our love and reverence for the mothers of our country." By then it had become customary to wear white carnations to honor departed mothers and red to honor the living, a custom that continues to this day. (Pulpit Helps, May, 1991)

- 1. From before the creation God designed a position for the populating of the planet and for the care of youth.**
- 2. He entrusted this pivotal position to woman, to mothers.**

3. **Because of the obvious importance of the position we direct our attention to it this morning.**
  - A. **It is a position exalted yet lowly.**
  - B. **It has the loftiest of goals (the rearing of a man or woman of God) yet its tasks are often menial.**
  - C. **A position heroic in the eyes of a child yet thought of as an unworthy pursuit by sinful elements of society.**
  - D. **A position of authority.**
    - 1) **Long before a little one knows of the authority of a police officer or a judge, mama is the law.**  
**Proverbs 1:8**  
**Proverbs 6:20-21**  
**Proverbs 29:15**
4. **Let us notice in this lesson three things concerning mothers:**
  - A. **Mother's work**
  - B. **Mother's value**
  - C. **Mother's reward**

## Mother's Work

- **God entrusted His only begotten Son to a mother.**

Luke 2:52 And Jesus increased in **wisdom** and **stature**, and in **favor with God** and **men**.

### **1. She imparts wisdom;**

- A. Vocabulary, basic math skills, operation of household items. A Child normally first learns from mother how the world works.**

### **2. Stature – She sees to the care and feeding**

1 Samuel 2:19 Moreover his mother used to make him a little robe, and bring it to him year by year when she came up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice.

### **3. Favor with God – She sees to the spiritual needs.**

- A. Knowledge of God and His law.**

### **4. Favor with Man – Kindness, gentleness, truthfulness, courage, laws of men, customs, etiquette.**

### **5. So lasting are the earliest lessons that when we think of the paths our lives have taken **we cannot ignore these early lessons received from mother.****

## Mother's Value

### 1. A God-designed and created position. Named by Adam:

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

A. Without mothers, our race dies.

### 2. Among our greatest examples of devotion and sacrifice.

John 19:25 Now there stood by the cross of Jesus **His mother**, and His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.

### 3. I have heard the cry of a toddler when mama can't be found. I have heard the cry of the aged when mother is, at last, gone from our family and this world.

A. Much like the cry of the widows for Dorcas.

**Acts 9:39**

### 4. She is a wonderful example, friend and guide. Her great value is seen and appreciated in how much she is missed when she is gone.

### 5. Her persistence – as reflected from the observations of Washington Irving:

A father may turn his back on his child; brothers and sisters may become inveterate enemies; husbands may desert their wives and wives their husbands. But a mother's love endures through all; in good repute, in bad repute, in the face of the world's condemnation, a mother still loves on, and still hopes that her child may turn from his evil ways and repent; still remembers the infant smiles that once filled her bosom with rapture, the merry laugh, the joyful shout of his childhood, the open promise of his youth; and she can never be brought to think him all unworthy.

## Mother's Reward

1. Few have enough money to pay mother for her time and attention.
  - A. We often hear it said "You couldn't pay me to do that." But our Mother does it without pay. Who can pay for nights without sleep, moments of terror, the drudgery of one more load of diapers, and countless meals provided.  
**Luke 2:41-51**
2. Her reward comes in seeing her sons and daughters become men and women of God. Useful, kind, decent.  
**Proverbs 19:26**  
**Proverbs 23:22-25**
3. Her reward comes in moments of appreciation from her children and the recognition of her husband.  
**Proverbs 15:20**  
**Proverbs 31:28**
4. Her reward comes from her God when she hears, "Well done good and faithful servant."

## Conclusion

1. As Christians we are to be thankful.
  - A. To God for providing for us.
  - B. To Christ for dying for us.
  - C. To our mother for living for us.
  - D. Let God hear your prayers of thankfulness and your mother, your tender praises every chance you get.

