

MOTHER'S DAY
MAY 13, 2018

INTRODUCTION: LEV. 20:9

Mother's Day is a day of mixed emotions. To some, it's a special day when children express love and gratitude for Mom in various ways. To others, it's a dreaded day of painful emotions for various reasons: Infertility, loss of mother or child, abortion, miscarriage, abusive mom, rebellious child, don't know your biological mom....These scenarios make the message a challenge to prepare.

The Brokenhearted LUKE 4:18

Jesus came to put the shattered pieces of your heart back together again. No matter what the cause, there's healing for you. It doesn't come in the form of a pill, it comes in the form of a person.

PSALMS 147:3 He's here to bind up every wound.

Lessons From Biblical Moms

- 1.) **Eve** - Feminine qualities are part of God's character. It's important to protect the heart from deception. Consult God and husband before making important decisions. Abel's death explains why.
- 2.) **Sarah** - There's a work of the flesh and of the spirit. When God's promise is delayed, it's easy to yield to the flesh. Ishmael and Isaac - a work of the flesh and spirit, or Islamic nations and Israel. It's better to place matters in God's hands.
- 3.) **Hannah** - Never give up on your dream. Children belong to God and we must help them fulfill God's will. Honor your vows.
- 4.) **Lois** - Teaching our children God's Word can influence generations to come. Lois taught Eunice who taught Timothy, who became wise to salvation. Timothy taught many!

Honoring Mom - Why and How-EPHESIANS 6:1-3

1.) Why?

- A.) This is right; God commands it; children owe a debt of gratitude to their parents. In 1960, it cost \$25,000 to raise a child from 0-17. Today, it costs \$233,610 plus college expenses; your future - there are three institutions of learning: The home, school and society. If a child doesn't learn discipline and obedience at home, he becomes a trouble-maker at school and graduates to the court system.
- B.) The Promise: Well days and long life.

2.) How?

- A.) Obedience. **EPHESIANS 6:1** By your actions. **LUKE 2:51** Jesus was subject to His parents. Right or wrong, children should obey unless they're asked to violate the laws of God.

B.) Attitude.

- * Thanksgiving - most Moms do more than any child can know until they have their own. Be thankful.
- * Honesty - Be truthful, show integrity, be trustworthy. Regaining trust is not easy.

C.) Attention:

- * **LEVITICUS 19:32 NLT** - Honoring the aged shows reverence for God. 70% in nursing homes are rarely visited by their children.
- * **MATTHEW 15:3-9 NLT** - They invalidated God's Word for the sake of tradition. They found ways to get around their responsibilities to care for their aged parents by giving their estate to God. Once given, they had no means to help their aged parents.
- * **PROVERBS 20:20** This verse reveals the consequences of dishonoring parents.