

The Love Of A Mother

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Q: What are some of the ways we recognize mom's?

Q: What's "hard" about being a mom?

Q: What are some of the joys?

Some of the Ways Scripture Portrays Mothers:

READ: Deuteronomy 32:1 "Like an eagle that stirs up its nest, that flutters over its young, spreading out its wings, catching them, bearing them on its pinions (lit. "strength", often portrayed as "wings").

READ: Matthew 23:37 "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing!"

READ: Isaiah 49:15 "Can a woman forget her nursing child, that she should have no compassion on the son of her womb? Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you."

READ: Isaiah 66:13 "As one whom his mother comforts, so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem."

Q: in the above examples, how does scripture use the characteristics of a mother, to describe God?

Q: How is this different than how scriptures uses the characteristics of men to describe God?

Q: How does “together” show a fuller picture of God’s character, purpose, love, for us?

Q: How does the evil one attack mothers to keep them from seeing their unique place in God’s Kingdom and “image”?

Q: What are some ways we can combat this?

READ: Proverbs 31:28: “Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her”

Mother’s Day Blessing

Opening Scripture: *To Be Read By The Children*

*“Honor your father and your **mother**, that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.” - Exodus 20:12*

Instructions:

** Gather around your mother and either the father or one of the children place their hand on her shoulder and pray....*

“Heavenly Father, we give You thanks and praise for our mother/Name. Through her love and sacrifice for us, You have blessed us, taken care of us, provided for us and given to us a gift. May we honor her, not only this day, but every day as one of the ways we honor You and the giving of Your greatest gift...your Son, our Savior Jesus.

It’s in His Name We pray.

All: AMEN!

** Each family member may take turns reading one of the following scriptures and then adding at least one thing you love and respect about your mother.*

** Each person ends with the statement: “**May God bless you and I love you**”*

For the Husband:

"An excellent wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels. The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain. She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life." - Proverbs 31:10-12

and/or

"Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all." - Proverbs 31:29

For the Children:

"Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come. - Proverbs 31:25

"She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue." - Proverbs 31:26

"She looks well to the ways of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness." - Proverbs 31:27

" Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her:" - Proverbs 31:28

**feel free to add your own scriptures or blessings here!*

Closing Prayer:

We Pray...

Gracious Father, You have blessed us with our mother! Help us to always be thankful to You for her. Help us to always honor her, support her, and love her. And we ask that You would bless her ALL the days you give her with ALL the goodness You have for her. We ask this in Jesus Name.

Amen