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GOD'S PLAN FOR MOTHER

Someone once said that while man may be the head of the home, the wife and mother is the backbone. To be man's "equal", a woman does not have to act, work, and dress like a man. While men and women have different roles in life, they are equal in the sight of God. A woman, by nature, seems to be more nurturing. This may not always be the case, however. For instance, Roman Emperor Nero's mother was a murderess, while President George Washington's mother was described as pious, true and pure.

As we see the importance of motherhood being downplayed in today's world, is it any wonder that so much confusion reigns. In today's world motherhood is passé, while women who would choose death over life for their unborn children are held up in honor and praised for their courage. President Theodore Roosevelt once said, "Into the woman's keeping is committed the destiny of the generations to come after us." If he was correct—and I wholeheartedly believe that he was—then "the destiny of the generations" is fearful indeed!

As Mothers' Day is observed this Sunday, let us give proper honor to the mothers and grandmothers, especially to those that seek to guide their families in the way of righteousness. —
Ron

TIMES OF UNCERTAINTY

“Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth. The LORD of hosts is with us: the God of Jacob is our fortress” (Psalm 46:10-11).

These are certainly times of uncertainty! The daily news is filled with reports of the coronavirus, health emergencies, food shortages, loneliness, economic chaos and fear. Solomon observed, “Again I saw that under the sun the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, nor bread to the wise, nor riches to the intelligent, nor favor to those with knowledge, but time and chance happen to them all. For man does not know his time. Like fish that are taken in an evil net, and like birds that are caught in a snare, so the children of man are snared at an evil time, when it suddenly falls upon them” (Ecclesiastes 9:11-12).

Thankfully, we can put our trust in God as our fortress. We can trust His wisdom and love, even when we do not know what the future may bring (Proverbs 3:5-7). We can trust God’s ability to take the harshest things of life and use them for good (Romans 8:28). Not all things are good, (Continue on back)

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but God can cause all things to work for good. Perhaps this time of uncertainty is God’s way of getting our attention, to remind us of our need to seek Him.

When the worries, riches and pleasures of life choke God and His message out of our lives, we need to remove those things that rob us of the spiritual values that give us an abundant life and eternal life. Let this quiet time at home call you back to God. –Phil Sanders, *The Search Light*

ENLIGHTENED TO KNOW GOD

“For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ” (2 Corinthians 4:6).

Apart from God, man exists in the intense spiritual darkness of ignorance and sin. Left to himself, there would be no hope of escape from the darkness, for man’s eyes are blinded by Satan, the “god of this world” (v. 4). Enlightenment can come only from God—the true God who said, *“Let there be light, and there was light”* (Genesis 1:3).

While God has provided some enlightenment concerning His power from the created universe (Psalms 19:1), a saving knowledge of God comes only through His Son, Jesus Christ, *“the light of the world”* (John 8:12). He enlightens the believer’s heart through His perfect life, His teachings, and His work of redemption. In His dying for our sins and His resurrection He has provided the way out of darkness. To ignore Him is to be forever in darkness. To trust and obey Him is to have the Light of life.

Have you made a personal commitment to Christ? With a heart of faith, and a desire to serve Him, have you confessed Him to be God’s Son, who died for us and rose again, and been *“buried with him by baptism into death (the benefits of Jesus’ death)”* and been raised to *“walk in newness of life”* (Acts 8:35-38; Romans 6:3-4)? --Ron

RANDOM THOUGHTS—

- Jesus is the bread of life, not the cake for special occasions.
- Some people are like blisters. They don’t show up until after the work is done.
- The Bible needs not to be rewritten, but to be re-read.
- The person who is willing to admit that he was in the wrong is wiser today than he was yesterday.

HOW TO PART YOUR HAIR WITH ATTITUDE

A lady woke one morning, looked in the mirror and noticed that she had only three hairs on her head. “Well,” she said, “I think I’ll braid my hair today.” So she did, and she had a wonderful day.

The next day she woke up, looked into the mirror and noticed she had only two hairs on her head. “Hmmm,” she said, “I think I’ll part my hair in the middle today.” So she did, and she had a great day.

The next day she woke up, looked in the mirror, and noticed that she had only one hair on her head. “Well,” she said, “I think I’ll wear my hair in a ponytail.” So she did, and she had a grand day.

The next day she woke up, looked in the mirror and saw that there wasn’t a single hair on her head. “Yea!” she exclaimed. “I don’t have to fix my hair today.”

Attitude is everything!

--Anonymous

PRAYER LIST: Sammie (cancer); Doris (difficulty in rising); Ruby Bradd (Clinton; cancer); Wayne Polk (Shelbyville minister; health problems); Mary’s nephew, Gavin Harlin (now in Kuwait, but expected to return to the states soon); Sammie’s great-grandson, Ethan Coller (in the Marines); and those being badly affected by the Corvid-19 pandemic, which surely in some ways affecting us all. Pray that this will awaken our nation to the realization that as a nation, blessed in so many ways by God, we have departed from the godly principles by which we were earlier led. In other words—**NATIONAL REPENTANCE** is greatly needed.