

Motherhood – A Unique Blessing

A. The First Commandment to Mankind.

1. Be fruitful and multiply.

- a) Gen 1:28 And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it.
Women have the major role in being fruitful and multiplying; whereas men have the major role in replenishing and subduing the earth.
- b) Gen 5:2 AMPC He created them male and female and blessed them and named them [both] Adam [Man] at the time they were created. The NKJ uses “mankind”, not “man”. The earth has been given to mankind. To have legal authority over the earth, a being must be of born of mankind; in other words, one must be born of a woman. A son of man is one born of a woman (i.e., having a mother).
- c) 1 Cor 15:45 The first Adam was not a son of man but he was a son of God (Luke 3:38). Jesus, the last Adam, was both son of man and son of God.

2. Jesus as Son of Man.

- a) John 1:14 Jesus is the Word made flesh; but the Word was manifested in the flesh as a baby in the womb of Mary.
- b) Luke 2:7 Mary, as His mother, provided the legal entry into the world for Jesus since He was born of a woman. Being born of Mary conferred on Jesus the legal right to use the authority and dominion given to mankind in Gen 1:26, 28.
- c) Luke 21:26 As a son of man, Jesus operated under the authority given to Adam by God. That is why Jesus called Himself Son of Man 85 times; but Son of God only 5 times; and that is why He will be returning as the Son of man to rule for 1000 years.

3. Entering the Earth through the legal door/gate.

- a) John 10:1,2 from King James Version (KJV), the Living Bible (TLB) & Message (MSG).
KJV Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. But he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep.
TLB Anyone refusing to walk through the gate into a sheepfold, who sneaks over the wall, must surely be a thief! 2 For a shepherd comes through the gate.
MSG Let me set this before you as plainly as I can. If a person climbs over or through the fence of a sheep pen instead of going through the gate, you know he's up to no good—a sheep rustler! The shepherd walks right up to the gate. The gatekeeper opens the gate to him and the sheep recognize his voice.
- b) John 10:7 Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep.
Jesus entered the sheepfold through the legal door/gate, through being born of a woman.
- c) Rom 8:29 Every man born of a mother has the legal right to be on earth and to use his God-given authority to be an overcomer and to become conformed to the image of *God's Only Begotten* Son, that He (Jesus) might be the firstborn among many brethren.

B. The Importance of Motherhood.

1. God's love in a mother.

- a) 1Jo 4:8 He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.
God is love; agape love, unconditional giving love; and His love for us is unsurpassed and its depth is unimaginable. But in this natural world, the closest example of that unconditional, giving love might be a mother's love.
- b) John 15:13 Jesus said greater love has no man than he lays his life down for his friend. A mother lays down her life not just on one occasion but lays it down for her entire life.

- c) 1Jo 4:16 And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.
A mother dwells in love for her child 24 hours per day. She takes no vacation from loving.
- d) 1 Kings 3:16-27 The harlot so loved her baby that she was willing to give up the baby when Solomon in his wisdom suggested that the baby be cut in two; and half of the baby be given to each of the two women who were claiming it as their own baby.
2. Prayers of a mother.
- a) Moses.
Exo 2:2 And the woman conceived, and bare a son: and when she saw him that he [was a] goodly [child], she hid him three months.
Exo 2:3 And when she could not longer hide him, she took for him an ark of bulrushes, and daubed it with slime and with pitch, and put the child therein; and she laid [it] in the flags by the river's brink.
Exo 2:7 Then said his sister to Pharaoh's daughter, Shall I go and call to thee a nurse of the Hebrew women, that she may nurse the child for thee?
- b) Shunammite woman's son.
2Ki 4:17 And the woman conceived, and bare a son at that season that Elisha had said unto her, according to the time of life.
2Ki 4:18 And when the child was grown, it fell on a day, that he went out to his father to the reapers.
2Ki 4:19 And he said unto his father, My head, my head. And he said to a lad, Carry him to his mother.
2Ki 4:20 And when he had taken him, and brought him to his mother, he sat on her knees till noon, and [then] died.
2Ki 4:22 And she called unto her husband, and said, Send me, I pray thee, one of the young men, and one of the asses, that I may run to the man of God, and come again.
2Ki 4:23 And he said, Wherefore wilt thou go to him to day? [it is] neither new moon, nor sabbath. And she said, [It shall be] **well**.
2Ki 4:30 And the mother of the child said [to Elisha], [As] the LORD liveth, and [as] thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. And he arose, and followed her.
2Ki 4:35 Then he returned, and walked in the house to and fro; and went up, and stretched himself upon him: and the child sneezed seven times, and the child opened his eyes.
2Ki 4:36 And he called Gehazi, and said, Call this Shunammite. So he called her. And when she was come in unto him, he said, Take up thy son.
2Ki 4:37 Then she went in, and fell at his feet, and bowed herself to the ground, and took up her son, and went out.
- c) ABC Examples.
- Pastor Joshua's mother.
Example: Pastor's mother believed all her children would be saved before she died.
Act 16:31 And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.
Luk 10:2 pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest *to minister unto* [specify names].
 - Gloria's sons: Eph 1:17-23.
 - Cathy's children: Eph 3:14-20.
 - Yo'El's daughter: Mal 3:10-11.
Isa 45:11 Saith the LORD, the Holy One of Israel, and his Maker, Ask me of things to come concerning my sons, and concerning the work of my hands command ye me.

