



Rockwood Church of Christ

The Proclaimer

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WHO'S THEIR MOMMA

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| ___ Bathsheba | 1. Mother of Dinah |
| ___ Leah | 2. Mother of Ahaziah |
| ___ Elizabeth | 3. Mother of Ishmael |
| ___ Hannah | 4. Mother of Boaz |
| ___ Eve | 5. Mother of Timothy |
| ___ Rachel | 6. Mother of Samuel |
| ___ Sarah | 7. Mother of Joseph |
| ___ Hagar | 8. Mother of Jesus |
| ___ Mary | 9. Mother of John the Baptist |
| ___ Naomi | 10. Mother of Obed |
| ___ Eunice | 11. Mother of Aaron |
| ___ Lois | 12. Mother of Cain & Abel |
| ___ Rebekah | 13. Grandmother of Timothy |
| ___ Rahab | 14. Mother-in-law of Ruth |
| ___ Ruth | 15. Mother of Isaac |
| ___ Mary | 16. Mother of Solomon |
| ___ Jezebel | 17. Mother of Salome |
| ___ Keturah | 18. Mother of Jacob & Esau |
| ___ Gomer | 19. Mother of Jezreel |
| ___ Jochebed | 20. Mother of Zimran |

*“Honor thy father and mother;
(which is the first commandment with promise)
that is may be well with thee,
and thou mayest live long on the earth.”*

Ephesians 6:2-3

Happy Mother's Day to all our moms!

MAKING MOTHERS HAPPY

The modern holiday of Mother's Day was first celebrated in 1908, when Anna Jarvis held a memorial for her mother at St. Andrew's Methodist Church in Grafton, Virginia. Her campaign to make "Mother's Day" a holiday in the United States began in 1905. The proposal was rejected by congress in 1908. It was not until 1914 that Woodrow Wilson signed a proclamation designating Mother's Day, held on the second Sunday in May, as a national holiday to honor mothers.

God never declared it a holiday, but He has certainly commanded us to give honor and respect to both our parents. In the lists of commandments that God gave Moses on Mount Sinai the Israelites were told to honor their father and mother, that their days might be long upon the land (**Exodus 20:12**). Paul cited this passage as he wrote to the church at Ephesus. He referred to it as the first commandment with promise (**Ephesians 6:1-2**). If you look back at **Exodus 20:12** you will notice the promise is to live long upon the land.

It is not enough that God has commanded us to honor our mothers and fathers, He also threw in the promise of longevity. Some might argue that the promise was related to how long they would possess the land of Canaan, and others might say that this promise was only for the Israelites. However, the latter must not be completely true since Paul mentioned it in Ephesians. And the first may be true, but generally speaking you are more likely to have a long life if you listen to the instructions of your parents. In fact, Solomon said the following, "*My son, keep your father's command, And do not forsake the law of your mother. Bind them continually upon your heart; Tie them around your neck. When you roam, they will lead you; When you sleep, they will keep you; And when you awake, they will speak with you*" (**Proverbs 6:20-22**).

Those first reasons may be enough, but there are several more I can think of for caring for our mothers. One example is the one that was set by our Lord just before His death on the cross. One of the last things He did was to instruct John to look out for His mother (**John 19:26-27**). Therefore we have the example of Jesus to follow.

We should treat our mother's well because they deserve it. They go through a lot in the nine months that it takes to bring a child into the world, and if you are reading these words, they have at least gone through that on your behalf. Unfortunately, some choose not to. Most of us have mothers that go much farther than that. They look out for us, care for us, and sacrifice for us. They love us.

If by chance you feel your mother did not treat you well, show them some love anyway. It is what God would want you to do (**Matthew 5:44**), and perhaps your love will help them make positive changes that need to be made to their lives.

Doug Tooley