

Thank God for Mothers Who Care!

Calvary Baptist Church

Mothers Day

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Beginning Text: 1 Kings 3



OPEN: We are seeing deadbeat moms today. This is a relatively new phenomenon. We've long been accustomed to deadbeat dads. But this shocks us! 1 Kings 3 reveals the natural care of a mother, even if that mother is a harlot by vocation.

- We are taking a slice from the biography of Solomon that comes from a period in which the Bible says that "Solomon loved the LORD, walking in the statutes of David his father" (vs. 3).
- Saul goes to Gibeon to sacrifice.
- God appears to Solomon and instructs him to ask for what he wants.
- Solomon is feeling the weight of his new responsibility as king.
- He says, You have made me king, I am like a little child, and there are a whole lot of people to govern, so give me wisdom.
- God answers his prayer.
- Immediately after recounting this story, the author gives us our text for this morning as an illustration of Solomon's great wisdom.
- So we could outline it this way:
 - 1) Solomon's Wisdom Requested (vss. 5-9)
 - 2) Solomon's Wisdom Received (vss. 10-15)
 - 3) Solomon's Wisdom Revealed (vss. 16-28)

INTRODUCTION (Isa. 49:15)

- Though we hear the dramatic stories on the news of uncaring mothers, thank God these are still by far the exception.
- This morning, we want to say "Thank you Lord, for mothers who still care!"

**I. THANK GOD FOR MOTHERS WHO CARE ABOUT THEIR HEART
(SPIRITUAL) (Pr. 31:30; 2 Tim. 1:5; Titus 2:3; Acts 12:12)**

- Before a grandmother or mother can teach her children (as we will see below), she must have mastered the subject herself.

**II. THANK GOD FOR MOTHERS WHO CARE ABOUT THEIR
HUSBAND (Eph. 5:33; Pr. 31:10-12, 23)**

- We are seeing a new phenomenon today.
- Couples are divorcing after the child rearing years in alarming new numbers.
- Why? I would dare say that an unhealthy shift is taking place.
- Children are becoming number one, and spouses are becoming number two.
- This is not God's pattern!
- One day, we as children, left our parent's home to join ourselves to our spouse.
- One day, our children will leave our home.
- We will never abandon our parents or our children. God forbid!
- But it is just as wrong to cleave to the children instead of the spouse as it was to cleave to our parents instead of our spouse! Amen!
- Some will laugh at the preacher, mock Bible teaching, but many are laughing their way all the way to divorce court!

**III. THANK GOD FOR MOTHERS WHO CARE ABOUT THEIR HOME
(1 Tim. 5:14; Pr. 14:1; 31:27; Titus 2:1-5)**

- Titus 2:1-5 deals with both her relationship with God and the keeping the home and the training the children

IV. THANK GOD FOR MOTHERS WHO CARE ABOUT THEIR HONORABLE TASK

- I have no problem with women in the workplace.
- I have no problem with women in leadership positions.
- I have no problem with educated, talented women.
- I value the insight and advice of women.
- Thank God for what women do in the church, for where would we be without them.
- But may I say to you, dear lady, that if you excel at all of the above, and fail at motherhood, you ARE a failure in God's eyes! I can't put it any other way.
- And mom, you have to take it seriously!

**A. A MOTHER CARES FOR HER CHILDREN SACRIFICIALLY
(FROM THE BEGINNING) (Gen. 3:16; Jn. 16:21)**

**B. A MOTHER CARES FOR HER CHILDREN'S SUPPLY
(Pr. 31:15)**

**C. A MOTHER CARES ABOUT HER CHILDREN'S SAFETY
(Ex. 2:3; Lk. 2:48)**

**D. A MOTHER CARES ABOUT HER CHILDREN'S SUFFERING
(Gen. 21:16; 2 Kings 4:19-20; Jer. 31:15; Mt. 15:22;
24:19; Lk. 2:35; Jn. 19:25)**

E. A MOTHER CARES ABOUT HER CHILDREN'S SOUL

- 1. She Trains Them in God's Word (Pr. 31:26)**
- 2. She Teaches Them what God Expects
(Dt. 6:7; Pr. 1:8; Mt. 14:6-8)**

3. She Teaches Them the Way to Salvation

(2 Tim. 3:15)

- Some care about health, and provision and even guidance. But Christ has no part!

ILLUS: Hunger Games Katniss Everdeen. No doubt that her mother loved her deeply. But God never mentioned. Sad! No real source of comfort is seen in the entire book!

4. She Teaches Them How to Love Their Family

(Titus 2:4)

CONCLUSION (Pr. 31:28-29)

- A mother like this one is rare.
- If that is your mom, thank God today.
- Show her the love she deserves.
- Brag on her, out loud!
- If you have a wife like this one, sir, thank God.
- Give her the fruit of her hands!
- Tell her you love her and what she means to you!

Thank God
FOR MOM

