“Celebrating God’s Creation Of Motherhood”

Luke 1:46-55
“Diamond the size of a tennis ball could fetch more than $70M at auction”

Fox News 5/4/16
“God Made It Evident To Them” (Romans 1:19)

“His eternal power and divine nature have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so they are without excuse...” (Romans 1:20).

Celebrating motherhood in all creation!
Motherhood **Magnified** in Mary

1. **Humility**: “he has seen my lowliness...” (Luke 1:48) vs. pride

2. **Obedience** to the Lord’s will (Luke 1:38) vs. rebellion

3. **Heart of praise!** = God-centered lives (Luke 1:46-47) vs. bitterness

4. **Steadfast love for children** (John 19:25) (“at the foot of the cross”) vs. abandonment
The Hand of Motherhood in The Church

The hand of nurture
(pour into children!)

The hand of care

The hand of hope!

(Jacob Lang)
Current Attacks on Motherhood

**Bible Truth** = **safety in the marriage covenant**

b/c God’s design was mother – father

**Modern attacks:**

* against **the notion** of motherhood / abortion
* destroy security of marriage
* the lure of material goods drawing moms into the workplace
* the very definition of “family”
* Create doubts in mom’s competency
Satan Hates Motherhood

- Destroy the fruit of the womb
- Stir violence against the expecting mother
- Separate mothers from their children
- Create doubts

http://www.ignitumtoday.com/2014/07/31/spiritual-attacks-expectant-mother-combat/

Source: The Washington Post 6/10/14
In the United States, Marriage Drops the Probability of Child Poverty by 82 Percent

The rapid rise in out-of-wedlock childbearing is a major cause of high levels of child poverty in the United States.

Some 37.1 percent of single mothers with children are poor compared to 6.8 percent of married couples with children.

Single-parent families with children are nearly six times more likely to be poor than families in which the parents are married.

The higher poverty rate among single-mother families is due both to the lower education levels of the mothers and the lower income due to the absence of the father.


Chart 3 • Marriage and Poverty in the United States  heritage.org
Dr. King: “When Light Confronts Darkness”

“If any earthly institution or custom conflicts with God’s will, it is your Christian duty to oppose it. You must never allow the transitory, evanescent demands of man-made institutions to take precedence over the eternal demands of the Almighty God.”

~ Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

“Like the early Christians, we must move into a sometime hostile world armed with the revolutionary Gospel of Jesus Christ. With this powerful gospel we shall boldly challenge the status quo.”

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How to Honor Motherhood

The challenge? Translate sentiment to ACTION!

Honor marriage (Hebrews 13:4) by reinforcing Biblical principles of family:
* commit to marriage vows for life
* birthing children in cocoon of marriage
* “Husbands, honor your wives as a fellow heir in the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered” (1 Peter 3:7).
* Prioritize discipling of children in the faith!
* rally to support single moms