

May 13, 2018

Happy Mother's Day!

Christian motherhood is one of the primary means of fulfilling the Great Commission to make disciples of all nations, for making disciples of all nations begins with the little ones in our homes.

Daily Readings Bible Readings for this Week

Sun.	2 Chronicles 8-11	Thurs.	2 Chronicles 23-24
Mon.	2 Chronicles 12-15	Fri.	2 Chronicles 25-27
Tues.	2 Chronicles 16-19	Sat.	2 Chronicles 28-29
Wed.	2 Chronicles 20-22	Sun.	2 Chronicles 30-32

- Twinbrook Hills Baptist Church would like to honor *every lady* here this morning with the gift of a flower and a devotional book titled, *Gospel Meditations for Women*.
- This evening after the evening service, we will be having a brief business meeting to discuss and vote on financial help for a down payment on a building for the Castro's mission work.

Happy Birthday! Hazel Bottles-16th

Nursery Duty This Week

AM – Connie Knodel/Louise Puckett PM – Patty Baker/Michaela Baker
WED – Heather Miller

“Greater Than a Mother’s Love”

Aaron Miller

In Isaiah 49:13-14 we read the following: *Sing, O heavens; and be joyful, O earth; and break forth into singing, O mountains: for the Lord hath comforted his people, and will have mercy upon his afflicted. But Zion said, The Lord hath forsaken me, and my Lord hath forgotten me.*

Here God assures His people that He loves them and will have mercy on them in their times of affliction. But in v.14, God's people reply by essentially saying, “But I don't feel loved. I feel as though God has forgotten and forsaken me.”

Now it was true that Zion deserved to be forsaken. They had gone after other gods, they had ignored the Word of God to serve idols. However, in spite of their failures, God reassures them that God will not cast off His people.

Will God Forsake Me?

God reassures Zion by giving the metaphor of a mother's love in Isaiah 49:15 - *Can a woman forget her sucking child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb?* A mother's love is an astonishing thing. It is a physical love, an emotional love, and an unconditional love. A mother says in her heart, "I will love my children no matter what." Every mother can testify that her love towards her children is indestructible. Nothing can remove it or cause it to fade.

God tells his people to compare his love to that of a mother and her nursing infant. Can a nursing mother forget her child? No! For that to happen would be unthinkable! But notice what God says in v.15b - *yea, they may forget, yet will I not forget thee*. God is not saying that His love is *like* a mother's love for her children, but that His love is *greater than a mother's love for her children!*

It's like God is saying, "Do you see a mother's love? That's nothing compared to my love! A mother can forget her nursing child before I will forget my people!"

Loved With Everlasting Love

Even though we add no value to God at all, it is His love, His faithfulness, His nature that draws Him towards us. God's love for us is greater than a mother's love because His love is unchanging and eternal. There was a time when a mother did not know her children and did not love her children. Many have unfortunately had earthly mothers who did not fulfill the calling of motherhood and neglected rather than loved their children.

But God's love is greater than that. God's love for His people is eternal. God will never stop loving you because He never began. His love stands outside of time and unaffected by it.

Christian Motherhood is a Calling

"Motherhood is not a hobby; it is a calling. You do not collect children because you find them cuter than stamps. It is not something to do if you can squeeze the time in. It is what God gave you time for.

"Christian mothers carry their children in hostile territory. When you are in public with them, you are standing with, and defending, the objects of cultural dislike. You are publicly testifying that you value what God values, and that you refuse to value what the world values. You stand with the defenseless and in front of the needy. You represent everything that our culture hates, because you represent laying down your life for another — and laying down your life for another represents the gospel."

Rachel Jankovic, *Motherhood is a Calling*

Here Is Love

William Rees, Matt Giles, and Vell Rives

Here is love vast as the ocean, loving-kindness as the flood,
When the Prince of life, our ransom, shed for us His precious blood.
Who His love will not remember? Who can cease to sing His praise?
He can never be forgotten throughout heav'n's eternal days.

On the Mount of Crucifixion fountains opened deep and wide;
Through the floodgates of God's mercy flowed a vast a gracious tide.
Grace and love, like mighty rivers, poured incessant from above;
Heaven's peace and perfect justice kissed a guilty world in love.

Here is love that conquered evil: Christ the firstborn from the grave.
Death has failed to be found equal to the life of Him who saves.
In the valley of our darkness dawned His everlasting light;
Perfect love in glorious radiance has repelled death's hellish night.

That same love beyond all measure, mocked and slain by sinful men,
Lives and reigns in resurrection and can never die again!
Here is love for all the ages, radiant Sun of Heav'n, He stands,
Calling home His Father's children, holding forth His wounded hands.

Here is love vast as the heavens; countless as the stars above
Are the souls that He has ransomed, precious daughters, treasured sons
We are called to feast forever on a love beyond our time,
Glorious Father, Son, and Spirit now with man are intertwined.

Schedule of Regular Services

Sunday	10:00AM	Sunday School
	11:00AM	Morning Worship
	6:00PM	Evening Worship
Wednesday	7:00PM	Midweek Bible Study

Sermons from the pulpit of Twinbrook Hills Baptist Church are available at sermonaudio.com or you can request a free CD from the sound booth.

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