

More Precious Than Jewels (Proverbs 31:10)

Introduction: *What is strongest? Women!*

I. GOD HAS ESTABLISHED MOTHERHOOD AS A HOLY & DEMANDING CALLING

- A. Today we are speaking to all women, mothers or not
- B. Being a mother is more than giving birth
- C. God's Word is filled with praises for godly women & mothers (Proverbs 31:10; 31:30; 12:4; 18:22; I Cor. 11:7; II Tim. 1:6)
- D. Mothers, women, all of us are in need of forgiveness

II. GOD IS ABLE TO GUIDE & STRENGTHEN ALL OF US, ESPECIALLY WOMEN

- A. We remember Hannah, mother of Samuel (I Samuel 1:10-11; 19-20)
- B. We remember the unnamed Canaanite mother (Matthew 15:21-28)

III. THE LORD SHOWS HIMSELF AS ONE WHO ESPECIALLY CARES FOR MOTHERS

- A. Consider the barren woman (Psalm 113)
- B. Consider Jesus' own mother (John 19:25-27)

IV. GOD'S LOVE FOR US IS COMPARED TO THE LOVE OF A MOTHER

- A. Like a nursing mother (Isaiah 49:15)
- B. Like a playing, loving mother (Isaiah 66:11)
- C. Like a mother hen (Luke 13:34)

Conclusion: *Thank God for mothers... for God's love for mothers... for God's mother-like love*