



## Mark 10:6-7 | Motherhood and the Gospel

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# WHAT'S SO GOOD ABOUT MOTHERHOOD?

In telling of the story of Peter Pan... and right before his demise by Tick-Tock, the crocodile, Hook yelled out, "I... want... my... mommy!"

Even an evil pirate can find himself in need of a mother.

### **What is it about motherhood that is so special and worth celebrating?**

Well, for those who have had good mothers, it is not difficult to come up with a long list of ways to rightly answer this question.

**But today, we are going to follow Jesus's Scripture quotations in [Mark 10](#) that will lead us down a biblical trail which will answer that question from a depth that can only come from God.**

We will pause from our exposition of Mark in order to trace biblical themes to which Jesus points in [Mark 10:6-7](#).

Today's message will be more like following a slowly unfolding story that eventually blossoms in obvious conclusions which finally lead us to practical applications for all—mother or not.

What I will argue from Scripture is that:

Motherhood is given by God as a participation in the Gospel in a way that is unique to women.

# MOTHERHOOD'S BEGINNING

## Mark 10:6-7

<sup>6</sup> But from the beginning of the creation God made them male and female. <sup>7</sup> For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and cleave to his wife;

**Unlike last week, we are not going to focus in on the primary context that Jesus is addressing of marriage as it relates to being a servant of all.**

Instead, we will follow His references from Genesis about humanity being made “male and female” and a man leaving his “father and mother” and let them direct us to the beginnings of **some themes that run throughout the entire Bible:**

1. Humanity being created as male and female
2. Generations of husbands and wives forming new families
3. The hope of the promised Child and Deliverer
4. How believing mothers are a central part of Christ's gospel

**God's purpose since before we rebelled His kingship in the Garden was for humanity to multiply and represent God in spreading the Garden into all the world by:**

Men and women...

Leaving mother and father...

Uniting in marriage...

Bearing and raising children...

And exercising dominion together according to the rule and way of God all over the earth as His image-bearers.

*Notice with me more from one of the passages that Jesus quotes...*

## Genesis 1:27-28

<sup>27</sup> So God created man in his *own* image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. <sup>28</sup> And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

**From beginning to end, God’s purpose as designed by Him necessitates, among others things: *motherhood*.**

As male and female, humanity was given five commands before they rebelled against God’s good kingship. Do you see them in [Genesis 1:27-28](#)?

1. Be fruitful (reproduce)
2. Multiply (become numerous)
3. Replenish (fill) the earth
4. Subdue it. (Bring the earth into subjection, beyond the Garden through generations of obedience)
5. Have (exercise) dominion over “every living thing” on the earth—including who would show up shortly after the commission: the serpent!

**Being made as images to represent God means man and woman were made to multiply the image and dominion of God into all the earth.**

They were placed into a plentiful Garden, but they were commissioned to make the rest of the earth plentiful.

And that demanded they multiply!

**After creation, God *rested* and commissioned humanity to go to *work*... and multiply!**

Actually, the entire book of Genesis is a record of humanity multiplying—which necessitates motherhood.

*Genesis is a book of generations, and the various generations are actually how all of Genesis is formed into sections...*

**Genesis 5:1-2**

<sup>1</sup> This is the book of the generations of Adam. In the day that God created man, in the likeness of God made he him; <sup>2</sup> Male and female created he them; and blessed them, and called their name Adam, in the day when they were created.

**The generations in Genesis trace two lines of “seed”:**

1. The seed of the serpent
2. The seed of the woman

*These two lines begin after their fall into sin...*

## THE SEED OF THE WOMAN

### **Genesis 3:14–15**

<sup>14</sup> And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou *art* cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life: <sup>15</sup> And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

Do you see why this is a foundational text for the entire biblical narrative? Why is there hostility between the two seeds? How does it end?

**The serpent and his “seed” (or followers) will be enemies of both the woman and her promised Seed.**

In the end, her Seed will triumph over the serpent and be bruised in the process.

