

Godly Mothers

(Based on a sermon: *I Know My Mother Loved Me* by Kevin Cauley; Berryville church of Christ, AR)

Introduction: Psalm 22:10 "...From My mother's womb You have been My God."

- A. "I know my mother loved me because:
 - 1. She disciplined me when I did wrong
 - 2. She cared for me when I was sick
 - 3. She fed and clothed me even when I was rebellious
 - 4. She taught me about God's word
 - 5. She taught me the forgiveness of unconditional love: Mom and the blownout egg; Mom and Grandma and the chocolate covered strawberry, Grandma and Great Grandma Marrata
- B. 1Sam. 2:19 - Hannah is a great example of a good mother
 - 1. Samuel was so very small when he started his service to God that a ephod/vest covered him entirely.
 - 2. Every year, Hannah would make "a little robe" for him to wear.
- C. I know my mother loved me because:

I. SHE DISCIPLINED ME WHEN I DID WRONG

- A. Prov. 4:3, 6:20, 10:1; 13:24, 23:25, 29:15, 30:17, 31:1

II. SHE CARED FOR ME WHEN I WAS SICK

- A. Psalm 35:13-14, 131:2
- B. Adult men who never forgot the debt they owed to mothers for their love and wonderful influence
 - 1. Abraham Lincoln - "All that I can or be, I owe to you."
 - 2. James A. Garfield - "Mother, you have brought me here."
 - 3. Henry Ward Beecher - "The mother's heart is the child's schoolroom."
 - 4. Ralph Waldo Emerson - "Men are what their mothers make them."
 - 5. William Brown - "The sweetest sounds to mortals given, Are heard in mother, home and Heaven"
 - 6. Napoleon Bonaparte - "The future destiny of the child is always the work of the mother"
 - 7. George Washington - "My mother was the most beautiful woman I ever saw. I attribute all my success in life to the moral, intellectual and physical education I received from her"
 - 8. T. B. Larimore was sent home from grammar school as one who could not be taught; mother taught him; he became one of the great preachers of the Restoration Movement
- C. "The hand that rocks the cradle, rules the world."
 - 1. "Like father, like son" is actually an adaptation of an ancient saying that speaks of the influence of mothers...
 - 2. "Indeed everyone who quotes proverbs will use this proverb against you: Like mother, like daughter!" (Ez. 16:44).

III. SHE FED AND CLOTHED ME WHEN I WAS REBELLIOUS

- A. A love that must be learned - Titus 2:3-5
- B. Such is the love of God. It is a deliberate, conscious choice
 - 1. Matt. 5:44-48; Rom. 5:7-8
- C. She works hard to do this - Prov. 31:15-21, 25-28

IV. SHE TAUGHT ME GOD'S WORD ALL OF MY LIFE

- A. 2Tim. 1:3-5; Psalm 22:10
- B. Strickland Gillilan
 - “You may have tangible wealth untold;
 - Caskets of jewels and coffers of gold;
 - Richer than I you can never be
 - I had a mother who read to me”

Conclusion:

- A. I know my mother loved me because she did the things the Bible said would show her love for me.