

God's Kind of Mother

On May 8, 1908, the first Mother's Day was observed in the Sunday Schools of Pa.

There are many types of mothers.

I. SOME GIVE THEIR CHILD TO THEMSELVES.

The biblical example is Herodias.

Matthew 14:6-12

Herodias, could have used the opportunity to advance her daughters future.

But she was a self-centered, self-serving person that cared only for herself.

Instead of helping Salome to plan for the future,

she made Salome ask for the head of John the Baptist, on a platter.

Herodias is the example of every mother who puts herself, her own pleasure, and her own desires above the needs, future, and desires of her children.

II. SOME GIVE THEMSELVES TO THEIR CHILD.

1 Kings 3:16-28

This mother was willing to sacrifice herself for her baby.

This type of mother lives for her child, with no thought of her own needs and desires.

This type of mother would go without food to see to it that her children were fed.

III. SOME GIVE THEIR CHILD TO THE LORD.

This mother is everything that number two is in giving, loving, and sacrificing.

She goes one step farther...

she is dedicated to seeing that her child is given to the Lord.

The biblical example is, Hannah.

1 Samuel 1:9-11

Year after year she would go to the temple and beg God for a child.

Then God heard her prayer and gave her a son.

She named him Samuel.

Hannah prayed for the guidance to raise the child.

Even before Samuel was born,

Hannah realized that this baby was from God and belonged to God.

She knew that she was a steward who had been given

the privilege and the blessing of being able

to raise the child,

to enjoy the child.

She was to raise the child in such a way that his heart would be turned to the Lord.

Then, when he was of the proper age...

Hannah fulfilled her vow to the Lord...

she took the child, Samuel, to the priest, Eli, to be his helper, apprentice.

The Godly mother today realizes that it is her privilege and blessing

to raise up her children in a home and in a church where they:

will be exposed to,

will be molded by,

and hopefully internalize a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

She teaches her children to pray,

raises them up on bible stories,

and shows them how God fits into school, play, work, and home.

THIS IS God's kind of Mother.