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Honor Your Mother

By Kevin Cauley

“Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ‘Honor your father and mother,’ which is the first commandment with promise: ‘that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth’ (Ephesians 6:1-3). The command *“honor your father and mother”* was one of the Ten Commandments given by God (Exodus 20:12). It includes both the concepts of obedience of children and caring for wizened parents. Jesus made this latter point in Mark 7:9-13. The Pharisees thought that by giving their money to the temple, they would be excused from taking care of their parents. They were wrong. Jesus taught that the commandment applied just as much to our elderly parents.

On mothers’ day, we show respect for our mothers by praising their role as child bearers. For those who have reared children, we acknowledge their dedication and sacrifices, but mothers are not perfect, even the most saintly sins. The first mother brought sin into the world, yet she was honored with the title: the mother of all living (Genesis 3:20). Jesus died for his own mother’s sins, but He honored her by appointing the apostle John as her guardian (John 19:26-27). We should honor our mothers despite their faults; Jesus certainly did.

Some are fortunate to have their mothers nearby where they are available to have an everyday relationship. Other mothers are not so near and are celebrated when opportunity arises. Yet other mothers have passed on and are no longer with us, but their life and memories may yet be honored. God’s command to honor our father and mother, however, isn’t about superficialities, but a manner of living that extends to every day of the week. May God bless our mothers, and may our mothers be godly.

Thank you, Alexis Brown!
Speaker for today

Happy Mother’s Day

*“Her children rise up and bless her;
Her husband also, and he praises her, saying:
“Many daughters have done nobly,
But you excel them all.”*
Proverbs 31:28-29

May Birthdays

15 Kena Brown

May Anniversaries

5 Aaron & Esmeralda McCollum

Regular Meeting Times

Sunday.....9:45 a.m.

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Godly Wives and Mothers

By Doug Dingley

Godly wives and mothers. There is nothing else on earth quite like them, or anything else on earth that quite compares to them. This, as seen in their constant, continual, and consummate Christ-like love, and the totally selfless and sacrificial lives they live. This is not just something they simply do but is something they truly are.

As such, according to God, they are totally priceless (Proverbs 31:10); infinitely trustworthy (vs. 11); and ultimately, one of the greatest and most beneficial blessings known to man (vs. 12). She is a willing and tireless worker whose only concern is for those whom she loves; for those who are less fortunate; and for the respect and reputation of her household (vss. 13-24). Her godly strength, honor, wisdom, and kindness are unsurpassed, unsuppressed, and therefore help to provide a bright and glorious future for both her and her family as well (vss. 25-26). She is always watching, always working, and therefore always worthy of the praise and adoration of her children, as well as that of her infinitely blessed and privileged husband (vss. 27-29). Indeed, as Proverbs 31 concludes: *“Charm is deceitful and beauty is passing, but a woman who fears the Lord, she shall be praised. Give her of the fruit of her hands, and let her own works praise her in the gates”* (vss. 30-31).

To all of the mature godly women among us today – wives, mothers, and grandmothers of all generations and designations – we want you to know that you are: truly a blessing beyond words; an inspiration beyond imagination; and a gift from God to each and every one of us blessed enough to know and love you. Thank you for letting us see Jesus in you – and not just today, but each and every day you live. May God continue to bless you all, as you continue to so selflessly serve, show us, and shine forth the light of Him, whom you so much love and seek to emulate.

A Mother’s Day

By Aaron Beard

Mothers of faith instill faith in their children and are praised by God for their godly service (2 Timothy 1:5). As we honor our mothers today, please notice some of the things with which a Mother’s Day ought to be filled.

A Mother’s Day is:

A day of joy. The day of giving birth to new life is a great day of joy and gladness (John 16:21). Yet, even while motherhood brings joy it is also attended with sorrow. Mary, the mother of Jesus, had great sorrow as she witnessed her son Jesus being horribly mistreated (Luke 2:34-35).

A day of love. Godly mothers seek the welfare of her children before herself. She “watches over the ways of her household” with love (Proverbs 31:27). Blessed is the family whose mother wraps her children in the security of warm affection and constant care (Titus 2:4).

A day of instruction. Mothers are daily teachers of the next generation. Her words, values and character are instilled in the hearts and lives of her children. Mothers, be careful to teach your children “*with wisdom*” and the “*law of kindness*” (Proverbs 31:26).

A day of devotion. Hannah devoted herself to giving her son Samuel to the Lord (1 Sam. 1:11, 22, 27-28). Our children will not be Christians by accident. Mothers have a tremendous part in the faith of your children. If we are not devoted to God it is unlikely our children will be. Set them a godly example every day. Mothers, they will “*rise up and call (you) blessed*” (Prov. 31:28).