

The Profit Of A Godly Mother

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Intro

The goal of a mother is to raise Godly children.

Woman helped bring sin into the world. The way she reverses this is by raising children that are Godly and Christlike.

No greater detail to a mother in the OT than Hannah.

(“Hannah”) - grace

Hannah is childless but through faith she became childfull.

What does a Godly mother look like?

You don't stop impacting children, whether you're a mother or a grand-mother.

Context

This follows the book of judges chronologically. This was a time of confusion and termoil and moral corruption. The nation is weak and worst of all.

Judges 21:25 - the state of the nation.

A Godly Mother is Real

v6 Her rival, however, would provoke her bitterly to irritate her. *v10*

She prayed to the Lord and wept bitterly

Unlike other “scriptures” no other text shows the flaws of the heros like the Bible.

Her husband was a polygamist and his second wife had children. She would try and stir up the emotions of Hannah to piss her off; make her mad and upset.

Just because you're struggling doesn't mean you're not spiritual. A Godly mother doesn't hide behind a mask. They own up to their flaws and do not try and hide them.

Devoted To Her Husband

v5 - Hannah stayed with her husband year in and year out even as she never had children and was mistreated by her husband's other wife.

Your children will be watching you. They will pick up your flaws, your habits, your virtues, your Christ-like attitudes.

"Are you and mom getting a divorce? Because everyone in this neighborhood is getting a divorce".

Your husband is not going to be a perfect man.

Context of Polygamy

God's plan has always been for one-man-woman and one-woman-man.

During this time in society polygamy was prominent. When the Word of God would come to a society it took 2-3 generations to root out the sin of polygamy. Though people may trust Christ it would take years to root that out.

How do we know she trusts her husband?

v8 - Is her husband not greater than 10 sons?

1. She went with him year after year to worship with him.
2. Her Elkanah gave her a double portion which showed that he loved her; he wouldn't love her if she wasn't devoted to him.
3. Her reaction to his speech was that she went up to pray,

A Godly Woman Has Vibrant Prayer Life

v10 - She prays to the Lord constantly. Her heart is faithful and trusting of the Lord.

If you were without children in this time you were a woman of shame. People believed that she may have sinned and God is punishing her.

With tears in our eyes prayers come from the heart.

When God wants to do an impossible task he takes a person and crushes him.

Susanna Wesley was broken - this is what led her to produce 2 men who were to become 2 of the finest men the Church has known.

v11 - “Lord of Hosts” or “Lord Almighty”. “Hosts” - the armies of heaven. She is appealing to His power and authority. She knows that she can’t do anything; and must rely on God.

Sheep dogs will crouch and do their job, and then fall down before their master and wait for another command. Their main place of stay is at their master’s feet. A person of vibrant prayer is one who is always at their master’s feet.

A Godly Mother is Sacrificial For Her Children

v24 - She fulfilled her promise to the Lord, and was willing to let go of their kids and give them over to God.

Most mothers do not want to let their children go. They can be helicopters, controlling and sometimes overbearing. A godly mother knows when to let go.

Mothers sacrifice in order to bring joy to their children.

Princess Alice (daughter of Queen Victoria). One of her children caught diphtheria. She asked “why doesn’t my mom kiss me anymore?” So Victoria came and kissed her children all over and died with her children.

A Godly Mother Has Deep Faith

v17 - Hannah believed that God would answer her request.

2:1 - Her prayer speaks greatly of her faith in Christ.

Application

- Remember your role as a mother is second to none.
- Remember your relationship with God and your husband more to prepare your children and marriage.
- Remember you don’t have to have a perfect home to produce Godly children.

Story of Susanna Wesley.