

DAILY BIBLE STUDIES

“Mothers Day 2012”

Selected Scripture

MAY 6 – MAY 12, 2012

THE LORD'S DAY –Leading us up to Mothers Day this week I would like to take a general look at some Scriptures which speak of mothers and traits that God honoring mothers have and express. Our society has truly disdained, minimized, and even mocked the Godly role of the Mother in the home. We had and have many opportunities in our local church body in recent years to reflect on “motherhood”. Whether you are a first time mother, mother by adoption, mother to be, or even a man I hope you will see this week the importance of motherhood and be challenged to be a Godly mother and also honor the mom’s God has given to us all. Read **Proverbs 23:25**.

What principles in these verses are applicable to your life today?

Suggestion for prayer: Ask God to teach you from His Word this week.

MONDAY –Contrary to much of the “wisdom” of the world today which is anything but God honoring and wise, we find the first “mother” of all time mentioned in the book of Genesis. The first mother was not the God dishonoring “Mother Nature” which is nothing but an assault and attack against the only creator the “*God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ*”; rather the first mother and motherhood in general was created **BY** God. The first mom was “Eve”. The Hebrew word for “Eve” literally means “life” or “life giving”. Read **Genesis 3:20** and then listen to Adam Clarke from his commentary on Genesis: “Therefore Adam called his wife's name *Life*, because she was to be the mother of all human beings, and because she was to be the mother of HIM who was to give *life* to a world dead in trespasses, and dead in sins (**Ephesians 2:1**). Read also **Galatians 4:4**.

What principles in these verses are applicable to your life today?

Suggestion for prayer: Thank God that He created the first Mother who would be the one who would bring forth through her “seed” the life giver Jesus Christ.

TUESDAY –We saw yesterday God’s eternal plan was that the woman’s “seed” Jesus would be the one who ultimately brought true life. Motherhood is a sacred thing to God. In

the Pentateuch (the first five books of the Bible, the law) God laid out how mothers are to be treated. He gave commands that there should be honor given to mothers and motherhood for they were both ordained by God Himself. Read these verses from the Pentateuch that clearly reveal God's Word concerning the treatment mothers are to receive. **Exodus 20:12, Leviticus 19:3, Deuteronomy 5:16.**

What principles in these verses are applicable to your life today?

Suggestion for prayer: God help us to "honor" our mothers not just on "Mother's Day" but always.

WEDNESDAY –To drive home the point of "honoring" our mothers, today I would like us to look at a few verses which give us the seriousness of this command. God was not giving "advice" when He spoke forth the law and His commandments. We see that there is a great price to be paid for those who would dishonor their mothers and therefore dishonor the Lord God who established mom and motherhood. Remember also this applies to adults and mothers themselves for all of us have had a mother. Read **Exodus 21:15, 17, Proverbs 20:20, 30:17.**

What principles in these verses are applicable to your life today?

Suggestion for prayer: Dear God, help us all too truly honor, respect, and obey our mothers as you have commanded and avoid Your punishment.

THURSDAY –There is also a flip side to yesterday's discussion. We not only see God promises to punish those who disobey this command but He has also promised blessing to those who keep it. As the New Testament records for us the call to "*obey your parents*" is the first commandment "*with a promise*". Paul quotes the Old Testament verse of **Exodus 20:12** when he explains both the command and the promise of God. Read it for yourself in **Ephesians 6:1-3**. (Again, I can't emphasize enough this command is for us all even mother's and father's themselves.)

What principles in these verses are applicable to my life today?

Suggestion for prayer: Thank You God that You have promised blessing to us for obeying Your Word and specifically here Your command to honor or father's and mother's. Help us to do this and receive Your blessing.

FRIDAY –As we turn now our attention to the mother’s themselves we see that Scripture is clear as to what makes a Godly mother. The book of Proverbs is full of wisdom concerning mom and motherhood. Particularly **chapter 31** gives us a beautiful description of “*a virtuous woman*” and a Godly mother. This Lord’s Day we will see some specifics from this chapter but for now I want you to notice **verse 1**. We read in **verse 1** that the King is here giving us the “*utterance which his mother taught him*”. These blessed Words of Scripture were the teachings of a Godly Mother that she was giving to her son. As you read this chapter I pray God would help you to see how blatantly **OPPOSITE** this instruction is from what we hear today concerning men, woman, father’s, mothers, children, and their relationships both in and outside of the home. Read **Proverbs 31**.

What principles in these verses are applicable to your life today?

Suggestion for prayer: O dear God, please open our hearts and minds to meditate, embrace, and practice these blessed truths concerning the home.

SATURDAY –Finally this week I would draw your attention to **Luke 1**. This chapter contains what has been called “*Mary’s Magnificat*”. Here we find the earthly mother of our Lord Jesus Christ pouring out from her heart a most beautiful prayer to God. I could in no way explain the greatness of this text in such a short space. These verses are filled to the brim with quotations from The Scriptures showing that Mary had a heart and mind **saturated** with the Word of God. Not TV, soaps, romance novels, etc...; but with The Holy Scripture. She reflects on her own need of a Savior and the fact that she knew the only true God as her Savior. Jesus was her earthly son, but He was her Lord and Savior as well. There is so much we can learn from this woman of God. Remember this is a **TEENAGER** speaking these words! May God help us to flee the carnal sinful “wisdom” of the world and embrace divine truth and be the best Father’s, Mother’s, Son’s, and Daughter’s we can by God’s grace. Read **Luke 1:39-55**.

What principles in these verses are applicable to your life today?

Suggestion for prayer: God, thank you for Mother’s! Help us all whether Dad’s & Mom’s, or Son’s & Daughter’s to understand and live out these truths of Your Word in our own families that you have placed us in.