

“Behold, Your Mother”

John 19:27

INTRODUCTION

- A. PR 31:10-31– A worthy woman.
- B. No one rises to any higher plane of moral accomplishment than does a godly mother.
- C. It has been suggested there is no human obligation less adaptable to substitution than motherhood.
- D. As we look at the various functions of motherhood, let us be moved to gratitude.

DISCUSSION

- I. MOTHERS ARE TO BE MANAGERS OF THE HOME.
 - A. Texts: PR 31:27, 28; 1 TI 5:14, 15.
 - B. The most important realm of service is in the home. Keeping the home, not advancing a career, is a wife and mothers primary responsibility.
 - C. A *“worthy woman”* is an example of a domestic manager:
 - 1. An efficient manager of the home – PR 31:21.
 - 2. Has her priorities in order.
 - D. Even though she had pursuits outside of the home (PR 31:16, 24) her family comes first (PR 31:15, 18).
- II. MOTHERS SHOULD BE MODELS OF OBEDIENCE.
 - A. Texts: TS 2:5; 1 PE 3:1, 5.
 - B. Mothers should be examples of submissive obedience:
 - 1. First and foremost to the Lord – JA 4:7; GA 2:20.
 - 2. Second to her husband – cf. 1 PE 3:1, 5.
 - 3. Third to men in general – 1 CO 11:3.
 - 4. Not only are they to be examples of submissive obedience, they are to teach younger women to do the same – cf. TS 2:4, 5.
 - C. Seen in Mary – LK 1:38.
- III. MOTHERS ARE TO BE TEACHERS OF GOOD THINGS.
 - A. Texts: PR 22:6; 2 TI 1:5; 3:15; JA 3:1.
 - B. This reflects God’s original plan for the operation of the human family.
 - 1. The book of Proverbs is full of admonitions that clearly show that mother’s are to be teachers: PR 1:8; 6:20; 31:1.
 - 2. Teaching is done largely by example.
 - C. When we demand of our children what we don’t demand of ourselves, we violate the principle of MT 7:5.
 - D. Examples of mothers as teachers:
 - 1. Jochebed did a fine job of training Moses – EX 2; HE 11:24-26.
 - 2. Timothy’s mother and grandmother – Acts 16:1b; 2 TI 1:5; 3:15.
- IV. MOTHERS ARE HELPERS & LOVERS OF THE HELPLESS & UNLOVELY.
 - A. By virtue of what they are called upon to do, mothers are agents of grace and mercy.
 - 1. Is there anything more helpless than an infant?
 - 2. Mothers have a wonderful ability to love their children regardless of how ungrateful or hurtful they may be at times – cf. PR 15:20; 10:1.
 - B. Jochebed is an example of such a mother:
 - 1. Her son was born in the midst of difficult and perilous times – cf. EX 2:1, 2.
 - 2. What difficulty they faced protecting their helpless little boy.
- V. MOTHERS ARE ENCOURAGERS OF THE FAINTHEARTED.
 - A. Texts: PR 1:8, 9; 14:1.
 - B. Through her teaching of good things, the godly mother *“builds”* her house.
 - C. Mothers are able to encourage their sons and daughters into great things.
- VI. MOTHERS ARE TO BE RESPECTED AND HONORED.
 - A. Text: PR 31:28.
 - B. Respect for mothers is rooted in the O.T. and sprouts in the N.T. – LE 19:3; PR 23:25; EP 6:2.

1. Consider what God thinks of a disrespectful child – PR 19:26; 20:20; 30:17; DT 21:18, 19. It is a sign of a worsening society – 2 TI 3:2.
- C. Example of honoring mother – PR 31:28. Respect, like love, needs to be expressed in deeds – cf. 1 JN 3:18.

CONCLUSION

- A. EK.16:44 – *“Behold, every one that useth proverbs shall use [this] proverb against thee, saying, As is the mother, so is her daughter.”*
- B. Let each of us thank God for His wisdom as expressed in His plan for the human family.