

GENESIS 2:15 And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it.

Dress:

HEBREW LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 5647

'abad {aw-bad'} a primitive root; TWOT -- 1553; v

1) to work, serve

1a) (Qal)

1a1) to labour, work, do work

1a2) to work for another, serve another by labour

1a3) to serve as subjects

1a4) to serve (God)

1a5) to serve (with Levitical service)

1b) (Niph)

1b1) to be worked, be tilled (of land)

1b2) to make oneself a servant

1c) (Pual) to be worked

1d) (Hiph)

1d1) to compel to labour/work, cause to labour, cause to serve

1d2) to cause to serve as subjects

1e) (Hoph) to be led/enticed to serve

Keep:

HEBREW LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 8104

shamar {shaw-mar'} a primitive root; TWOT -- 2414; v

1) to keep, guard, observe, give heed

1a) (Qal)

1a1) to keep, have charge of

1a2) to keep, guard, keep watch and ward, protect, save life

1a2a) watch, watchman (participle)

1a3) to watch for, wait for

1a4) to watch, observe

1a5) to keep, retain, treasure up (in memory)

1a6) to keep (within bounds), restrain

1a7) to observe, celebrate, keep (sabbath/covenant/commands), perform (vow)

1a8) to keep, preserve, protect

1a9) to keep, reserve

1b) (Niph)

1b1) to be on one's guard, take heed, take care, beware

1b2) to keep oneself, refrain, abstain

1b3) to be kept, be guarded

1c) (Piel) to keep, pay heed

1d) (Hithp) to keep oneself from

Precious Lord, we are thankful that You have given us the ability to gather, to overcome the daily battles of our minds, and to sit at Your feet to learn of Thy Word. We are so thankful to be part of Your great economy, to be the lively stones that make up the great building of the Lord, and to flourish in Your garden. Today, we are gathered not just to have another service, but to look deep into a great mystery that God hid in the back part of His mind the great mystery of motherhood.

Four Kingdoms:

- Woman's Kingdom
- Man's Kingdom
- Children's Kingdom
- Kingdom of God

When a man meets a Woman, he brings his kingdom to join with her kingdom. Their union bring about the three kingdom the children. The children are the dreams of the parents, their aspirations. Within the child are many kingdoms aspiring to dominate and rule. But there is the Kingdom of God, Gene Kingdom.

Brother Branham taught us that if there was to be another gospel added to Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, it would be the gospel of Motherhood. Motherhood is the most important job there is that can be rendered as a service to mankind. Motherhood is the backbone and the heart of every nation and every family. Without true motherhood, a nation's backbone is broken, producing juvenile delinquents and a broken society.

Today, we want to look beyond the natural and see the great spiritual revelation that God intended when He created the role of a mother.

God as a Mother

To understand the spirit of motherhood, we must first look to the Creator. Our God is a supernatural being; He is a Spirit, and in the human spirit, there is no such thing as male and female. God is neither male nor female, for He never had a father, a mother, or a womb from which He came. However, to reveal Himself, He produced a unique species called man. Within that species, He created gender male and female. He designed the male body with certain hormones like testosterone to show strength, protection, and the ability to be a patriarch and a king.

But God also designed the female body, balancing her hormones to make her feel different, so she could reveal the tender, comforting, and nurturing heart of God. Without the role of motherhood, God could not be thoroughly revealed or appreciated. When God came down to Abraham in **Genesis 17**, He revealed Himself as *El Shaddai*, the breasted God, the strength giver and the nourisher. God was showing Abraham that He possesses the attributes of a mother, carrying the breasts of consolation to nourish and strengthen His children.

The Holy Spirit is the ultimate Mother.

As a mother brood over her children and gathers them for family time and supper, the Holy Spirit loves to brood over His children and gather us around the Word. Just like a mother is a comforter who is gentle with her children, the Holy Spirit is our Comforter. The Holy Spirit protects you, watches over you, teaches you, and tutors you. When a child cries, there is nothing as sweet or as comforting as the voice of its mother, just as there is nothing as sweet as the sound of **the Holy Spirit the voice of the messenger to the believer.** That voice means care, contentment, comfort, and attention.

God hid a profound truth in the Hebrew language regarding a mother's love. The Hebrew word for compassion is *rechem* (or *recham*), which is rooted in the word for "womb". True compassion, true mercy, and true pity are reserved for that which comes from your own womb. You can love your neighbour's children or your sister's children, but when it comes down to it, there is an instinctive, unconditional love for the child that came from your own flesh and blood. You see, a mother's love is an *elective* love. It is unconditional and easily entreated.

