

SERVING WOMEN OF THE BIBLE
Proverbs 31:25-31

INTRODUCTION:

Honor all women on Mother's Day! Abraham Lincoln, the sixteenth president of the United States, said, "All that I am or hope to be I owe to my angel mother."

- **"Honor thy ... mother; which is the first commandment with promise. That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth" (Eph 6:2-3).**

In this message, we will study four (4) Serving Women of the Bible:

- I. REBEKAH – WIFE OF ISAAC (Gen 25:20-28)**
 - A. Rebekah was a great woman of kindness, loyalty, faith and courage.**
 - B. Rebekah was chosen to become the wife of Isaac, Abraham's son.**
 - C. Rebekah favored Jacob, who was the younger twin.**
 - D. This deception and trickery caused strife and led to a split in the family and Jacob, her favorite son, had to flee.**
 - E. Rebekah's story is a reminder that our decisions have consequences (Gal 6:7; Rom 6:23).**
 - F. Jacob went on to become the father of the 12 tribes of Israel and Rebekah is remembered as the mother who loved her favorite son (Gen 32:28; Gen 35:23-26; Exod 1:1-4; 1 Chron 2:1-2).**

- II. DEBORAH – A JUDGE IN ANCIENT ISRAEL (Judges 4-5)**
 - A. Deborah was a distinguished leader and judge in ancient Israel and the only female judge mentioned in the Bible (Judges 4:4, 8-9, 18-21).**
 - B. Deborah's story shows us that women can lead with excellence. She not only gave wise counsel to the people of Israel, but she was also a warrior and a worshiper of the one true God (Ps 46:5; 2 Tim 1:5).**

- III. BATHSHEBA – THE MOTHER OF SOLOMON (1 Kings 2:13; Matt 1:6)**
 - A. Although Bathsheba was guilty of having an adulterous relationship with David (2 Sam 11-12), it resulted in a son named Solomon who is famous for his wisdom (1 Kings 4:29-34; 1 King 3:12-15, 16-28; 1 King 11:42; 2 Chron 9:30).**
 - B. "Solomon loved many strange women ... He had seven hundred wives, princesses and three hundred concubines. His wives turned away his heart after other gods. And Solomon did evil in the sight of the Lord and went not fully after the Lord, as did David his father" (1 Kings 11:1-6; Eph 1:7; 1 John 1:9).**

- IV. MARY (THE MOTHER OF JESUS) – (Luke 1:26-55)**
 - A. The Angel Gabriel appeared to Mary and told her that she would be the mother of Jesus. This is a fulfillment of Isaiah 7:14.**
 - B. Mary was pure, a virgin and highly favored by God.**
 - C. Mary was submissive to the will of God (v. 34-38; Matt 1:25; John 14:15).**

CONCLUSION:

A. 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.

B. THE QUALITIES OF A GODLY MOTHER

She prays daily. She builds up her family and others. She speaks with wisdom.
She reads the Word daily. She displays Godly conduct. She is a doer of God's Word.
She has a healthy fear of God. She has a gentle and quiet spirit.
She is obedient to what God tells her to do and not to do (Proverbs 31:10-31).

C. ABC's of Salvation

- **A – Admit** that you're a sinner and that you cannot save yourself (Rom 3:23, Eph 2:8-9).
- **B – Believe** that Jesus died on the Cross and rose again for your sins (Rom 5:8, 1 Cor. 15:3-4).
- **C – Confess**/Call on Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Savior (Rom 10:9-13)

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!



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