

THE KIND OF MOTHER'S WE DON'T AND DO NEED

TEXT: Eph. 6:1-3 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.

INTRODUCTION:

A. How Mother's Day Began.

1. First suggested by Anna M. Jarvis in 1908.
2. On May 9, 1914, by an act of Congress, Pres. Woodrow Wilson proclaimed the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day.
3. He said it was a time for, "public expression of our love and reverence for the mothers of our country."

B. What does it mean to honor-to regard or to treat with respect, due obedience and courtesy?

C. When children no longer treat their parents with honor and respect the family structure breaks down.

D. The lesson this morning will be in honor of all the mothers in the audience.

E. Someone once said "The hand that rocks the cradle rules the world."

F. Jesus showed concern for parents:

1. In His teaching- Mark 7:10-13 For Moses said, 'Honor your father and your mother'; and, 'He who curses father or mother, let him be put to death.' But you say, 'If a man says to his father or mother, "Whatever profit you might have received from me is Corban"--' (that is, a gift to God), then you no longer let him do anything for his father or his mother, making the word of God of no effect through your tradition which you have handed down. And many such things you do."

2. In His own life- Jn. 19:26-27 When Jesus therefore saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing by, He said to His mother, "Woman, behold your son!" Then He said to the disciple, "Behold your mother!" And from that hour that disciple took her to his own home.

BODY?:

I. THE KIND OF MOTHERS WE DON'T NEED.

A. Like Many Today:

1. There are over 1 million abortions per year in US c.a. 40 million world.
2. Those who abuse the children they have.

B. Those Like Jezebel- the epitome of feminine wickedness.

1. So wicked that Jesus hundreds of years later uses her name for a wicked person- Rev. 2:20 "Nevertheless I have a few things against you, because you allow that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, to teach and seduce My servants to commit sexual immorality and eat things sacrificed to idols.

2. She introduced idolatry to Israel.
3. Killed Naboth, tried to kill Elijah.
4. Her life was the three big I's: Idolatry, Iniquity, and Indiscretion.

C. Those Like Ath-a-liah: (Daughter of Jezebel).

1. Ezk. 16:44b "like mother, like daughter."
2. Most evil women were raised by evil women.

3. Athaliah was married to Joram who she influenced to do evil much like her mother had done- 2 Kings 8:18. And he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, just as the house of Ahab had done, for the daughter of Ahab was his wife; and he did evil in the sight of the Lord.

4. When her husband Joram died her son Ahaziah came to power.

a. 2 Kings 8:26-27 Ahaziah was twenty-two years old when he became king, and he reigned one year in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Athaliah the granddaughter of Omri, king of Israel. 27 And he walked in the way of the house of Ahab, and did evil in the sight of the Lord, like the house of Ahab, for he was the son-in-law of the house of Ahab.

b. 2 Chron. 22: 2-4 Ahaziah was forty-two years old when he became king, and he reigned one year in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Athaliah the granddaughter of Omri. He also walked in the ways of the house of Ahab, for his mother advised him to do wickedly. Therefore he did evil in the sight of the Lord, like the house of Ahab; for they were his counselors after the death of his father, to his destruction.

D. Those like Herodias the mother of Salome.

1. Matt. 14:3-12 For Herod had laid hold of John and bound him, and put him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife. Because John had said to him, "It is not lawful for you to have her." And although he wanted to put him to death, he feared the multitude, because they counted him as a prophet. But when Herod's birthday was celebrated, the daughter of Herodias danced before them and pleased Herod. Therefore he promised with an oath to give her whatever she might ask. So she, having been prompted by her mother, said, "Give me John the Baptist's head here on a platter. And the king was sorry; nevertheless, because of the oaths and because of those who sat with him, he commanded it to be given to her. So he sent and had John beheaded in prison. And his head was brought on a platter and given to the girl, and she brought it to her mother. Then his disciples came and took away the body and buried it, and went and told Jesus.

2. Look at the way she influenced her daughter.

- a. She was living in adultery.
- b. Did not respect God's preacher- John the Baptist.
- c. She wanted or at least permitted her daughter to dance.
- d. Wanted her daughter to have a man of God killed.

II. THE KIND OF MOTHERS THAT WE DO NEED;

A. Like Jochebed the mother of Moses.

1. She protected her children- Ex. 2:1-10 And a man of the house of Levi went and took as wife a daughter of Levi. So the woman conceived and bore a son. And when she saw that he was a beautiful child, she hid him three months. But when she could no longer hide him, she took an ark of bulrushes for him, daubed it with asphalt and pitch, put the child in it, and laid it in the reeds by the river's bank. And his sister stood afar off, to know what would be done to him. Then the daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river. And her maidens walked along the riverside; and when she saw the ark among the reeds, she sent her maid to get it. and when she had opened it, she saw the child, and behold, the baby wept. So she had compassion on him, and said, "This is one of the Hebrews' children." Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and call a nurse for you from the Hebrew women, that she may nurse the child for you?" And Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Go." So the maiden went and called the child's mother. Then Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child away and nurse him for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed him. And the child grew, and she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son. So she called his name Moses, saying, "Because I drew him out of the water."