A mother will love her child regardless of how imperfect, unlovable, or rebellious that child may be. A mother will justify her son, protect him, and seek mercy for him even if he is a criminal, because he came from her womb. If a fallen, earthly mother can love her imperfect children with such unconditional grace, how much more does our Heavenly Father love us, the elect who came from His spiritual womb before the foundation of the world? God's love is elective; He said, **"I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion"**. We were predestinated in His mind, and because we came from Him, He cannot deny us.

Motherhood is a sacrificial life, typing eternal life, for a true mother would willingly lay down her life, take on her child's sickness, and bear their suffering if she could. This is the Fifth Gospel the story of a God who came down Himself, taking our penalty and our sickness upon the cross, because we came from His womb.

JOHN 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

I JOHN 3:16 Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.

The Church and the Ministry as a Mother

The spirit of motherhood is also a direct reflection of the true Church. In the spiritual typology of the Bible, the husband (the father) represents Christ, and the wife (the mother) represents the Church. God is the Father, and the Church is the Mother. The Bible calls the true Church the New Jerusalem, "which is above, is free, which is the mother of us all". The word "city" in Greek is *polis*, and a mother city is a *Metropolis*; therefore, the Bride of Christ is the Mother City that gives birth to the children of God.

Adam was a type of Christ, and from his side came Eve, the church. Therefore, Adam was the mother of Eve because he gave birth to her from his own flesh and bone.

Today, the Fivefold Ministry acts in the role of a mother. The ministry feeds you, nourish you, protect you, clothe you, and guide you. The apostle Paul likened his ministry to a mother, saying,

"But we were gentle among you, even as a nurse cherisheth her children:" *1 Thessalonians 2:7*

The true ministry travailed to bring you up to adoption. This is done by feeding you with the sincere milk of the Word to build up your spiritual immunity against the diseases of sin and false doctrine. Just as a natural mother pass on physical immunity to her nursing baby from her own strength, the Church and the ministry pass on spiritual immunity to the congregation. The Church is the Bride Tree, bringing forth trees of righteousness.

Be careful, because there are two mothers in the Scriptures, just as there are two trees. **Revelation 17** speaks of a false mother: **Mystery Babylon the Great, the mother of harlots and abominations of the earth.** This false mother represents the denominational, organized church system.

A woman in the Bible always represents a church. If a mother church is a spiritual harlot committing spiritual fornication by joining herself to the world and false doctrines she will produce harlot daughters. The false mother brings forth children of idolatry, lust of the flesh, lust of the eyes, and the pride of life. Babylon is the root of all idolatry, substituting the true Word for creeds, dogmas, and commercialism. You must know who your mother is!

We are not born of Hagar, which is Mount Sinai and the law. We are children of promise, born of Sarah, the free woman, representing the covenant of grace and the New Jerusalem.

If you have a godly mother a church that preaches the true Message of the hour you have received the greatest gift of God.

Biblical Mothers and the Power of Godly Parenting

The Bible is filled with examples of godly mothers who understood their role as the Fifth Gospel.

Let us look at Jochebed, the mother of Moses. She was a mother who protected her son from evil and entrusted him to God. She pitched a little ark, typing the baptism of the Holy Ghost, and placed her child in the waters of life. Even when Moses was living in the palace of Pharaoh, surrounded by heathen Egyptian culture, it was his godly mother who took him on her knee and instructed him. See the message: *56-0513 Teaching on Moses*. She taught him the precepts of God for his day, telling him, "Moses, someday you will deliver the children of Israel. Keep yourself pure and unspotted from the world". She instilled his true identity in him!

Look at **Hannah**, the mother of Samuel.

1 SAMUEL 1:26 KJV And she said, Oh my lord, as thy soul liveth, my lord, I am the woman that stood by thee here, praying unto the LORD. 27 For this child I prayed; and the LORD hath given me my petition which I asked of him: 28 Therefore also I have lent him to the LORD; as long as he liveth he shall be lent to the LORD. And he worshipped the LORD there.

She desired a child not for her own vanity, but she received him from God. Immediately she gave him back to God, dedicating him, to be brought up as a Nazarite in the house of the Lord.

Look at **Eunice and Lois**, the mother and grandmother of Timothy.

2 Timothy 1:5 KJV When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also. 6 Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands.

The scripture says Timothy's father was a Greek, an unbeliever. But despite coming from what we might call a divided home, his grandmother and mother instructed him in the unfeigned faith and the knowledge of the Scriptures. Because of a godly mother's influence, Timothy became a great servant of God, the right-hand man to the Apostle Paul, and the pastor at Ephesus.

Look at **Salome**, the mother of James and John, the sons of Zebedee.

