

Fundamentals Of The Church

I Know My Mother Loved Me

(I Sa 2:19)

INTRODUCTION

1. Good Morning,
 - a. It is good to see so many people here this morning
 - b. It is most important to see so many wonderful mothers here this morning
 - c. Mother's Day is a very special day for all people as no one here would be here w/o one.
2. The scripture that was read was about Hannah, Samuel's mother.
 - a. This particular verse shows how much she cared for her son Samuel.
 - b. Every year, Hannah would make "a little robe" for him to wear.
 - i. It was obvious that Hannah loved Samuel her son.
 - ii. It is obvious w/ that love Samuel knew his mother loved him
3. So how can we know our mother loves us?
 - a. I know my mother loved me because...

I. She Disciplined Me When I Did Wrong

- A. This is one of the most misunderstood acts of love
 1. Today you have the threats of "DHS" coming.
 2. Today you have the worries of "who's watching me."
 3. Mothers don't care about the evils of this world you do what God wants.
 - i. Illustration of Dad taking girl to car for spanking getting DHS.
- B. God expects mothers to discipline
 1. **Pr 13:24** "Whoever spares the rod hates his son, but he **who loves him** is diligent to discipline him."
 2. **Pr 29:15** "The rod and reproof give wisdom, but a child left to himself brings shame to his mother."
 - i. I'm not saying abuse your children but rather discipline them. A spanking will have a positive effect on a child. You don't always have to spank but it is a great and biblical tool (see above).
- C. Love & discipline go hand in hand
 1. Those that do not discipline do not love
 2. Mom's you are not to be their friend you are their parent
 3. How can any child grow to love their eternal parent if they don't respect their earthly parent?
 - i. **He 12:5-6** "And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons? "My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him. 6 For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives."

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II. She Cared For Me When I Was Sick

- A. This is a natural act of love
 - 1. Mothers have an uncanny effect on sick children.
 - 2. Countless hours up in the night...
 - 3. Countless changing of cloths...
 - 4. Numerous rocking's back to sleep...
 - i. This is an area most mothers excel
 - ii. As a dad I am thankful for that...we don't usually have such compassion.
- B. This also teaches children that their God will look after them even when they are sick
 - 1. **Mt 14:14** "When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick."
 - 2. **Ja 5:14-15** "Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. 15 And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven."

III. She Fed & Clothed Me Even When I Was Rebellious

- A. How hard a concept this truly is
 - 1. This is the love a mother has, it is still her child.
 - 2. Old saying "one only a mother could love."
 - i. When people are convicted of horrendous crimes who is usually right by their side "mother."
 - ii. They usually are not condoning the crime but still show their deep love for their child.
- B. This love teaches children how God loves them as well
 - 1. God will not condone sin but still loves the sinner.
 - i. **Mt 5:44-48** "But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, 45 so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. 46 For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? 47 And if you greet only your brothers, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? 48 You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect."
 - ii. **Ro 5:7-8** "For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—8 but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

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IV. She Trained Me In God's Word

- A. From the time I can remember God was always being taught
 - 1. From Bible accounts to moral lessons it was in the very fabric of our home.
 - 2. This is the love of mothers that they love their children's soul.
 - i. **II Ti 1:5** "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."
 - 3. Mothers you never know the generations you will influence w/ your training now.
- B. This training prepares them to love their God who has always been their God
 - 1. **Ps 22:10** "On you was I cast from my birth, and from my mother's womb you have been my God."

CONCLUSION

- 1. I know my mother loved me because . . .
 - a. She disciplined me when I did wrong.
 - b. She cared for me when I was sick.
 - c. She fed me and clothed me even when I rebelled against her.
 - d. She trained me in God's Word.
- 2. Basically, I know my mother loved me because the Bible said she did the things that showed her love for me.
 - a. Mother's are you biblically showing your love to your children?
- 3. Invitation¹
 - a. If you are a Christian but have not been living right, you know God's word, change today.
 - b. If you are not a Christian this morning . . . understand God loves you this very hour.
 - i. Jesus' sacrifice stands ready for you to accept.
 - ii. Hear the word; **Ro 10:17** "Faith comes by hearing..."
 - iii. Believe with all your heart; **He 11:6** "For without faith it is impossible..."
 - iv. Repent of your sins; **Ac 17:30** "For all are required"
 - v. Confess Jesus as the Son of God; **Mt 10:32** "so He will confess you"
 - vi. Be immersed for the forgiveness of sins; **Mk 16:15-16; Ac 22:16**

¹ This sermon was influenced by Kevin Cauley's sermon outline "I Know My Mother Loved Me" (<http://preachersfiles.com/i-know-my-mother-loved-me/>)