

Scripture:

Isaiah 66:13

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Notes:

“God combines in Himself all the virtues of a perfect character. The best are usually lacking in one or more graces. God possesses them all. Manly virtues and womanly graces meet in Him. All that is best, holiest, sweetest, and most gracious in a noble man, and also in purehearted women, can be found in the Lord, who is the source of all. Male and female created He them, and the characteristic feature of both are resident in His loving heart. He fuses together in His own adorable Person the strong, protective love of the man, and the patient, tender, brooding, comforting, sacrificial love of the woman.”

—John Oxenham (English writer, poet)

The Comfort of a Mother Reflects the Comfort of God

- Isaiah 66:13, As one whom his mother comforts, so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.
- John 14:26, But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.
- Matthew 5:4, Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
- 2 Cor. 1:3-7, Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. For as we share abundantly in Christ's sufferings, so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort too. If we are afflicted, it is for your comfort and salvation; and if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we suffer. Our hope for you is unshaken, for we know that as you share in our sufferings, you will also share in our comfort.”

The Presence of a Mother Reflects the Presence of God

- Joshua 1:9, Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.
- Psalm 73:23-24a, “Nevertheless, I am continually with you; you hold my right hand. You guide me with your counsel...”
- Matthew 28:20, “...teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

The Sacrifice of a Mother Reflects the Sacrifice of God

- John 3:16, "For God so loved...that He gave..."
- Romans 8:32, He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?
- Matthew 13:44, The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

The Messages of a Mother Reflect the Messages of God

- Proverbs 1:8, 6:20, 23:22 - the teaching of a mother...
- Christ is The Center (not you, not your child, etc.)
- Grace wins over works (This is the GOSPEL)
- Character matters more than abilities
- You love and respect your husband/their dad.

Thank you, moms!

This Week...

1. Moms — take joy in knowing that God has uniquely gifted you to represent Him to your kids.
2. All ladies — contentment can be found in knowing these ways to reflect God are not limited to moms.
3. Men — bless your mom and your wife. Honor them. Pray for them. Praise God for them. Love them.
4. Kids — listen to, obey, honor, respect, thank, hug, and kiss your mom. Pray for and praise God for her.