

Her Children Rise And Call Her Blessed

Prov. 31:25-31

God's View of The Godly Wife And Mother – Prov. 31:25-31

- 25 Strength and honor are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come.
- 26 She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness.
- 27 She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness.
- 28 Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her.
- 29 Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all.
- 30 Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the LORD, she shall be praised.
- 31 Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates.

Introduction

- In 1907 Anna Jarvis, whose mother had died a couple of years earlier began a push to recognize the value of mothers. In 1914, W. Wilson, signed a proclamation assigning the 2nd Sunday of May as Mother's Day. Ironically, Mrs. Jarvis, in 1923 sued to have it rescinded because it had become so commercialized and she wanted it to be about sentiment rather than profit.
- Today as with every 1st day of the week we assemble to honor, praise and worship God. To remember His grace and the death of His Son for our sins. And that is what we do when we look to His word on any topic.
- Today, I want us to use this occasion to look into His inspired word and remind ourselves of the wonderful work that He has given to wives and mothers. To honor those to whom honor is due and we do that...
- The Bible has a great deal to say about the role of the woman – wife and mother in the home, and the honor and respect that is due her...

Introduction

- The word of God tells us how mothers are to be honored...
 - Mothers are to be honored by their children.
 - 2 Honour thy father and mother; (which is the first commandment with promise;) (Eph. 6:2)
 - Mothers are honored by obedience.
 - 1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. (Eph. 6:1)
 - Mothers are honored by the affection of their children.
 - 20 And he left the oxen, and ran after Elijah, and said, Let me, I pray thee, kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow thee. And he said unto him, Go back again: for what have I done to thee? (I Ki. 19:20)

Introduction

- The word of God tells us how mothers are to be honored...
 - Mothers are honored by being heeded.
 - 20 My son, keep thy father's commandment, and forsake not the law of thy mother: (Prov. 6:20)
 - Mothers are honored by the righteous lives of their children.
 - 24 The father of the righteous shall greatly rejoice: and he that begetteth a wise child shall have joy of him. 25 Thy father and thy mother shall be glad, and she that bare thee shall rejoice. (Prov. 23:24-25)

Introduction

- There is no greater calling, no nobler work; no more vital responsibility than being a godly wife and mother and all that goes with that.
- Sadly, tragically, our world does not see it that way.
- To the great harm of families, communities, churches and nations,
- In fact, for many years...goes out of its way to deny, mock and demean the word of God, godly women and the role that He has given to wives and mothers; and to destroy marriage and the home.

The Value of A Godly Mother...

- “When all is said, it is the mother, and the mother only, who is a better citizen than the soldier who fights for his country. The successful mother, the mother who does her part in rearing and training aright the boys and girls who are to be the men and women of the next generation, is of greater use to the community, and occupies, if she only would realize it, a more honorable as well as more important position than any man in it. The mother is the one supreme asset of the national life. She is more important, by far, than the successful statesman, or businessman, or artist, or scientist”
(President Theodore Roosevelt)

Quotes From the Feminist Movement...

- "The nuclear family must be destroyed... Whatever its ultimate meaning, the break-up of families now is an objectively revolutionary process." -- Linda Gordon
- "Since marriage constitutes slavery for women, it is clear that the women's movement must concentrate on attacking this institution. Freedom for women cannot be won without the abolition of marriage" (feminist leader Sheila Cronan).
- In response to a question concerning China's policy of compulsory abortion after the first child, Molly Yard responded, "I consider the Chinese government's policy among the most intelligent in the world"

Quotes From the Feminist Movement...

- "Marriage has existed for the benefit of men; and has been a legally sanctioned method of control over women.... We must work to destroy it. The end of the institution of marriage is a necessary condition for the liberation of women. Therefore it is important for us to encourage women to leave their husbands and not to live individually with men.... (from "The Declaration of Feminism," November, 1971).
- "By the year 2000 we will, I hope, raise our children to believe in human potential, not God." (Gloria Steinem, editor of MS magazine).
- "In order to raise children with equality, we must take them away from families and communally raise them" (Dr. Mary Jo Bane, feminist and assistant professor of education at Wellesley College, and associate director of the school's Center for Research on Woman).

Quotes From the Feminist Movement...

- "Being a housewife is an illegitimate profession... The choice to serve and be protected and plan towards being a family-maker is a choice that shouldn't be. The heart of radical feminism is to change that." (Vivian Gornick, feminist author, University of Illinois, The Daily Illini, April 25, 1981.

The Truth About Feminist Philosophy...

