

**TELEVISION SERMON FOR  
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"MOM, THERE IS NO SUBSTITUTE FOR YOU"  
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Thank you Melvin!

Happy Mother's Day television friends, we appreciate the response of our television audience week by week and are happy to know that so many are helped by the telecast messages. This may be the first time you have heard the Kingdom of God Crusade Telecast, and we pray you will become a regular viewer and listener. We hope you will enjoy this morning's message entitled: "MOM, THERE IS NO SUBSTITUTE FOR YOU."

Our attention is being focused upon one of God's greatest creation. Her husband loves and respects her for bringing his children into the world and caring for them. Her parents love her for the respect and honor that she has shown them. Her children not only love her for unending affection that she has shown them, but also for her keen wisdom and understanding of their problems and for the countless sacrifices that she has made.

We read Proverbs 31:28-30, "Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her. Many daughters have done virtuously but thou excellest them all. Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised."

Thanks be to Mrs. Anna Jarvis of Philadelphia because it was she, who was instrumental in making it possible for this second Sunday in May, to be set aside, as a day for paying tribute to Mothers, both living and dead. Many kindness will be shown to Mothers throughout the country today. Gifts will be presented to her; special attention will be paid her; programs and sermons will honor her, and gestures of love and affection will be rendered to her. In other words she will be "pampered" and she certainly deserves it!

The first Mother's Day really began in B.C. 4004, when the first man, Adam, bestowed the great honor of motherhood upon his wife in the garden of Eden; whereupon he gave her the name Eve, the meaning of which is: "mother of all living." We read in Gen.3:20, "And Adam called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living."

Mary, the mother of Jesus, walked with God devotedly. Her heart knew His voice. When the angel revealed the marvelous miracle that was about to happen to her and how she would soon bring forth a child who was going to be the Saviour of the entire world, her faith and confidence in God enabled her to accept everything without question, although she did not fully understand the meaning of all, which was told her. We read in Luke 1:30-31, "And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name Jesus."

On one occasion Mary accompanied Jesus and His disciples to the marriage of Cana of Galilee; the available wine was consumed, and there was need for more. Jesus was apprised of the problem by Mary. We read John 2:4, and find that He responded, "Woman, what have I to do with thee? mine hour is not yet come." Mary maintained her composure and remained undisturbed by His response. She merely instructed the servants, as written in the 5th verse: "Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it."

On another day, as Jesus was talking to the people, Mary and His brethren desired to see Him; Jesus was informed of their presence. Let us read Matt. 12:48-50 in which Jesus remarked, "Who is my mother? And who are my brethren? And he stretched forth his hand toward his disciples, and said, Behold my mother and my brethren! For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother and sister, and mother." Mary though an ardent follower of Jesus, was always in the background. However, she deeply shared the sorrows, which Jesus bore, and rejoiced in His miracles and His teachings.

Eventually, the hour came that His life should be sacrificed. Many, who have been active in His ministry and had followed Him from Galilee, now stood afar off; but there was Mary, at the foot of the Cross. So near was she, that Jesus, before giving up the ghost, committed her into the safe and tender keeping of John the beloved. We read in John 19:26-27, "When Jesus, therefore saw his mother, and the disciple standing by, whom he loved, he saith unto his mother, Woman, behold thy son! Then saith he to the disciple, Behold thy mother! And from that hour that disciple took her unto his own home."

In the Bible, we find that the final mention of Mary occurred on the Day of Pentecost. She was present in the upper room praying with the 120 and waiting for the promise of the Father. We read in Acts 1:14, "These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with the brethren."

Mother's love is next to God's love, fathomless, deep, and strong. Abraham Lincoln said, "All that I am and all that I hope to be, I owe to my angel, Mother." Of all the testimonials and praises in history, which have ever been expressed, I can think of none greater or more meaningful, than the tribute Paul rendered to two mothers, the grandmother and mother of Timothy. We read II Tim. 1:5, "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."

The "unfeigned faith," which had been so much a part of Timothy's life, was a faith that He had learned from these two godly women, a faith that remained with Him throughout his life. It was this "unfeigned faith" which made Timothy, the great influence for good, that he was, and enabled him to leave behind a legacy of that same faith to those who would follow after him.