**This theme of the serpent and his seed against the promised Seed of the woman traces through all of Scripture and culminates in Revelation.**

It is the story of humanity being corrupted by the deceptions of the serpent but redeemed by the deliverance of the promised Seed—Who is revealed later in Scripture as Jesus.

**The entire OT traces these two lines and then stops with the anticipation of the promised Seed to come as promised.**

He arrives in the first chapter of Mark as Jesus Christ the Son of God.

**At this point you might be asking, “So is this about pure blood lines?”**

No. People of varying ethnicities get mixed in and out of the line of the promised Seed.

It is a line of **faith in God’s promise** to save through the Seed... the Deliverer... Jesus.

It is a line of those who “call on the name of the LORD” and those who rebel against the name of the LORD.

**Since the fall, everyone begins as a follower of the serpent, or Satan, and everyone rebels against the name of the LORD.**

However, the LORD is not only faithful to save through the promised Deliverer, but also He is faithful to call rebels to turn and surrender their lives to Him in faith.

*Let's take a look at some of the early generations in Genesis. We will begin with the rebels...*

## **EARLY GENERATIONS**

[Genesis 4:23-26](#)

What do you see as obvious differences between the “seed of the serpent” and the “seed of the woman”?

### **Genesis 4:23–24**

<sup>23</sup> And Lamech said unto his wives, Adah and Zillah, Hear my voice; Ye wives of Lamech, hearken unto my speech: For I have slain a man to my wounding, And a young man to my hurt. <sup>24</sup> If Cain shall be avenged sevenfold, Truly Lamech seventy and sevenfold.

**Lamech is of the line of Cain, who dishonored the LORD and murdered his brother.**

He not only images the likeness of Cain, but also he boasts in his claim to be bigger and badder in his sin than Cain.

He images the father of Cain—the serpent.

The seed of the serpent boasts in his sin, claims to speak in place of God, and exalts himself over others!

*The next verses contrast the generation of Cain and Lamech with the generation of Seth, who is more like his murdered brother, Abel...*

### **Genesis 4:25–26**

<sup>25</sup> And Adam knew his wife again; and she bare a son, and called his name Seth: For God, *said she*, hath appointed me another seed instead of Abel, whom Cain slew. <sup>26</sup> And to Seth, to him

also there was born a son; and he called his name Enos: then began men to call upon the name of the LORD.

Do you see Eve's faith? How is it made known here in [Genesis 4](#)? How does it relate to the faith of all true followers of the LORD?

First, her faith is seen in partnership with her husband in bringing new life into the world according to God's commission even though society is already becoming corrupt by the followers of the serpent.

Secondly, her faith is seen by her naming their son Seth, which means: set, stand, ordain, or place as in being set in the place of Able.

Thirdly, her faith is seen in her confession that God is the One to appoint Seth in the place of Abel.

**Her faith is that God is fulfilling His promise to provide the Seed Who will save us from Satan, the curse, and death.**

That is the same faith held by all followers of the LORD of all time.

Able was murdered, but then years later he was "raised again," metaphorically speaking, with Seth being given by God in place of Able.

This seems to foreshadow the resurrection.

And it is after this that [people] began to call on the name of the LORD.

**Those two set of verses present a sampling of the tension, divide, and hope that will continue and build throughout the Bible and all redemptive history.**

Those who trust in the LORD continue to hope with humility in God's promise of the coming Seed.

**Eve continues to see the importance of mothering with the Gospel as the goal.**

*She thinks: Abel apparently wasn't the fulfillment of the promised Seed. Cain surely wasn't. Maybe it will be Seth!*

And like Abel, Seth continues in the line of those who fellowship with God by faith in God's promise. Seth's line calls on the name of the LORD!

**Fast forward hundreds of years to the time of one of Lamech's sons: Noah.**

Before turning there, let's ask ourselves:

How did humanity's commission to represent God and have dominion over all the earth appear to be doing in the first two millennia of human history? What similarities do you see that have continued into our day?

