

**WOMAN, WIFE, MOTHER**  
**MAY 10, 2020**

**INTRODUCTION:**

The Mother's Day message is one of the most challenging messages to prepare for and deliver. Why? Because of the many scenarios that exist in almost every congregation: Infertility, miscarriage, abortion, abandonment, loss of a mom or child, abusive mom, rebellious child, don't know your birth mom, irresponsible mom... To some, Mother's Day is a wonderful time to be together and express love. To others, it's one of the most painful days of the year. These scenarios make it challenging to minister effectively to every need. **PSALMS 113:9, 128:1-3** A Mother's Day message and service can be a time of blessing, refreshing, restoration and healing.

**EVE, OUR FIRST WOMAN, WIFE AND MOTHER**

1. Name meaning.
  - A. Eve had three names: Woman – because she was taken out of man. **GENESIS 2:23** This name is associated with her relation to Adam. A relation she was created to fulfill.  
**1 CORINTHIANS 11:8** Adam – **GENESIS 5:1-2** this name implies the divine ideal for man and wife is not merely association, but an indissoluble unity – one flesh, and one name. Eve, was given after the fall, meaning mother of all who have life. **GENESIS 3:20**
2. Eve was the first woman upon the earth.
  - A. She was perfect because she was skillfully handcrafted by God for Adam. **GENESIS 1:31-2:1** Finished means “brought to perfection.” **GENESIS 2:18** It was Eve who made what was not good in creation good.
3. Eve was the first wife upon the earth. **GENESIS 2:20-24**
  - A. Eve's creation brought into the world relationship, friendship, companionship and marriage. **MATTHEW 19:3-6**
  - B. **PROVERBS 18:22** – Adam's wife was formed, ours must be found. **PROVERBS 31:10-12 (NLT)**
  - C. Eve clearly understood her position and purpose: To be her husband's companion and helper, to help tend the garden, to replenish the earth, and to use her dominion to fulfill her duties as a woman, wife and mother.
  - D. Eve began her life as a perfect woman in a perfect home environment. She was a perfect wife until the day she was deceived and became the world's first sinner.
  - E. Eve was deceived by Satan's subtlety.  
**2 CORINTHIANS 11:3** Satan didn't say “transgress,” he said “possess;” he didn't say “sin,” he said “Selah” think about it – “you'll be known as gods!”
4. Eve was the world's first mother. **GENESIS 4:1-5**
  - A. She taught her children to know God. This is why Cain and Able offered sacrifices to God. **TITUS 2:3-5 (NLT)**
5. Eve was the first to experience the effects of sin. **GENESIS 3:16**
  - A. The pain and sorrow associated with birth and death. Pain in child bearing and sorrow in burying her son.
6. Life lessons we can learn from Eve.
  - A. Focus on the good around us. Everything she had was perfect. She focused on what she didn't have and stepped outside paradise into a fallen world.
  - B. Don't doubt God's Word, written or spoken.
  - C. Turn to God's Word when tempted, as Jesus did.
  - D. Don't set our own standards for living.
  - E. Don't seek fulfillment in material things. They will always leave us wanting more.  
**REVELATION 21:1-5**
  - F. Our relationship to God is what really matters. **1 JOHN 3:1-3**