

Mothers in the Bible

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BIG SANDY, Texas—Since May is the month when people celebrate Mothers' Day, I thought I would share some scriptures about mothers in the Bible.

Examples of mothers

Exodus 2:2-3—"So the woman conceived and bore a son. And when she saw that he was a beautiful child, she hid him three months. But when she could no longer hide him, she took an ark of bulrushes for him, daubed it with asphalt and pitch, put the child in it, and laid it in the reeds by the river's bank."

Luke 1:26-28—"Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And having come in, the angel said to her, 'Rejoice, highly favored one, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women!'"

John 2:1-3—"On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Now both Jesus and His disciples were invited to the wedding. And when they ran out of wine, the mother of Jesus said to Him, 'They have no wine.'"

John 16:21—"A woman, when she is in labor, has sorrow because her hour has come; but as soon as she has given birth to the child, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world."

John 19:25-27—"Now there stood by the cross of Jesus His mother, and His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus therefore saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing by, He said to His mother, 'Woman, behold your son!' Then He said to the disciple, 'Behold your mother!' And from that hour that disciple took her to his own home."

Acts 16:14-15—"Now a certain woman named Lydia heard us. She was a seller of purple from the city of Thyatira, who worshiped God. The Lord opened her heart to heed the things spoken by Paul. And when she and her household were baptized, she begged us, saying, 'If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay.' So she persuaded us."

2 Timothy 1:4-5—" . . . Greatly desiring to see you, being mindful of your tears, that I may be filled with joy, when I call to remembrance the genuine faith that is in you, which dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am persuaded is in you also."

Some reminders

Genesis 2:24—"Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh."

Exodus 20:12—"Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the LORD your God is giving you."

Ephesians 6:1-3—"Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. Honor your father and mother, which is the first commandment with promise: that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth."

Some proverbs

Proverbs 1:8—"My son, hear the instruction of your father, and do not forsake the law of your mother."

Proverbs 23:22—"Listen to your father who begot you, and do not despise your mother when she is old."

Proverbs 23:25—"Let your father and your mother be glad, and let her who bore you rejoice."

Proverbs 29:15—"The rod and rebuke give wisdom, but a child left to himself brings shame to his mother."

Proverbs 31:28—"Her children rise up and call her blessed."