[Genesis 6:1, 5, 11-12](#)

**Genesis 6:1**

<sup>1</sup> And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them,

**Genesis 6:5**

<sup>5</sup> And GOD saw that the wickedness of man *was* great in the earth, and *that* every imagination of the thoughts of his heart *was* only evil continually.

**Genesis 6:11-12**

<sup>11</sup> The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. <sup>12</sup> And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth.

**Instead of multiplying and exercising dominion to subdue all creatures and the earth under God's rule, humanity became like the beasts they were supposed to rule.**

Humans along with the beasts (all flesh) filled the earth with violence toward each other instead of filling the earth with the image and rule of God!

Picture Jurassic Park! Literally.

**So, instead of humanity obeying God's five commands in His first commission to them, they seized the earth for themselves, became like the serpent they should have ruled, and multiplied the seed of the serpent into all the earth!**

The seed of the serpent has multiplied to such an extent that instead of God's image-bearers filling and subduing the earth and its beasts, the beasts have subdued humanity into their likeness and, together, they have filled the earth with violence!

Talking about a bad Mother's Day sermon!

**And so God mercifully wipes out the earth that is filled with humans who are corrupted by the serpent and who are being ruled by violent animals.**

This violence and death came as a consequence of humans living in the way of the serpent instead of the way of God.

After the Flood, God promised to never cut off humans and creatures by the Flood again.

And God restates humanity's commission to Noah as He adds new instruction for their context...

### [Genesis 9:1-7](#)

#### **Genesis 9:1-7**

<sup>1</sup> And God blessed Noah and his sons, and said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth.

<sup>2</sup> And the fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon every beast of the earth, and upon every fowl of the air, upon all that moveth *upon* the earth, and upon all the fishes of the sea; into your hand are they delivered.

<sup>3</sup> Every moving thing that liveth shall be meat for you; even as the green herb have I given you all things.

<sup>4</sup> But flesh with the life thereof, *which is* the blood thereof, shall ye not eat.

<sup>5</sup> And surely your blood of your lives will I require; at the hand of every beast will I require it, and at the hand of man; at the hand of every man's brother will I require the life of man.

<sup>6</sup> Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made he man.

<sup>7</sup> And you, be ye fruitful, and multiply; bring forth abundantly in the earth, and multiply therein.

**So, God once again commissions humanity to multiply.**

**And, God limits evil and violence against image-bearers:**

1. God causes the beasts to fear humanity in a way they did not before. This strongly implies a limitation in the variations of animals that were permitted after the Flood. I believe this is what led to the extinction of dinosaurs. But, that's another topic...
2. God instructs humanity to hunt and eat animals as a way to rule over them and prevent the sort of violence and rule the animals once had over humanity before the Flood. Verse three indicates this is a new provision and instruction of God.
3. Requiring that the life of a human or beast who takes the life of a human be but to death.



**All this gives a clear distinction between the honor of humanity as image-bearers of God and animals.**

We are not the same. Humans are not simply another species of animals.

And men and women are not the same either, though they are equally image-bearers of God.

Man was made from the dirt of the ground and woman was made from the man, and together humanity was and is to represent God in the world.

God exalts the humble but abases the proud!

**So, we see God commissioning humanity to work after He worked.**

**We were failing at our work, and God was letting them see their need to trust Him and live in His way.**

**Like the serpent, humanity continued to rebel against God's good way and suffer the consequences of their own doing.**

**But what about the promised Seed?**

When would He come and deliver us from the serpent?

Humanity must hope in God's promise, multiply generations, and teach each generation to trust in God's promise.

**We could keep tracing this theme through all the Bible, but if we did, people might get hangry and violent, and as we have seen—that would not be good!**

Instead, let's just focus in on the theme itself and see how it applies more directly to us today.

**It is Mother's Day, and it is the Lord's Day.**

The two go together well because Christian mothers are called to hold the same hope as our first mother, Eve: God will save us through Jesus.

