

**Today's Order of Worship**

Announcements: Greg Lowery

Song Leader: Billy Box

Opening Prayer: David Key

On the Table: Head - Josh Berryhill  
Servers - Gary Addison  
Greg Lowery  
Eddy Dickinson

Closing Prayer: Ralph Burleson

Preparing the Lord's Supper Linda Lawrence

**Weekly Service Times**

Sunday

Bible Study 10:00 am

Morning Worship 10:45 am

Evening Worship 5:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Study 7:00 pm

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# A Mother In Need Of Help



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**Woman - As Mother**

By Cecil N. Wright

While woman was made to be a wife, wifehood ideally was expected to result in motherhood. That such was the design of her Creator is not only stated in Scripture, but is evident from the very nature of her anatomy as distinguished from man's. This concept is reflected in our English language by the word woman itself, according to some linguists, who say it derives from the Anglo-Saxon *wombman*, meaning *wombman*, or man with a womb.

**The Glory Of Motherhood**

To the first human pair God commanded, "Be fruitful and multiply" (Gen. 1:28). Throughout Scripture this is represented as a glorious achievement and privilege on the part of both the man and the woman. God creates, and He empowers them to procreate - to reproduce their own kind, the highest of God's earthly creation.

In Psalm 127:3, we read: "Lo! children are a heritage of the Lord: and the fruit of the womb is his reward". When Eve, the first woman, conceived and bore Cain, she said, "I have gotten a man with the help of Jehovah" (Gen. 4:1). And when Seth was born, after the birth of Abel, she expressed herself thus: "God hath appointed me another seed instead of Abel, whom Cain slew" (Gen. 4:25).

As Rebekah was leaving home to marry Isaac, the family blessing was: "Our sister, be thou the mother of thousands of tens of thousands" (Gen. 24:60). Likewise, when Boaz arranged to take Ruth as wife, this was the benediction of fellow townsmen: "Jehovah make the woman that is come into thy house like Rachel and like Leah, which did build the house of Israel: and do thou worthily in Ephrathah, and be famous in Bethlehem: and let thy house be like the house of Perez, whom Tamar bore unto Judah, of the seed which Jehovah shall give thee of this young woman" (Ruth 4:11-12).

**THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS**

Billy Box: undergoing therapy for recent hip replacement surgery, please be praying that he can have a quick and full recovery

Faye Cotton: goes for scans tomorrow (May 15<sup>th</sup>), please be praying that the scans will show that the cancer is shrinking

Mary Eddy: she is recovering from knee surgery, please be praying that she makes a full and quick recovery

Lellie Dickinson: is recovering from knee surgery and torn ligaments in her knee, please be praying for a full and quick recovery

Barbara Wilkinson: still having problem with infection on her feet, please pray that the medicine she is taking will cure this infection

Bill Foster: will have surgery tomorrow (May 15<sup>th</sup>) to replace aorta valve, please be praying that the surgery will be successful

Danielle Taylor: recovering from recent spinal surgery, please pray that she makes a full recovery

Danny Harbin: recently diagnosed with prostate cancer, please keep him in your prayers

Mable Weeks: is at home, please pray that she can regain her strength, and continue her fight against cancer

Barb Lemay: friend of Christie & Aaron, from the Midway congregation – she has advanced colon cancer; please be praying that treatments will help

Dean Key: is fighting a case of shingles, let us be praying that with medicine that the shingles will quickly clear up and that she will have no further trouble

Denise Kimbrell: has completed her treatments; please be praying that cancer will not return

**Upcoming Events**

Today	Nursing Home {Winfield}	2:00 pm
May 21 <sup>st</sup>	Fellowship Meal	
May 21 <sup>st</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday Night Singing	5:00 pm

**THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS**

Sandy McCaleb: has started cancer treatments, please be praying that this cancer can be treated and defeated

Edward Skinner: has been recently diagnosed with cancer, please pray that this cancer will be treatable

Lucas Dunigan: his funeral was yesterday, please pray for this family

Deborah Box: did find a small blood clot, please be praying that medicine will take care of this clot and there will be no further problems

Kay Dodd: has started treatments and will take them through November, please be praying that the treatments will defeat this cancer

Samuel Walker: having some heart problems, please be praying that he will receive help for this problems

Rebert Corkren: diagnosed with lung cancer, please be praying that he will receive the help needed defeat this cancer

Barrenness was considered an affliction, fruitfulness a blessing. Of Abraham’s wife it seemed to be sadly said, “And Sara was barren; she had no child” (Gen. 11:30). When in old age, however, God miraculously enabled her to bear a son, she exclaimed: “God hath made me to laugh; every one that heareth shall laugh with me...Who would have said unto Abraham, that Sarah should give children suck? for I have borne him a son in his old age” (Gen. 21:6-7). And he was named Isaac, meaning laughter, indicative of the joy his birth brought to his parents and their friends.

