

GODLY MOTHERS

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"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." {1 Samuel 1:11}

Hannah longed for a child and went into the temple and prayed fervently for God to bless her with a child. Hannah promised to give that child back to the Lord in His service for His gracious gift. This is exactly what she did when Samuel was born and Samuel became a great prophet, priest and judge of Israel. Did Hannah do anything less than the Lord expects from every mother?

"Only take heed to yourself, and diligently keep yourself, lest you forget the things your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. And teach them to your children and your grandchildren, especially concerning the day you stood before the LORD your God in Horeb, when the LORD said to me, 'Gather the people to Me, and I will let them hear My words, that they may learn to fear Me all the days they live on the earth, and that they may teach their children. "{Deuteronomy 4:9,10}

"My son, keep thy father's commandment, and forsake not the law of thy mother." {Proverbs 6:20} Some have said the mother's hand rocks the cradle of the world. Yes, mother's indeed are a wonderful blessing from God. Giving us life, their love, instructions and teaching us the things needed in preparing us for our time when we will have our own children. She laughed with us, cried with us and watched over us when we were sick. Also praying for our well being all the days of our upbringing and continues to do so until the time she draws her final breath. Why? It's called a "mother's love."

Today, in our country we celebrate Mother's Day. Every one of us who are so honored to still have our mothers with us, be sure to tell her today how much you love her and thank her for the upbringing you received by her tender hands. Happy Mother's Day to all of our mothers! ***