**We are in the same situation as fallen Adam and Even.**

Our sin and the seed of the serpent has corrupted humanity.

This has led to our failure to obey God's commission to us.

And this has led to our failure of honoring and stewarding the gift of motherhood—as given before the Fall.

And motherhood as designed by God has continually been under attack since our fall into sin.

## DESPISING MOTHERHOOD

How do we see humanity despising motherhood then and now? How is such hatred related to the main storyline of the Bible?

**By the same ways we have seen in the first 6 chapters of Genesis...**

1. Pride & Self-exaltation
2. Oppression & Abuse
3. Polygamy & Adultery
4. Exploitation & Wickedness
5. Violence & Murder
6. Hatred & Corruption of God's Design

**This list is a mixture of varying forms of attacks on God's design that continues to go on to our day.**

**It can be summed up as rebellion against God and His promise to save through Jesus!**

These evils work together in tandem, and they show up in a multitude of ways in diverse cultures and times of all human history—including our own.

Some of these forms become direct assaults on women and mothers themselves.

Other forms are more indirect, affecting society at large, the unborn, and all our consciences.

All of them are harmful in their affects and attacks on women and motherhood.

Attacks on womanhood and motherhood are attacks on the Gospel of Jesus.

**The first promise of the Gospel was directly connected to God's provision of the woman and of motherhood.**

[Genesis 3:15](#) “15 And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and **her seed; it shall bruise thy head**, and thou shalt bruise his heel.”

### **God promised to save through the Seed of the woman!**

Jesus would be virgin born of a woman.

To despise or corrupt womanhood and motherhood is to despise the way by which God promised to save us from the serpent, our sin, the curse, and death.

*And that is why the serpent, Satan, is an enemy of not only the Gospel but also the purity, beauty, and integrity of womanhood and motherhood...*

### [Genesis 3:14-15](#)

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<sup>14</sup> And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou *art* cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life: <sup>15</sup> And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

### **The serpent, who was created first and assumedly not from the dirt like the man, would now eat dirt and be made last.**

How could the serpent be abased under humanity!

How dare God!

Satan is consumed with prideful hatred of God, His design, His way of exalting the humble, His Gospel, His image-bearers, and those from whom the promised Seed, Jesus, would come—women.

### **Satan despises grace and humility!**

### **The serpent hates woman who was made from the man, who was made from the dirt.**

He despises humanity's exalted status from the dirt.

So the serpent has deceived much of humanity to despise our own selves.

### **Satan wants us to believe that:**

1. We too are animals.
2. God's design of man and woman is restricting.
3. Motherhood is despicable.
4. The promised Deliverer does not save.

### **The serpent's seed especially hates the believing woman and her seed.**

Satan despises those who trust God's design and hope in His promised Deliverer.

### **But God has provided the promised Seed.**

Through faith in Him, God is producing a righteous offspring.

God and His image will fill the earth!

**With faith that God would fulfill this, Adam called his wife "Eve."**

## **MOTHER OF ALL LIVING**

Why is only the woman called "mother"? What does it mean to be mother "of all living"? Is there an alternative to being mother of the "living"?

### **Genesis 3:20**

<sup>20</sup> And Adam called his wife's name Eve; because she was the mother of all living.

### **Why this name?**

**"Eve" (Heb: Hawwah; Grk: Zoe) means life, living, revive.**

God's promise of the coming Deliverer was directly related to humanity being cursed, cast out, cut off from life, and condemned.

In other words, God promised to give life to dead Adam and Eve and their offspring through a promised Deliverer.

**And because Eve is “woman,” she is already and fundamentally “mother.”**

**So, because of God’s promise and His design of Eve, Adam names her based on Eve being the “mother of all living.”**

Eve was given a redeeming quality and participation in God’s redemptive plan.

**She will mother those who receive life by faith in God’s promise.**

As a believer, those born of her and who followed in her faith in God’s promise were differentiated from those who followed the way of the serpent.