2. She did this by faith- Heb. 11:23 By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden three months by his parents, because they saw he was a beautiful child; and they

were not afraid of the king's command

3. What a contrast in some mothers today.

B. Like Hannah the mother of Samuel.

1. 1 Sam. 1:10-11 And she was in bitterness of soul, and prayed to the Lord and wept in anguish. Then she made a vow and said, "O Lord of hosts, if You will indeed look on the affliction of Your maidservant and remember me, and not forget Your maidservant, but will give Your maidservant a male child, then I will give him to the Lord all the days of his life, and no razor shall come upon his head."

2. Reasons she was a good mother.

a. She wanted to be a mother- her God given role.

b. She was a woman of prayer.

c. She kept her word.

d. She loaned her son to the Lord- Modern mother try to raise their children without God.

C. Like the Mother in Prov. 31:10-31 Who can find a virtuous wife? For her worth is far above rubies. The heart of her husband safely trusts her; So he will have no lack of gain. She does him good and not evil All the days of her life. She seeks wool and flax, And willingly works with her hands. She is like the merchant ships, She brings her food from afar. She also rises while it is yet night, And provides food for her household, And a portion for her maidservants. She considers a field and buys it; From her profits she plants a vineyard. She girds herself with strength, And strengthens her arms. She perceives that her merchandise is good, And her lamp does not go out by night. She stretches out her hands to the distaff, And her hand holds the spindle. She extends her hand to the poor, Yes, she reaches out her hands to the needy. She is not afraid of snow for her household, For all her household is clothed with scarlet. She makes tapestry for herself; Her clothing is fine linen and purple. Her husband is known in the gates, When he sits among the elders of the land. She makes linen garments and sells them, And supplies sashes for the merchants. Strength and honor are her clothing; She shall rejoice in time to come. She opens her mouth with wisdom, And on her tongue is the law of kindness. She watches over the ways of her household, And does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children rise up and call her blessed; Her husband also, and he praises her: "Many daughters have done well, But you excel them all." 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.

D. Like Elizabeth the mother of John the Baptist.

1. She was a good woman- Lk. 1:5-6 There was in the days of Herod, the king of Judea, a certain priest named Zacharias, of the division of Abijah. His wife was of the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. And they were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless.

2. She was an older woman with no children- Lk. 1:7 But they had no child, because Elizabeth was barren, and they were both well advanced in years.

3. She also wanted a child- Lk. 1:24-25 Now after those days his wife Elizabeth conceived; and she hid herself five months, saying, Thus the Lord has dealt with me, in the days when He looked on me, to take away my reproach among people."

E. Like Mary the Mother of Jesus.

1. Because some people have exalted her others have failed to honor her as a faithful instrument of God.
2. Mary was chosen by God above all other women. Lk. 1:28 And having come in, the angel said to her, "Rejoice, highly favored one, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women!"
3. Lk. 1:46-55 shows a little about Mary's attitude. And Mary said: "My soul magnifies the Lord, And my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior. For He has regarded the lowly state of His maidservant; For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed. For He who is mighty has done great things for me, And holy is His name. And His mercy is on those who fear Him From generation to generation. He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He has put down the mighty from their thrones, And exalted the lowly. He has filled the hungry with good things, And the rich He has sent away empty. He has helped His servant Israel, In remembrance of His mercy, As He spoke to our fathers, To Abraham and to his seed forever."
4. Mary must have been the best mother God could find.

F. Like Lois and Eunice mother and Grandmother of Timothy.

1. They were women of great faith- 2 Tim. 1:1-5 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, according to the promise of life which is in Christ Jesus, To Timothy, a beloved son: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. I thank God, whom I serve with a pure conscience, as my forefathers did, as without ceasing I remember you in my prayers night and day, greatly desiring to see you, being mindful of your tears, that I may be filled with joy, when I call to remembrance the genuine faith that is in you, which dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am persuaded is in you also.

2. Timothy was trained by his mother and grandmother 2 Tim. 3:14-15 But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

4. There will be a lot of Timothy's in heaven because of mother and grandmothers who take the time to live and teach their children the gospel.

CONCLUSION:

A. I hope that all the mothers have a nice day.

B. I hope all the children of good mothers will let them know how much you love them today.

C. We need more godly mothers.

D. If you are here today and you would like to be a good mother or father or son or daughter you can by following the Bible.

E. Obey God today.