3. Saved through child rearing.

a) Spiritual Calling.

Gal 3:28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.

As spiritual beings, there is no difference in the calling of a man and a woman.

We are called to preach the Gospel and to become overcomers in Christ.

b) Natural Calling.

Gen 1:27 So God created man in his [own] image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

But in the natural, men and women have different callings.

Men are called to till the garden and to protect it. They are protectors and providers.

Women's first calling is to raise the family.

c) Financial Salvation.

2Ki 8:1 Then spake Elisha unto the woman, whose son he had restored to life, saying, Arise, and go thou and thine household, and sojourn wheresoever for the LORD hath called for a famine; and it shall also come upon the land seven years.

2Ki 8:2 And she sojourned in the land of the Philistines seven years.

2Ki 8:3 And it came to pass at the seven years' end, that the woman returned out of the land of the Philistines: and she went forth to cry unto the king for her house and land.

2Ki 8:4 And the king talked with Gehazi the servant of the man of God, saying, Tell me, I pray thee, all the great things that Elisha hath done.

2Ki 8:5 And it came to pass, as he was telling the king how he had restored a dead body to life, that, behold, the woman, whose son he had restored to life, cried to the king for her house and for her land. And Gehazi said, My lord, O king, this [is] the woman, and this [is] her son, whom Elisha restored to life.

2Ki 8:6 And when the king asked the woman, she told him. So the king appointed unto her a certain officer, saying, Restore all that [was] hers, and all the fruits of the field since the day that she left the land, even until now.

C. The greatness of a mother's love.

1. Faith works by love.

Gal 5:6 For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; but faith which worketh by love.

A mother has great love for her children, so a mother has great faith in her children.

Joh 2:3 And when they wanted wine, the mother of Jesus saith unto him, They have no wine. v4 Jesus saith unto her, Woman, what have I to do with thee? mine hour is not yet come. v5 His mother saith unto the servants, Whatsoever he saith unto you, do [it].

Example: Mother with drug dealing son, saved through major accident.

2. The humility of a mother's love.

Mat 15:25 Then came she and worshipped him, saying, Lord, help me.

Mat 15:26 But he answered and said, It is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast [it] to dogs. v27 And she said, Truth, Lord: yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters' table. v28 Jesus answered and said unto her, O woman, great [is] thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt. And her daughter was made whole from that very hour.

Example: the laundry woman with her mentally challenged daughter.

3. The perseverance (patience) of the Shunammite mother.

2Ki 4:26 Run now, I pray thee, to meet her, and say unto her, [Is it] well with thee? [is it] well with thy husband? [is it] well with the child? And she answered, [It is] well.

2Ki 4:30 And the mother of the child said, [As] the LORD liveth, and [as] thy soul liveth, **I will not leave thee**. And he arose, and followed her.

D. Honor Your Mother.

1. The first commandment with promise.

Eph 6:1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right.

Eph 6:2 Honour thy father and mother; (which is the first commandment with promise;)

Eph 6:3 That it may be well with thee, and **thou mayest live long on the earth.**

Eph 6:4 And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

Example: Tony L and his mother.

2. Obedience to mother.

a) The rich young ruler.

Luk 18:20 Thou knowest the commandments, Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, **Honour thy father and thy mother.**

Luk 18:21 And he said, All these have I kept from my youth up.

(Mar 10:21 Then **Jesus beholding him loved him** and)

Luk 18:22, he said unto him, Yet lackest thou one thing: sell all that thou hast, and distribute unto the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, follow me.

Luk 18:23 And when he heard this, he was very sorrowful: for he was very rich.

b) The first miracle of Jesus.

Joh 2:5 His mother saith unto the servants, Whatsoever he saith unto you, do [it].

Joh 2:7 Jesus saith unto them, Fill the waterpots with water. And they filled them up to the brim. v8 And he saith unto them, Draw out now, and bear unto the governor ...

3. Today, honor your mother.

a) Forgive her of every negative thing which she has done against you.

Mat 6:12 And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

Mat 6:13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

Mat 6:14 For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: v15 But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive you.

Pray, "In the Name of Jesus, I forgive my mother of all of her sins committed against me."

b) Forgive her of all the sins which she has committed in her life.

Mat 18:34 And his lord was wroth, and delivered him to the tormentors, till he should pay all that was due unto him.

Mat 18:35 So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses.

Joh 20:23 Whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; [and] whose soever [sins] ye retain, they are retained.

Pray, "In the Name of Jesus, I forgive my mother of all of her sins."

c) Bless your mother.

Isa 65:24 And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear.

If your mother is alive, then

Pray, "In the Name of Jesus, I bless my mother today in all areas of her life."

If she is deceased and you are not sure if she is born again, then

Pray, "In the Name of Jesus, I pray that, before my mother passed away, God sent her laborers repeatedly to minister the Gospel of Jesus Christ until she accepted Jesus."

If she is deceased, then

Pray, "In the Name of Jesus, I speak blessings over my mother at some point in her life before she passed away."