**Eve’s name is related to her role in God’s promise to save us through Jesus—the Gospel!**

To attack biblical womanhood and motherhood is to attack the Gospel!

**God had just promised two linages: the seed of the serpent and the singular Seed Who will successfully rule the serpent and multiply a righteous seed.**

“Mother of all living” is a lofty description that is based on the nature of the woman and on the promise of God to save from death to life.

**Such a description could neither be applied to the man, Adam, nor to an unbelieving woman.**

Eve is called here the mother of all people who are saved from death into life.

That is because of both her faith and motherhood.

**A major theme of all the Bible is one of women being mothers of children in hope of the promised Seed.**

Some women will birth and raise children like Cain and Lamech.

Others will birth and raise children to call on and walk with the Lord, looking to the promised Seed to save and rule them.

*And the promised Deliverer will come, in part, through motherhood...*

[Matthew 1:3,5-6,16,21](#): Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, Bathsheba, Mary

**These woman are named within the genealogy of Jesus.**

The value of these women was fundamentally their motherhood as image-bearers of God.

Some became known for their faith, but others were known for less praiseworthy and even appalling reasons!

For each of them, their motherhood was a part of God's promise to deliver His people from the Deceiver through the coming Seed...

**Matthew 1:16**

<sup>16</sup> And Jacob begat Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus, who is called Christ.

**Matthew 1:21**

<sup>21</sup> And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

**These women are not the only women who were integral parts of God's plan.**

Many others were part of the chain of mothers who birthed and raised children until the promised Seed came.

And even more mothers have been part of the work of birthing and raising children of *followers* of the provided Seed.

*For instance, consider Lois and Eunice in the 1st century...*

[2 Timothy 3:15; 1:5](#)

**2 Timothy 3:15**

<sup>15</sup> And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

**2 Timothy 1:5**

<sup>5</sup> When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also.

Is motherhood only for women who birth children?

**No, motherhood and raising children to follow the Seed is not contingent upon actually birthing children *biologically*.**

Jesus makes clear that motherhood is a part of what it means to be women in the people of God, who help rear up, teach, and disciple children in the faith of the Lord...

[Mark 3:33-35](#)

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<sup>33</sup> And he answered them, saying, Who is my mother, or my brethren? <sup>34</sup> And he looked round about on them which sat about him, and said, Behold my mother and my brethren! <sup>35</sup> For whosoever shall do the will of God, the same is my brother, and my sister, and mother.

**The promised Seed—Jesus—is forming His redeemed people into one big family with many mothers—biological or not.**

Women of course are not only identified as “mother” in the body of Christ.

They are also “sisters.”

But they are still distinct from “brothers,” and women are the only ones who can “mother”—both in the home and in the church.

*And part of Jesus’s promise to reward His followers who give up things that are dear to them for Christ and His Gospel is that they will receive in the body of Christ “a hundredfold” sisters... and mothers...*

[Mark 10:29-30](#)

**Mark 10:29-30**

<sup>29</sup> And Jesus answered and said, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my sake, and the gospel’s, <sup>30</sup> But he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life.

**God provides family through Christ’s church.**

Orphans can have mothers!

Brothers and sisters can have sisters... and brothers!

Younger women can have older “mothers.”

Pastors and elders can have “sisters” and “mothers.”

Individuals and families can help one another in our discipleship.

**Yet one excluding factor remains true: *only women mother...***

**1 Timothy 2:15**

<sup>15</sup> Notwithstanding she shall be saved in childbearing, if they continue in faith and charity and holiness with sobriety.

**God’s Word in Scripture preserves a clear distinction between men and women.**

Both are made equally in the image of God.

Yet, only women can mother.

**Mothering is a redeeming quality, opportunity, and responsibility that is only given to women.**

Motherhood and femininity are not social constructs designed by people to keep women down.

Motherhood and femininity are gifts of God woven into the biological, psychological, and relational nature of women.

