

Our Mother

Recently we celebrated Mother's Day. The Bible has much to say about the role of mothers. Let us examine God's Word to discover His instructions to us about our mothers.

Eve, the first mother, the mother of all the living

Genesis 3:20 "Adam named his wife Eve, because she would become the mother of all the living."

Eve is called the Mother of all the living. Yet her disobedience to the Word of God caused her also to become the mother of the dying. God said when you eat from the fruit you will surely die. We do thank God for life but we must realize we will all die some day. We must be ready to die and meet our Maker

How God made the first mother.

Genesis 2:20-22, "But for Adam no suitable helper was found. So the LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs and closed up the place with flesh. Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man. The man said, "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called 'woman,' for she was taken out of man."

Sarah, the Mother of all nations

Genesis 17:16, "I will bless her and will surely give you a son by her. I will bless her so that she will be the mother of nations; kings of peoples will come from her."

The Importance of a Mother

We must honor our father and mother

Exodus 20:12 "Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.

To honor means to love, to respect, to listen to and to obey

God says those who hurt father or mother must die

Exodus 21:15, "Anyone who attacks his father or his mother must be put to death."

God says those who curse father or mother must also die

Exodus 21:17 "Anyone who curses his father or mother must be put to death."

King David gave priority to his father and mother

1 Samuel 2:3, "From there David went to Mizpah in Moab and said to the king of Moab, "Would you let my father and mother come and stay with you until I learn what God will do for me?"

David was on the run and hiding, for King Saul wanted to kill him. David was unable to provide for his father and mother. So he asked the King of Moab to temporarily care for his parents.

King Solomon, the wisest man on earth realized who was the true mother.

2 Kings 3:27, "Then the king gave his ruling: "Give the living baby to the first woman. Do not kill him; she is his mother."

Two mothers were arguing and claimed to be the true mother of the living child. One child has died during the night. Both now wanted the living child. King Solomon had to make a

judgement. He said to the mothers that he was going to cut the living baby in two and give each half the baby. The one agreed to this plan. But the real mother told the king let the other lady have the baby as long as the baby does not die. So the king discovered who was the real mother. A true mother always protects her child and wants no harm to come to it.

We must take care of our mother when she is old

Proverbs 23:22 "Listen to your father, who gave you life, and do not despise your mother when she is old."

We must remember who gave us life, who brought us into the world and fed us and cared for us. So when our mother gets old we must provide all the care and help she needs.

A mother's duty is to comfort

Isaiah 66:13, "As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you; and you will be comforted over Jerusalem."

To comfort means to encourage, to support, to stand by when sick, to sacrifice, to care for, to provide for and to make happy. The Lord makes a loving mother an example of comfort to all of us.

Jesus heals Peter's mother-in-law

Matthew 8:14-15 "When Jesus came into Peter's house, he saw Peter's mother-in-law lying in bed with a fever. He touched her hand and the fever left her, and she got up and began to wait on him.

We must do all we can to provide health care for our mothers

Jesus provides for his mother's future while dying on the cross

John 19:25-27, "Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Dear woman, here is your son," and to the disciple, "Here is your mother." From that time on, this disciple took her into his home."

It is most important that we take care of our mothers and make provision for their future. Jesus is the example of providing for His mother when he was actually dying on the cross. So we must take care of our mothers and be sure they do not suffer and have all they need.

The Apostle Paul honors the mother of Rufus

Romans 16:13, "Greet Rufus, chosen in the Lord, and his mother, who has been a mother to me, too."

The mother of Rufus also became a mother to Paul. Mothers have a big heart.

The father of Rufus was Simon of Cyrene, who helped Jesus Christ carry His cross.

The mother of Rufus loved and served Paul.

Faith in the life of the Grandmother and the Mother of Timothy passed on to Timothy.

2 Timothy 2:5, "I have been reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also."

The faith of our mother is an example to all of us. We must thank God for our mothers. We honor our mothers. We honor their memory. The last words I remember from my mother. "Be careful son, wherever you go and whatever you do, God always sees you and He is watching you. So be careful."

We all have a mother. She is not perfect but she is our mother and God says we must respect her, love her, honor her, provide for her, protect her, look after her bless her and never despise her or reject her. If your mother is still alive give her a call and tell her you

love her and thank her for all her care and sacrifice for you. If she is close by go and see her and give her some lovely flowers. If she has passed away, do thank God for her memory and do not bring any shame of her name. May the Lord bless our mothers real good!