

Hats & Masks
Mother's Day
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She gave this name to the Lord who spoke to her: **"You are the God who sees me,"** for she said, "I have now seen the One who sees me."
– Genesis 16:13

1. God Values Authenticity Over Performance

"Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You are like whitewashed tombs, which look beautiful on the outside but on the inside are full of the bones of the dead and everything unclean. In the same way, on the outside you appear to people as righteous, but on the inside you are full of hypocrisy and wickedness. – Matthew 23:27-28

*You have searched me, Lord, and **you know me.** You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways. Before a word is on my tongue, you, Lord, know it completely. – Psalm 139:1-4*

2. God Values Identity Over Activity

*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he **is a new creation.** The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.
– 2 Corinthians 5:17*

She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come.- Proverbs 31:25

3. God Meets Us In Our Realness

*For we do not have a high priest who is unable to **sympathize with our weaknesses,** but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence **draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.** – Hebrews 4:15-16*
