

# **HONORING GODLY MOTHERS**

## Introduction

- 1) **Luke 7:11-17** – Jesus raises the only son of a widow of the city of Nain
  - a) Jesus felt compassion for this weeping mother – gave her back her son who would care for her in her final years
- 2) Godly mothers are precious in the sight of the Lord, and so should be honored by all
  - a) Each of us was “knitted together” in a mother’s womb (Psa. 139:13)
  - b) Children bring joy to a mother (Psa. 113:9; 127:3)
- 3) Very influential – “The hand that rocks the cradle rules the world” (Wallace)
- 4) In the Bible, there were bad mothers (Jezebel, Athaliah), but also godly mothers who had a great influence for good (Jochebed, Hannah, Mary)
- 5) What may we observe and honor about godly mothers?

## **I) Women of Great Faith**

- A) Hannah’s Song (1 Sam. 2:1-10)
  - 1) Honored God as a great and powerful savior and judge
  - 2) The will of God prevails in the end
- B) Mary’s Song (Lk. 1:46-55)
  - 1) Exalted God in His mighty works
- C) Godly mothers possess great faith in God – honor God in good works (Prov. 31:30)

## **II) Women of Great Sacrifice**

- A) A mother shares of herself to conceive, shares to nurture an unborn child, then shares her time, energy, and heart to raise a child through the years of youth
- B) Motherhood is a privilege, but also an important obligation – a task requiring immense dedication, skill, and perseverance
  - 1) Loving one’s children takes much daily application of patience, care, and discipline (Titus 2:4; Prov. 29:15)
- C) In a day when the “traditional” nuclear family is mocked and under attack, the indispensable role of godly mothers is even more vital to holding our families together

## **III) Women of Great Honor**

- A) Honor father and mother (Eph. 6:2-3; Ex. 20:12; Deut. 5:16)
  - 1) To rebel and dishonor a godly mother is inexcusable (Prov. 15:20; 20:20; 30:17)
- B) The greatest honor is to please her with a godly life (Prov. 23:22-25)
  - 1) Give her pleasant memories to cherish (Lk. 2:51)

## **IV) Women of Great Wisdom**

- A) A mother will instruct in godly wisdom (Prov. 1:8; 6:20; Song of Solomon 8:2)
  - 1) Timothy’s mother, Eunice, and grandmother, Lois (2 Tim. 1:5; 3:15)
  - 2) So important to building her home (Prov. 14:1)
- B) Godly children will honor a mother’s wisdom (Prov. 31:26-28)

## Conclusion

God’s love for His people is likened to **a mother’s love** for her children (Isa. 49:15; 66:13). God desires all who have become separated from Him by sin to become His spiritual children again. Will you be born again of water and of the Spirit (Jn. 3:5)? Will you receive the “adoption as sons” into the family of God today (Gal. 4:5)?