Matthew 20:20 KJV Then came to him the mother of Zebedee's children with her sons, worshipping him, and desiring a certain thing of him. 21 And he said unto her, What wilt thou? She saith unto him, Grant that these my two sons may sit, the one on thy right hand, and the other on the left, in thy kingdom. 22 But Jesus answered and said, Ye know not what ye ask. Are ye able to drink of the cup that I shall drink of, and to be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with? They say unto him, We are able. She is a perfect example of a mother whose house was not invaded by the world. When she saw Jesus, she didn't ask for earthly riches. She came worshipping Him, asking, "Command that these my two sons may sit, one on thy right hand, and the other on the left, in thy kingdom". She was ambitious for the things of God! She wanted her sons to be secure in the Kingdom of God, to be part of His government, and to drink of the cup of Christ. Because of that mother's faith and ambition, James and John left their nets, followed the Son of Man, witnessed the resurrection of the dead, stood on the Mount of Transfiguration at the adoption, and became great pillars of the early church.

Look at **Rachel**, who types the beauty and character of the true Church. She was the mother who cried for her children, representing the true Israel.

GENESIS 26:34 KJV And Esau was forty years old when he took to wife Judith the daughter of Beerli the Hittite, and Bashemath the daughter of Elon the Hittite: 35 Which were a grief of mind unto Isaac and to Rebekah. Look at Rebekah, who was weary of her life because her son Esau took Hittite women as wives. A godly mother grieves when her children step outside the bloodline of faith to marry unbelievers, because she knows it will bring spiritual death and idolatry into the home.

In our modern day, the prophet spoke of **Sister Hattie Wright**. When the Lord told the prophet to give her the desires of her heart, she didn't ask for money, though she was poor. She didn't ask for the healing of her crippled sister. She said, "*My greatest desire is the salvation of my two boys*". God spoke out of her heart, proving that the highest desire of a true, godly mother and a true, godly church is the spiritual birth and salvation of her children.

56-0218E THE.WORST.SINNER.IN.THE.CITY, MINNEAPOLIS.MN, SAT

E-89 ...ed... God bless you, little boy. Look at the little fellow coming down about twelve years old. Shame on some of you old people, your heart calloused, smutty, and black. Statistics shows that ninety-eight percent of the people are saved are saved before they're twenty-one years old. You get so set in your ways, and you think you're right. "There's a way that seemeth right."

63-1130B INFLUENCE, SHREVEPORT.LA, V-17, N-8, SAT

24 This young boy, Uzziah, that we're speaking of this morning, he was Isaiah's hero. Isaiah, the young prophet in the days of Uzziah, was watching this young fellow, because Uzziah was a great man. He come from a fine background. His father and mother, both, were strictly staunch believers in God. And they had raised their boy to serve and to honor God.

25 One of the great lackings of our day today, in America and the rest of the world, is godly parent, to set an influence upon their children. The parents of this day got away from the principles of the Scripture. They went more to the fashions of the world. And the churches did the same thing. In doing that, we let it loose, and brought the world into the church. And that's the reason we have this great day of... if I say it respectfully here before these young people. The reason we got so many hoods, and so forth, as they call it, and bad characters, too much of it is because of the home life that they were influenced by, in their earlier days. I'm still a believer, that, "Bring up a child in the way that it should go, and when it gets old it will not depart from it."

26 Now, Uzziah was a boy had been brought up in such a parenthood till it influenced him.

The Role and Expectation of a Godly Mother

We must distinguish between a *good* mother and a *godly* mother.

Many people in the world, and even in denominational lodges, are good mothers. A good mother raises her child with strong morals; she wants her son to be a doctor, a lawyer, to get a scholarship, and to make a lot of money. She works hard to ensure they are successful in Satan's Eden.

But a *godly* mother is entirely different. A godly mother is born from above. She prioritizes the first commandment above all else. She instructs her children in the fear of the Lord, which is the beginning of wisdom. She doesn't raise them to be ashamed of the Gospel; she raises them to be bold, to be like David with a sword, to be a one-in-a-million child who stands for the Apostolic faith! She understands the seasons of her child's life. She knows that in the early years, she must teach them position, obedience, and authority, using discipline and the rod of reproof to give them wisdom. She knows they need time to play, to run, and to grow. She knows that when they become teenagers, they enter a new season where they need privacy and a different kind of guidance. A godly mother does not let Hollywood invade her home. Brother Branham preached a Mother's Day message titled, *Invasion of the United States*, warning that when mothers leave their children to be raised by the television or babysitters so they can go out to the ballroom or the bar, it breaks the backbone of the nation and produces juvenile delinquents. If a bad mother produces delinquents, a godly mother produces citizens for the Kingdom of God!