**And no, “woman” and “mother” are not defined solely and crudely by the makeup of their body features.**

A male cannot have medical procedures done to become a woman and mother.

Motherhood as designed by God goes much deeper than that.

We even know that true womanhood and motherhood stems from the very DNA of the woman.

**Women are designed by God to mother, and no matter how much the seed of the serpent works to corrupt like in [Genesis 6](#), the truth of God’s design will remain.**

**For those who cannot provide a definition of woman, the basis for Eve’s name is pretty good: *mother of all living*.**

No man can be mother of the living.

Only women can mother.



**All women are called to be mothers in some way or form within the body of Christ.**

**This does not mean that the only identity women have is mother, but it does mean that the most fundamental distinction of the woman as created by God is that she is the only one designed with the natural ability, instinct, and nature to mother.**

**To deny that is to attack womanhood and the Gospel!**

**Men can be gentle.**

Men can nurture.

Men can be helpers.

Men participate in the multiplication of humanity.

Men can parent... father.

**But men cannot mother.**

**Society despises these sort of absolutes, but their hatred only reveals all the more the pureness of the truth.**

The seed of the serpent always hates that which reflects God's design, purpose, and image, so he bites at it.

And even though our human sinfulness results in all sorts of hardships—including a father trying to rear children without a mother in the home—the solution always comes back to receiving God's truth and people, not rejecting it.

The church is full of mothers to help!

**Both male and female can share many qualities, experiences, and expressions of being made in the image of God, but...**

***Only women can mother.***

But also...

**There is a distinction between being a mother of “the living” and being a mother “of the dead.”**

This is where God's promise of the delivering Seed becomes the basis of the inclusion of “of all living” in how Adam described Eve.

**Not only is “the Woman” a mother, but as a woman who believed in God’s promise to save through the Deliverer, “Eve” is the “mother of all living.”**

That description was given in context of the two offspring in the next verse (3:15): *the seed of the serpent and the seed of the woman.*

**Womanhood and mothering is connected to the Gospel, and they are vital elements of the church and its increase through the generations until the Lord comes.**

Mothering is not only biological. It is a living out of faith in the Gospel.

God will save through Jesus! He is forming a people!

**Not only did God give us Jesus the God-man through the virgin birth of a woman, but also God gives children mothers in the faith through Christ’s church.**

Mothering is a gift given to and through the church.

**Even though we have sinned, God’s design and purpose is good.**

God’s solution to our sin is Jesus and His church.

Through the One Who died for our sins and rose to give us life in God’s commission, every problem we create with sin is reconciled!

Sin is never reconciled by more sin; sinners are reconciled by the Savior!

**Therefore, just mothering alone does not bring salvation or the growing offspring of the promised Seed.**

If it did, the seed of the serpent could make things right.

**Gospel-believing, Christ-following, child-training commitment is integral to the growing offspring of Jesus.**

But, Gospel-denying, Christ-hating, and child-despising mothering is integral to the growing offspring of Satan.

#### **1 Timothy 2:15**

<sup>15</sup> Notwithstanding she shall be saved in childbearing, if they continue in faith and charity and holiness with sobriety.

**Believing women are given the redeeming quality of rearing children in the church and in their homes by leading them in faith, love, holiness, and wise self-control.**

- 1. Faith—trusting God to save through Christ.**
- 2. Love—loving God and others.**
- 3. Holiness—growing in sanctification and Christlikeness.**
- 4. Self-control—disciplining ourselves for the lofty partnership in the Gospel.**

**God’s original design and commission always proves wise, right, and enduring.**

The serpent and his offspring will never thwart God’s plan.