Elizabeth, also barren until old age when God likewise miraculously enabled her to conceive and become the mother of John the Baptist, said: “Thus hath the Lord done unto me wherein he looked upon me, to take away my reproach among men” (Lk. 1: 25).

When the virgin Mary was to become the mother of Jesus, she exulted: “My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior. For he hath looked upon the low estate of his handmaid; For behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed” (Lk.1:47-48).

To be “a mother of Israel” (Judges 5:7; II Sam. 20:19) was a highly coveted honor. This attitude, typical of holy women of old everywhere, is a far cry from that of so many wives in our day, who eschew motherhood. Not only barrenness, lack of “conception,” but also “a miscarrying womb and dry breasts” were looked upon as a sore affliction (Hos. 9:11, 14).

Abortion as a means of birth control, as in our time, is unknown in Scripture, and surely so among godly women of any age. If such control is to be exercised, which surely it may, it must be by prevention of conception and not by taking life after it has been conceived. This applies to the unmarried as well as the married. In fact, even the act that results or may result in conception is sin outside of marriage, on the part of both the man and the woman.

**The Essence Of Motherhood**

The chief ingredient of motherhood, however, is not that of giving birth, important as that is, but the nurturing of children. The aged widow, to be taken care of by the church in her old age, is not described as one who has given birth to children but who has “brought up children” (I Tim. 5: 10). One may be a mother to persons she has not borne. This was recognized by Paul when he wrote: “Salute Rufus the chosen in the Lord and his mother and mine” (Rom. 16:13). She was not his mother in the flesh.

In Scripture, the mother along with the father is described as having to do with training and nurture: “My son, keep thy father’s commandment, and forsake not the law of thy mother.” (Prov. 1:8; 6:20). “Children, obey your parents [plural] in all things” (Col. 3:20). Moreover, when children are young and tender and in their most crucially formative years, the influence of the mother is greater than that of the father. This is true not only over her daughters, giving rise to the proverb, “As is the mother, so is the daughter” (Ezek. 16:44), but over her sons as well, as indicated by the encomiums of the observant. Note the following quotations:

R. W. Emerson: “Men are what their mothers made them”.

John Quincy Adams: “All that I am my mother made me”.

Abraham Lincoln: “All that I am or hope to be, I owe to my angel mother”.

Henry Ward Beecher: “The mother’s heart is the child’s schoolroom”.

Napoleon:  
“The future destiny of the child is always the work of the mother”.

“Let France have good mothers and she will have good sons”.

C. Simmons: “If you would reform the world from its errors and vices, begin by enlisting the mothers”.

De Beaufort: “The future of society is in the hands of the mothers”.

C. A. Stewart: “Men may build cities and railroads; they span rivers and tunnel mountains. But the mothers of men are the builders of civilization”.

Michelet: “It is a general rule, that all superior men inherit the elements of superiority from their mothers”.

Landor: “Children are what their mothers are; no fondest father’s fondest care can so fashion the infant’s heart, or so shape the life”.

Old Play: “The mother in her office holds the key to the soul; and she it is who stamps the coin of character, and makes the being who would be a savage but for her gentle cares, a Christian man! Then crown her queen of the world”.

W. S. Ross: “The hand that rocks the cradle is the hand that rules the world”.

Richter: “Unhappy is the man for whom his own mother has not made all other mothers venerable”.

Apocrypha: “A mother in dishonor is a reproach to the children” (Eccles. 3:11).

### **Conclusion**

Blessed is the woman who, in the fear of God, aspires to noble wifehood and motherhood, who finds her highest fulfillment in the same, and who subordinates all else to such. Success in no other career, however glamorous or popular, can surpass the contribution she makes to society in such role. “Her children rise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her, saying, Many daughters have done worthily, but thou excellest them all. Grace is deceitful, and beauty is vain; But a woman that feareth Jehovah, she shall be praised” (Prov. 31:28-30)

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