The poet, Will Ross Wallace, once said, "The hand that rocks the cradle is the hand that rules the world." George Washington was honored, as the Father of our Country. His greatness was no accident. It was His mother, who instilled within George the qualities of

leadership, honesty, and faith in God. The sum-total of these attributes made him the outstanding man that he was. Name them all: the leaders, the statesmen, the poets, the composers, the artists, the preachers, the great men throughout the ages, who stand tall upon the hills of time; behind nearly all of them, you will find the influences of mothers, who instilled within them, beginning in their earliest childhoods, qualities, which eventually made them great.

Often, unknown and unrecognized are the mothers, who molded the characters of the men, who sought God's help in shaping the destiny of this world. Do you realize that "mother" is the world's most successful teacher? Almost everything a child learns in his formative years, can usually be accredited to his mother, thus fulfilling God's Word in Proverbs 22:6, "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." It is the mother, who answers all his questions. It is the mother, who teaches the basic principles, which really count in life: the value of prayer, faith and trust in God, honesty, and morality.

The mother is in the most advantages position to introduce the child to Jesus, Who can be his Saviour, Lord, Master, his best friend, his wisest counselor, protector, and provider. It is the mother, who can effectively build a solid and strong foundation of values, never to be forgotten through all the years, which follow. On Mother's Day specially, a great number of things are verbalized and written about mothers. But unfortunately, except for this one day, all is forgotten the remainder of the year. God has placed much responsibility in the hands of the mothers of the world, for it is the mothers, who can make their children faith-ful or faith-less; power-ful or power-less.

When a child is born, there are two roads, he may follow: the road, which leads to God and Eternal life, or the road, which leads to ruin and destruction. Let us read Matt. 7:13-14, "Enter ye in at the strait gate, for wide is the gate and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be who go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it." Jesus tells us "I am the way, the truth and the life: no man cometh unto the Father but by me; and him that cometh to me, I will in no wise cast out."

Nicodemus, a secret believer in the Lord, came to Jesus by night, hoping to learn about the way. He was a man in position of prominence, of power and probably of great wealth. But Nicodemus was not satisfied with what he had. There was a hunger in his heart. The things of the earth did not satisfy him He was always reaching out for something that would bring him happiness, but joy and happiness and peace seemed always to elude him. Then he heard about Jesus and the wonderful work He was doing, healing all manner of sickness and diseases. Thus, under the cover of darkness, Nicodemus slipped out to see Jesus with this thought in mind, "No man can do these miracles, except God be with him."

Yes, God was in Christ reconciling the world unto Himself, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. Nicodemus poured out His heart to Jesus. And Jesus looked into the soul of this hungry-hearted Pharisee and said, "Nicodemus,

you must be born again." You have many things that the world can give you, but you'll never find peace and joy until you have been born again."

The world is full of men who are trying to find happiness. They go everywhere and do everything to find some zest in life, but their search is in vain. To them Jesus would say, "You're seeking for satisfaction in the wrong places. Come unto me and be born again and all the joys of earth and heaven will be yours." In John 3:3 Jesus said, "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

Now, you may see many wonderful things in this world. You may see the Grand Canyon, but you'll never see the Tree of Life in heaven, unless you have been born again. You may see the great cities of the world, but you'll never see the Holy City of the New Jerusalem, unless you have been born again. You may see the great countries of the world in all their splendor, but you'll never see the land that is fairer than day, unless you've been born again. You may live in the finest mansions that money can buy, but you'll never see the Father's house of many mansions, unless you've been born again.

Jesus said, "Ye must be born again." He emphasized the "must." This is one of His divine imperatives. We read in John 3:5, "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the spirit, he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God." To be "born of water" is to be baptized by immersion and in the name of Jesus Christ, according to Acts 2:38, "...Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."

To be "born of the Spirit" is to be baptized with the Holy Spirit, speaking in an unknown "tongue" or language. According to the Bible, this is the only evidence, which can be used to verify and confirm that one has received the Holy Ghost. Listen to Acts 2:4, "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the spirit gave them utterance."

Remember we had left Mary praying in the upper room. Thus, on the Day of Pentecost, she, too, received the gift of the Holy Spirit, speaking in "tongues." Consequently, if Mary, the mother of Jesus, needed the Holy Ghost, how much more then, do we need the Holy Spirit to withstand the endless waves of satan's fiery darts.

Peter informs us in Acts 4:12, "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." There is no name in this world comparable to the name of Jesus! We read in Philippians 2:9-11, "Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow (This has not yet come to pass, but it will surely happen when Jesus comes again on this earth to rule and reign for a thousand years) of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is the Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

Therefore, mothers, especially mothers in the Lord, the Lord honors you, not only on Mother's Day, but everyday of the year, which is your rightful due, for no other person upon earth has as many important tasks to perform, as you do; and upon no other, single person, dwelling on earth, has so great a responsibility been placed, than upon you.