**Until the day of judgment, God’s plan and people will have enemies, but God’s plan and people will endure.**

*And, God will continue to convert enemies of the Gospel into followers of Christ in the Gospel, so let’s...*

## **COMMIT TO GOD’S WAY**

[Mark 10:6-7](#)

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<sup>6</sup> But from the beginning of the creation God made them male and female. <sup>7</sup> For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and cleave to his wife;

**Trust God’s purpose and way from the beginning.**

Don’t let the naive illusions and self-acclaimed wisdom of God-haters cause you to shrink back from God’s good, true design of male and female... and motherhood.

Don’t let foolish scoffers belittle the lofty role of motherhood in your mind.

**The real reason much of the world thinks little of womanhood and motherhood, talks them down, and confounds their meaning is because much of the world is the offspring of the serpent—like we were.**

**Like many here, unbelievers can be saved by grace through repentance and faith in the promised Christ, but until they repent and believe on Him as the risen Lord, they will hate His design and way.**

**As [Revelation 21](#) makes clear, until being made wise in Christ, sinners will:**

1. Fear the multiplying population of humans in the earth and God's commission to fill it.
2. Not believe what God says is true of humanity and our need for the Deliverer—Jesus.
3. Detest and hate the image of God seen in humanity and the rule of God exercised by believers who live and proclaim God's Word.
4. Murder innocent image-bearers before they are born, while they live, and near the end of their life.
5. Commit themselves to sexual immorality of all sorts as a rebellion against God's design of being made male and female and being commanded to reproduce only by marital union or discipleship in the Gospel.
6. Corrupt themselves through abusive uses of pharmaceuticals, drugs, and experimental practices.
7. Worship themselves and Satan through idolatry.
8. Lie against God, His truth, and His people in the face of God's well-established and open revelation—especially in His Son.
9. Remain in death.

**Where do we see this? Revelation.**

*Two seeds are seen here...*

**Revelation 21:7–8**

<sup>7</sup> He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son. <sup>8</sup> But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.

**In Christ, we are made God’s children.**

**Outside of Christ, sinners remain in death—where we once were and in sin we once did.**

**We too have been the fearful, unbelieving, abominable, murderers of the innocent, whoremongers, sorcerers, idolaters, and liars.**

If you are hear wondering whether or not you too can be made a child of God, know this—yes! Jesus came to call sinners to repentance.

Do you know whether or not you are a child of God?

**Maybe you think you have done sins that cannot be forgiven.**

We are all guilty enough for the sinless Savior to die in our place!

Name it, and probably someone here has committed the same or similar sin as you.

Your sin does not disqualify you from being a child of God.

Only your refusal to repent and believe on Jesus as your Deliverer-King will keep you in the seed of the serpent instead of the seed of God.

**Those who trust in God’s promised Deliverer will inherit all things in Him.**

They will be made children of God.

They will be one big family.

*And this truth is what energizes all Christians and all Christian mothers....*

Christ’s Gospel is the goal of faithful mothers.

Jesus is the hope of faithful mothers.

Motherhood is bigger than what Satan wants us to believe.

Faithful motherhood is a participation and hope in God to produce more children in Christ.

Therefore, God makes women who trust in Him “mothers of all living.”

**Genesis 3:20**

<sup>20</sup> And Adam called his wife’s name Eve; because she was the mother of all living.

**Motherhood is given by God as a participation in the Gospel in a way that is unique to women.**

How does the Gospel shape your understanding, attitude, and commitment to biblical womanhood and motherhood?

**We must honor and protect this gift from God.**

1. Adam honored motherhood by how he named the woman: Eve—Life. He provides a great example for husbands loving and honoring their wives.
2. Children honor motherhood by obeying their mothers as they lead in the way of the Lord and by caring for them later in life—as Scripture teaches us.
3. Women honor motherhood by embracing how God beautifully and purposefully designed them as unique but equal partners in the Gospel.
4. We all honor motherhood when we honor our sisters and mothers in Christ’s church as they exercise their womanhood and motherhood in participation of the Gospel both through their homes and through discipleship in the church.
5. The church corporately honors womanhood and motherhood as we teach, disciple, and defend them biblically and help one another see their connection to partnering in the Gospel.

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