The Spirit of Mother's Day (The Duty of the Children)

While the spirit of motherhood refers to the sacrificial, nurturing role of the mother, the spirit of Mother's Day refers to the children's attitude and actions toward their godly mother. Today, the world has commercialized Mother's Day. They think Mother's Day is living like a devil for 364 days, bringing grief and heaviness to their mother's heart. Then showing up on one day with a bouquet of flowers, a box of chocolates, or a R500 gift to say, "Mom, I love you". The prophet called that a sham. The real spirit of Mother's Day is lived 365 days a year.

EPHESIANS 6:1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. 2 Honor thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise".

To "obey your parents in the Lord" means you are obeying them within the sphere of God's Word, and it implies that God has given you the gift of godly parents. You honour your mother by not forsaking her teachings.

PROVERBS 10:1 A wise son maketh a glad father: but a foolish son is the heaviness of his mother.

A foolish son marries an unbeliever, hangs out with bad company, ignores the Word of God, and brings gray hairs, stress, and anxiety to his mother. If you want to give your mother the greatest gift this Mother's Day, give her yourself by giving your life to the Lord Jesus Christ! Serve God, be in church, read your Bible, respect the Message of the hour, pay your tithes, and marry within the faith. Take anxiety and worry away from her heart. When you do this, you honour the physical mother who birthed you, and you honour the spiritual Mother (the Church) who instructed you in righteousness. Go to her house, offer a prayer, and live for God; that is the true Spirit of Mother's Day!

The Ultimate Mother's Day - The Resurrection

The first time the word "mother" was used in the Bible, it was associated with Eve, the mother of all living. But that first motherhood was associated with sin, death, grief, and separation. Job said, "Man that is born of a woman is of few days, and full of trouble". Because of Eve's fall, motherhood became associated with empty chairs at the supper table, with sons lost to war, disease, and the grave.

Therefore, you cannot truly celebrate Mother's Day if death and separation exist. How can a mother enjoy a real Mother's Day without all her children gathered? The true Mother's Day must be a day of restoration, a day of reunion, a day when no one is missing! That is why the prophet took his text for Mother's Day from **1 Corinthians 15**, the great resurrection chapter. Our Mother's Day is the Resurrection Season! Our Mother's Day is Easter! Jesus Christ died, was buried, and rose again to conquer separation. He promised in **John 6**, "I will lose nothing". As a mother refuses to lose her children, our God, the great Mother, will lose none of the elect!

In **1 Thessalonians 4:16**, we see the ultimate Mother's Day unfolding: "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God". The Shout gathers the Living Bride. The Voice gathers the dead from the graves. The Trumpet unites both the living and the dead in the air! This is the dispensation of the fullness of times, gathering in one all things in Christ. When corruption puts on incorruption, and mortal puts on immortality, then death is swallowed up in victory! There will be no more weeping mothers, no more grieving mothers, no more worried mothers. God will wipe away every tear.

REVELATION 21:4 And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

He is preparing a table in His Father's Kingdom for the Marriage Supper of the Lamb. We will sit down with our families and groups across the canopies of eternity, and every link in the family chain will be hooked together. The roll call will be taken, and not one will be missing. That is the true spirit of Mother's Day! That is the coronation and the crowning of our Lord, where we will see Him, worship Him, and enjoy the family of God forever.

The Mystery of Motherhood: The Fifth Gospel

Explaining the spiritual significance of motherhood as a divine revelation of God's character, the Holy Spirit's work, and the Church's role in nurturing believers.

THE SPIRITUAL SOURCE: GOD AND THE CHURCH



THE HOLY SPIRIT AS THE ULTIMATE MOTHER

Like a mother, the Holy Spirit broods over, protects, and comforts His children through the Word.



EL SHADDAI: THE BREASTED GOD

God possesses motherly attributes, acting as the nourisher and strength-giver who carries breasts of consolation.



THE CHURCH AS THE "MOTHER OF US ALL"

The true Church is the New Jerusalem, a spiritual mother city that births and feeds children of promise.

THE TRUE MOTHER (THE CHURCH)



Foundation:
The New Jerusalem
and Covenant of Grace



Nourishment:
The sincere milk
of the Word



Outcome:
Produces trees
of righteousness

THE FALSE MOTHER (BABYLON)



Foundation:
Denominational systems
and organized creeds



Nourishment:
Substitutes Truth for
commercialism and
dogmas



Outcome:
Produces children of
idolatry and worldly lusts

THE EARTHLY REFLECTION: THE GODLY MOTHER

"GOOD" MOTHERS

While good mothers focus on worldly success...



"GODLY" MOTHERS

...godly mothers prioritise the eternal salvation of their children.

THE POWER OF GODLY INSTRUCTION



Jochebed

Mothers like Jochebed and Eunice instilled faith that protected their children from worldly culture and apostasy.



Eunice

THE ULTIMATE REUNION: THE RESURRECTION



The true "Mother's Day" is the resurrection, where every link in the family chain is hooked together.

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