

Happy Mother's Day

Scripture Reading:

- “And Adam called his wife's name Eve; because she was the mother of all living” (Gen 3:20).
- “Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee” (Exod 20:12).

Introduction:

A. It was a woman named Anna M. Jarvis, a pastor's daughter, who first suggested the national observance of an annual day honoring mothers because she had loved her mother so dearly. At a memorial service for her mother on May 10, 1908, Miss Jarvis gave a carnation (her mother's favorite flower) to each person who attended. Within the next few years, the idea of a day to honor mothers gained popularity, and Mother's Day was observed in a number of large cities in the U.S. On May 9, 1914, by an act of Congress, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day. He established the day as a time for “public expression of our love and reverence for the mothers of our country.”

B. Godly Mother's Day Quotes:

1. “I remember my mother's prayers and they have always followed me. They cling to me all my life” (President Abraham Lincoln).
2. A London editor submitted to Winston Churchill for his approval of a list of all those who had been Churchill's teachers. Churchill returned the list with this comment: “You have omitted to mention the greatest of my teachers – **My Mother**” (Illustrations for Biblical Preaching).
3. “I cannot tell you how much I owe to the solemn word of my good mother” (Charles H. Spurgeon).

C. Mother's Day Bible Verses

1. “Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord: and the fruit of the womb is his reward” (Ps 127:3).
 2. “My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother” (Prov 1:8).
 3. “Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her” (Prov 31:28).
- ❖ As Mother's Day is celebrated on Sunday, May 10, 2020, keep in mind that a Godly Mother/Woman can be a biological mother, adopted mother, spiritual mother, grandmother, godmother, or any woman that is a godly influence in your life.
 - ❖ In this Bible Lesson we will study the word **MOTHER** in an acronym. **The acronym M-O-T-H-E-R represents: (1) MERCY, (2) OBEDIENCE, (3) TEACHER, (4) HOPE, (5) ETERNAL LIFE, and (6) REWARD.**

I. MERCY

Mercy has to do with compassion, forgiveness, leniency, and tenderheartedness. Mercy is Love in Action. A Godly mother exhibits mercy instead of justice by loving and forgiving a child when He does wrong – she gives him another chance and instructs him in righteousness. She remembers that Jesus is compassionate and merciful (Ps 116:5; 119:56; 145:9; John 8:11).

II. OBEDIENCE

Obedience means to hear and obey. The Godly mother spends time with her children daily in prayer and the Word of God. The goal is that when the Mother is obedient the children will also follow that obedience – follow God’s commandments, commands, and instructions. Obedience is the defining mark of a true follower of Christ (John 14:15, 23; 2 Cor 10:5; 2 Tim 2:15; James 1:22-25).

III. TEACHER

The Godly Mother is a teacher of the Word of God. She teaches her children about Biblical doctrines such as the Trinity, Salvation, Eternal Life, Sin, Angels and Grace. She also teaches the younger women (Titus 2:4-5).

IV. HOPE

Hope is in reference to Christian confidence, trust, and expectation (Rom 5:1-2). The Godly Mother teaches her children that when God has promised that something will happen, he is to put his trust in that promise. We are to stand on the promises of God: God answers prayer (John 14:13); God is always good (Ps 145:9); God is unchanging (Heb 13:18) and God is the Creator (Gen 1:1; Ps 24:1-2; 89:11; 95:5). Always, Trust God at His Word.

V. ETERNAL LIFE

Eternal Life is the Gift of God that comes only “through Jesus Christ our Lord” (Rom 6:23). A Godly Mother will make sure her children have every opportunity to hear the Gospel and be Saved. She will also get them under the preaching of God’s Word and the Gospel since Faith comes by “Hearing the Word of God” (Rom 10:17).

- (John 3:16, 36; 10:28-30; 2 Cor 4:18; 1 John 5:11-13)

VI. REWARD

A reward is something given to a person in recognition of one’s service, effort, or achievement. A Godly Mother will be praised by her children, and husband (Prov 31:28). Also, she will be recognized by the people of the community for her good work (Prov 31:31).

Memory Verse:

“My son, keep thy father's commandment, and forsake not the law of thy mother” (Prov 6:20).

Conclusion:

A. Happy Mother’s Day – Be sure to make contact with your mother or any other Godly woman that is a Godly influence in your life.

B. Faith of our Mothers

Faith of our mothers, living yet, In cradle song and bedtime prayer,
In nurs'ry love and fireside love, Thy presence still pervades the air:
Faith of our mothers, living faith, We will be true to thee till death.

C. Romans Road (Rom 3:10, 23; 5:8; 10:9, 13)

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“... but the word of our God shall stand for ever” (Isa 40:8).