

## *Mt. Lebanon Church*

Sermon

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Please look up and read all verses in their entirety. I have only written partial verses.

Make your own notes, write down other scriptures that you run across while studying, write down questions that you may have or comments as well. Allow the Holy Spirit to reveal to you that he would have you to see through the study of God's word.

A Mothers Love, A Reflection of Christ

### Proverbs 31: 10 – 30

Mothers have a unique and crucial role in the lives of their children, and contrary to what some may say, motherhood is not a chore, or an unpleasant task, but it is a godly responsibility, for the mother, to be an ongoing role in the lives of their children, whether they are youngsters, teenagers, young adults, or even an adult with children of their own. Now, the role of the mother will continually change and develop over time, but the love, care, nurturing, and encouragement that a mother gives will never cease to exist. This means that a mother will stand firm in her unconditional love for her children, even though they may be following after the lustful desires of the flesh, the lustful desires of their eyes, and the pridefulness of this sinful world that we live in. Through all these circumstances, a mother will not condemn her children, but she will express her love to them, by telling them again and again, that following after immoral impulses in their lives, they will make themselves sick. No matter if a mother is a believer or a non-believer in her faith in Christ, every mother has Christlike qualities instilled within her for the love of her children, and it is these Christlike qualities that have brought many to come to see, to know, and to understand the love of God.

Turn with me if you will to the book of Proverbs and let us look at the role of a mother.

Proverbs 31: 10 – 30,....who can find a virtuous woman? For her price is far above rubies....she will do....good and not evil....she seeth....and worketh willingly with her hands....she....bringeth....from afar....she riseth....and giveth....she considereth....she planteth....she grideth....with strength....she percieveth....she laying her hands....she stretcheth out....she reacheth forth....she is not afraid....she maketh....she shall rejoice....she openeth her mouth with wisdom....she looketh well....her children....called her blessed....her husband....praiseth her....favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised....

From the very beginning, God has ordained family. Gods love for mothers shines forth throughout the entirety of his word.

**Genesis 3: 20**,....and Adam called his wife Eve, because she was the mother of all living....

Motherhood is an important calling from God, and he uses the qualities that he has instilled within them, which is self-respect, attentiveness, and responsibility, he uses these qualities to describe the way in which he cares for his own.

**Isaiah 66: 13**,....as one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort ye, and ye shall be comforted....

Mothers offer opportunities for growth in the lives of their children. Opportunities that God will use to reflect understanding in his mercy, love, and grace. Mothers point their Children toward good works by training them in wisdom.

**Proverbs 22: 6**,....train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it....

This proverb speaks of both promise and warning. The promise is one of eternal life with God, and the warning is one of eternal separation from God in hell.

Children are a gift from God, and God will use this gift to help encourage mankind to understand the simple foundation of his love. Sadly, there will be those that will become rebellious and depart from the pathway in which they were taught, but mothers should not allow this to become a temptation, so that they feel insecure, discouraged, or disappointed, thinking that they are not accomplishing all that could be accomplished. They may feel this way because of their great love and compassion for their children.

**2 Kings 4: 26, 30,....**she answered it is well....and the mother of the child said, as the Lord liveth, and as my soul liveth, I will not leave thee....

At some time, all mothers will experience sadness, or worry, or hopelessness in their lives, concerning their children. But remember, that through the abilities that God hath given, that in the most distressing of life's experiences, mothers have the power, and the strength, to say that it is well.

**John 19: 26 – 27,....**when Jesus therefore saw his mother, and the disciple standing by, whom he loved, he saith unto his mother, woman behold thy Son....then saith he to the disciple, behold thy mother, and from that hour that disciple took her into his home....

Christ himself showed the greatness, and the importance of a mother's role, when, hanging on the cross, while paying the debt of sin for all of humanity, he, through his compassion, made provisions for his earthly mother, and he did so by placing her in the care of his beloved disciple.

Christ taught mankind many lessons from the cross, and one of those lessons was for the concern and welfare of mothers. Christ fulfilled his family responsibilities both spiritually and physically, by showing his devotion to all of humanity. Through his crucifixion and resurrection, not only did Christ establish the family of God, but also showed believers how to respect and have compassion one for another.

There is nothing like a mother's love, and there is no greater gift that you can give in return for a mother's love than having a meaningful relationship with Christ.

Christ did not just create man and woman, but he created family, and his intent for his earthly family was to be a reflection of his godly family. Gods' earthly family cannot have life without Mothers, just as his godly family cannot have life without Christ. This is the reason why, that when he hung on the cross, he told his disciple, who represents the church, or the body of Christ, to take care of his mother, because mothers represent the life of all of humanity. Therefore, a mother's love is a reflection of Christ.

Let us Pray.

If anyone has any questions, comments or would just like to discuss any of the scriptures, feel free to call, text or email me. Keep praying for each other and all the God lays upon your heart. Hope to see everyone soon. God Bless.

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