

THE IMAGE OF MOTHERHOOD

Mother's Day

May 9 & 10, 2015

Genesis 1:26-27 (ESV)

Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them."

Genesis 2:20-25 (ESV)

The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a "helper" fit for him. So the Lord God cause a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up it's place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called woman, because she was taken out of man." Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

Genesis 3:20 (ESV)

The man called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living.

GOD'S PLAN FOR HIS KINGDOM REIGN

1. God's Dynastic Design

2. Imago Dei

- Image of God is revealed in His creation
- Image of God is reflected through men/women

3. Battle is to destroy and eradicate the Image of God

4. God's Image is fully revealed when men and women both know and embrace their unique calling:

1. Man: Leader, reproducer and giver of identify
2. Woman: Helper, life-giver and nurturer of potential

5. Husbands and wives are called "Joint Heirs" of the grace of life.

1 Peter 3:7 (ESV)

Likewise husbands, live with your wives in an understanding way, showing honor to the woman as the weaker vessel, since they are joints heirs with you of the grace of life so that your prayers may not be hindered.

MOTHERHOOD: THE ROYAL REFLECTION

1. A Mother's Faith Sets the Pattern

2 Timothy 1:5 (ESV)

I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well.

2. A Mother's Heart Sees Potential

Luke 2:19

But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart.

3. A Mother's Wisdom Gives Direction

Proverbs 1:8-9

Hear my son, your father's instruction, and forsake not your mothers teaching, for they are a graceful garland for your head and pendent for your neck.

4. A Mother's Prayers Shape Destiny

1 Samuel 1:12-13;16,17

As she continued praying before the Lord, Eli observed her mouth. Hannah was speaking in her heart; only her lips moved, and her voice was not heard. Therefore Eli took her to be a drunken woman...Do not regard your servant as a worthless woman, for all along I have been speaking out of my great anxiety and vexation. Then Eli answered, "Go in peace and the God of Israel grant your petition that you have made to him."