

MOTHERS ARE SPECIAL

INTRODUCTION.

- A. Scripture text: ?. From Roy H. Enoch (05-08-1994).
- B. Many illustrations can be offered to show that Mothers are special.
 - 1. Mother--A Picker-upper.
A teacher had just given her primary grade class a science lesson on magnets. In a follow-up test, one question read: "My name starts with M, has six letters, and I pick up things. What am I?" She was a bit surprised to find half the class answered the question with the word "Mother".
 - 2. Mary Dawson Hughes wrote a poem that gives an excellent justification for Mother's Day:

MOTHERS

There are times when we let favors go unmentioned,
When we leave a warm and loving word unsaid,
There are times when we forget our kind intentions,
When we're wrapped up in our private world instead--
But though we often fail to show our feelings,
We hope the ones we love will somehow know--
And that's why there are days meant for revealing
The love we feel but may not always show.

- 3. Love is the key to well adjusted teens and adults.
A recent study of maladjusted high schoolers shows how important it is to tell our children we love them. After the counselors had worked long enough to gain rapport with ten of the most maladjusted students, they asked them how long it had been since their parents had told them they loved them. Not a single one could remember having heard such a comment. By contrast, ten of the best adjusted teens answered the question by saying "this morning," or "last night," or indicated that they had been verbally reassured of their parent's love w/in the last few hours.
- 4. Children of ALL ages prefer an ounce of mother to a pound of preacher any day.
- 5. Truly, Mothers are Special, and when David sought a way to illustrate deep grief and disappointment, he chose the idea of one mourning for his mother. "...I bowed down heavily, as one who mourns for his mother" (Psa. 35:14).
- 6. Deep cords of emotion are touched in one's heart regarding one's mother that no other human relationship can stir.
 - a. When Paul wanted Timothy to be stirred in his faith, he reminded him that it was a faith first possessed by his mother and his grandmother (2Tim. 1:5).
 - b. Mothers have to have a lot of faith.
- C. As we recognize that "Mothers Are Special", we need to realize that they have needs too.
 - 1. Mothers need faith in God and in Christ.
 - 2. Mothers need to have faith in the Bible.
 - 3. Mothers need to have faith in the future.

I. MOTHERS NEED FAITH IN GOD AND IN CHRIST.

- A. Like the widow of Zarephath in 1Kgs 17, mothers need to be assured that God will keep His promises (1Kgs 17:12-15).
 - 1. God often asks us to do things that require a great deal of faith.
 - a. In marriage God requires each to "leave father and mother, and to cleave" to each other.
 - b. The wife is to be in subjection to the husband as to the Lord.
 - c. The husband is to be responsible for the family. (That is what it means to be the head.)
 - d. Children require a great deal of nurturing and care. (Husbands often do not help much,

- e. But serving has its reward: Mothers earn a greater respect from her family than many fathers do.
- 2. It takes great faith to put God first when we have such great responsibility, but it may take even greater faith to try to raise a family without God.

II. **MOTHERS NEED TO HAVE FAITH IN THE BIBLE.**

- A. Many families have an old family Bible that only serves to keep family records.
 - 1. But it is often treasured because "It was our mother's."
 - 2. It is often dilapidated, and has only sentimental value.
 - 3. "The Bible that is falling apart from use, usually belongs to someone who is not."
- B. Reading to children is one of the greatest aids in developing vocabulary and reading skills.
 - 1. Reading the Bible stories will give them a moral standard for measuring behavior.
 - 2. The mother who reads the Bible regularly to her children may be rare, but she is wise, and loving.
- C. The children need to learn what the Bible says, but even more important, to learn to trust what it says about every subject.

III. **MOTHERS NEED TO HAVE FAITH AND CONFIDENCE IN THE FUTURE.**

- A. If a mother brooded over all the wickedness in the world, and worried over everything that might go wrong, she would be a nervous wreck.
 - 1. And her children would probably also be imagining dangers and trouble also.
 - 2. Living in fear of anticipated or imagined dangers not only robs one of peace of mind, but hinders productivity.
- B. But faith in God will cast out fear and give us peace of mind.
 - 1. Also perfect or mature love casts out fear (1Jn. 4:17-19).
 - 2. Fear of suffering or the unwillingness to suffer causes great worry sometimes.
 - a. Fear is often a lack of faith. Luke 8:25
 - b. Fear kept the one-talent man from using his talent.
 - 3. The Lord wants us to have the peace that comes w/faith. John 14:27
 - 4. It takes faith to follow God rather than the wisdom of men.
 - a. The training of children is the responsibility of the fathers as much as the mothers, but few fathers seem to accept this responsibilities (Eph. 6:4).
 - b. We are thankful for the fathers of this congregation who do accept their responsibilities in this way.

CONCLUSION.

- A. A poem by Casi Hudson sums up why mothers are special.

MOMMY SCHOOL

There ought to be a Mommy School to teach all us young ladies
The art of cleaning runny noses while raising tiny babies.

So many things we're s'posed to know like diaper rash and teething,
When crying's good and when it's not, and what to do for sneezing.

We mummies try so very hard to help our babies along;
When they're small we do our best to teach them right from wrong.

And quite often I am very sure they sit and wonder why

We give them all those nasty chores as nightfall now grows nigh.
No books on matching socks and shoes, no notes on this one's favorite food,
No class on how to tell by a word when Tommy's testy and Betty's blue.
A lesson should be offered too on all the clothes we've done,
From all the washing, sewing and mending to the purchasing of each one.
Those lessons on loving and caring aren't hard to learn at all.
We often find our time's run out, for now they're big--not small.
Then Mom, whose habit for many years has been to be close by,
Would watch her little ones as they grow up and say good-bye.
How many days and days and days of sleepless nights and nights
Did our husbands and all the world wonder why we looked affright?
They weren't around when Mary had the tummy ache and cried
or when Billy had a bad dream and wanted Mom by his side.
As Sunday morning now arrives, the last shoelace is tied.
We'll worship God together and remember why He died.
As eyes are closed and heads are bowed, Mom silently prays her own prayer:
"Please know, dear God, I did my best; I raised them with such care."
No one can know within Mom's heart the pain and pride she's known,
For now as she remembers, she was never all alone.
Each child you surely know, Mom, is loved by God above;
Each child you've raised has many talents. Remember these with love.
As now your days at Mommy School are slowing down a bit,
You can recall the rules you learned and will not soon forget.
Remember always their need for learning,
Remember always their need for love,
Remember always their need for understanding, and
Remember their need for God above.