- There is no life so empty, shallow and ultimately unfulfilling and eternally destructive, as that which seeks to make its own rules, lives only for self and departs from the word of the Creator.
- There is no human existence so vapid as that which seeks only self-indulgence and self-fulfillment; which has no higher aims and goals, no ultimate reach beyond the material and temporary trinkets and worldly praise and acclaim that this sin-sick, perverted and dying world has to offer. It leads to lives that are vile and bitter and in the end, only eternal separation from God.
- On the other hand there is no life and more blessed and ultimately fulfilling than that which is built on the foundation of God's word (Matt. 7:24-27); Seeks Him and to do his will (Acts 17:26-27) and puts others before self. (Phil. 2:3-4; Eph. 5:21; Matt. 22:36-40)

- Phil. 2:3-4 → 3 Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. 4 Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.
- Eph. 5:21 → 21 Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.
- Matt. 22:36-40 → 36 Master, which is the great commandment in the law? 37 Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. 38 This is the first and great commandment. 39 And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. 40 On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

The Word Of God Reveals That...

- Marriage and the home are of Divine origin. (Gen. 2:18-24)
- God, who instituted it, has also given the law by which it is governed. (Gen. 2:24-25; Eph. 5:22-33, etc.)
- That God has given to women a distinctive and special role in the home. (Titus 2:4-5)
- That children are a gift from the Lord. (Ps. 127:3)
- That those who do God's will are praised and approved by Him. (Prov. 31:31)

A Look At Three Mothers...

- Samson's mother. (Judges 13:1-14) → How should the child be raised (vv. 8,12)?
 - Deut. 6:6-9 → 6 And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: 7 And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. 8 And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes. 9 And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates. (cf. Eph. 6:4; Prov. 22:6)

TWELVE RULES FOR RAISING DELINQUENT CHILDREN

1. Begin with infancy to give the child everything he wants. In this way he will grow up to believe the world owes him a living.
2. When he picks up bad words, laugh at him. This will make him think he's cute. It will also encourage him to pick up "cuter phrases" that will blow off the top of your head later.
3. Never give him any spiritual training. Wait until he is 21, and then let him "decide for himself."
4. Avoid the use of the word "wrong." It may develop a guilt complex. This will condition him to believe later, when he is arrested for stealing a car, that society is against him and he is being persecuted.
5. Pick up everything he leaves lying around - books, shoes, clothes. Do everything for him so that he will be experienced in throwing all responsibility on others.
6. Let him read any printed matter he can get his hands on. Be careful that the silverware and drinking glasses are sterilized, but don't worry about his mind feasting on garbage.
7. Quarrel frequently in the presence of your children. In this way they will not be too shocked when the home is broken up later.
8. Give the child all the spending money he wants. Never let him earn his. Why should he have things as tough as you did?
9. Satisfy his every craving for food, drink, and comfort. See that every sensual desire is gratified. Denial may lead to harmful frustration.
10. Take his part against neighbors, teachers, policemen. They are all prejudiced against your child.
11. When he gets into real trouble, apologize to yourself by saying, "I never could do anything with him!"
12. Prepare yourself for a life of grief. You'll surely have it.

Lessons From Three Mothers...

- Hannah, Samuel's mother. (I Sam. 1-2) → "I will give him unto the Lord."
 - A woman in a difficult situation. (I Sam. 1:1-8)
 - Is habitually and fervent in prayer. (I Sam. 1:9-18)
 - Placed her trust in God. (I Sam. 1:10; ch. 2)
 - She has the right perspective and was determined to give her child to the Lord. (I Sam. 1:11,28)

Statements Recognizing the Value of Godly Mothers...

- “Never could it be possible for any man to estimate what he owes to a godly mother. Certainly I have not the powers of speech with which to set forth my valuation of the choice blessing which the Lord bestowed on me in making me the son of one who prayed for me, and prayed with me. How can I ever forget her tearful eye when she warned me to escape from the wrath to come?... How can I ever forget when she bowed her knee, and with her arms about my neck, prayed, ‘Oh, that my son might live before Thee!’” (Charles Spurgeon)

Lessons From Three Mothers...

- Lois and Eunice (II Tim. 1:5) → Passed on a genuine faith to Timothy.
 - In difficult circumstances: pagan environment; no help from husband.
 - A genuine faith is translated into godly living and is passed on to others. (II Tim. 2:15)
 - The great good that Timothy was able to accomplish in the kingdom of God is ultimately traceable to a great and godly mother and grandmother. (I Tim. 1:2; Rom. 16:21; Phil. 2:20)



When You Thought I Wasn't Looking



- When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you hang my first painting on the refrigerator and I immediately wanted to paint another.
- When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you make my favorite cake for me and I learned that the little things can be the special things in life.
- When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you make a meal & take it to a friend who was sick and I learned what it means to serve one another in brotherly love.
- When you thought I wasn't looking, I heard you pray over me and kiss me goodnight and I felt loved & safe.
- When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw how you handled your responsibilities even when you didn't feel good and I learned what it means to glorify God in all things.
- When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you give of your time & money to the church and people in need and I learned that God loves a cheerful giver.
- When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw tears come to your eyes and I learned that sometimes things hurt, but it's all right to cry.
- When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw that you cared and I wanted to be everything that I could be.
- When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you praying and reading God's Word and I learned to depend on & trust in Him, too.
- When you thought I wasn't looking, I looked at you & wanted to say, "Thanks for all the things I saw... when you thought I wasn't looking."