Therefore, young people, if your mother is living, treat her daily with kindness and tenderness, and above all, love her with your entire heart. Respect her, and despise not thy mother, especially when she is old and gray; for the beauty of the old women is the gray head. Paul instructs the children in Eph. 6:1-3, "Children obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Honour thy Father and Mother; which is the first commandment with promise; that it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth."

To all you Mothers who sometimes worry about being too mean to your children, as you discipline them, I share this excerpt from an article, which appeared in one of the church magazines and it goes this way.

"I had the meanest mother in the world. While other kids ate tacos for breakfast, I had to have cereal, eggs and toast. When others had soda and candy for lunch, I had to eat a sandwich. As you can guess, my supper was different from the other children too. I wasn't alone in my sufferings. My brothers had the same mean mother as I did. My mother insisted upon knowing where we were at all times. You'd think we live in a prison of some kind. She had to know who our friends were and what we were doing with them.

A couple of times, she gave us the rod. The poor belt was used more on our seats than in holding up grandpa's pants. Can you imagine someone actually hitting a child just because he disobeyed. We had to wear clean clothes and take a bath daily. She made our clothes herself, just to save money. The worst is yet to come. We had to be in bed by nine each night and be up at eight the next morning. We couldn't sleep till noon like our friends. So while they slept, my mother had the nerve to break the child labor law. She made us work. We had to wash dishes, make beds, learn to cook and do all sorts of things. She always insisted upon our telling the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, even if it killed us, and on occasion it nearly did.

By the time we were teenagers she was much wiser, and our life became even more unbearable. None of this tooting the car horn for us to come out running. She embarrassed us to no end by making our dates and friends come to the door to call for us. While my friends were dating at the mature ages of 12 and 13, my old fashioned mother refused to let us date until the ages of 15 and 16, but only to attend a school function. And that was maybe twice a year.

Through the years, things didn't improve a bit. Our marks in school had to be up to par, while the report cards of our "friends" had beautiful colors upon them, black for passing, red for failing. My mother, being as different as she was, would not settle for less than ugly marks. As the years rolled by, first one of us and then another was put to shame. We graduated from high school with our mother behind us, talking, hitting and demanding respect; none of us were allowed the pleasure of being a dropout.

My mother was a complete failure as a mother. Out of the four children, a couple of us attained some college education, and no one was ever arrested or divorced. We did not engage in abusing our mates. My brothers served in the U.S. Navy. And whom do we blame for the terrible way we turned out? You're right, our mean mother.

Look at all the things we missed. We never got to march in a protest parade, take part in a riot, burn draft cards, or do a number of other things that our friends did. She forced us to attend Sunday School while we were young. We grew up to be God-fearing, educated and honest adults. Using her methods, I am now trying to raise my three children like she did us. Today I, stand a little taller and am filled with pride when my children call me mean. Because, you see, I thank God, He gave me the meanest mother in the world. Truly a parent has no greater satisfaction than to know that his child takes after 'her'."

Mother, you are your children's pattern and ideal. Will your example fill your daughter's life with happiness? Will your son find the way of your footsteps true, guiding him away from the pitfalls of the devil, leading him on to the light of the Lord through Christian training, faith, and example. Remember, following you are your children! These days of appalling juvenile delinquency. Greater responsibility falls upon you, especially since you are the one who must fortify your child against future tragedy. You must teach him well.

Let us read in Proverbs 15:9, "The way of the wicked is an abomination unto the Lord: but he loveth him that followeth after righteousness." Bringing your children to Sunday School is the best. Lead them in your footsteps. Begin now! May it be said of your child, as it was said of Jesus in Luke 2:40, "And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was upon him."

We now focus upon our spiritual Mother. Paul tells us in Galatians 4:26, "But Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all." By faith Father Abraham, when he was called of the Lord to go out, obeyed; and he went out not knowing where he was going. For he looked for a city which hath foundation, whose builder and maker is God. Let us read in I Cor. 3:11-12, "For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ."

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Until our next telecast, this is your host, Pastor Billy Han, Jr., expressing my sincerest appreciation to each of you, who have allowed us to come into your homes. May the good Lord bless and keep you all in the hollow of His hands.

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