

CCC Being a Godly Mom 2010
Mother's Day 2010

Welcome: I just want to say Happy Mother's Day to all our moms here today. Amen! Mom's you are truly a blessing from the Lord in the lives of so many husbands and children. Being a mom is a tough job. Whether you have surrendered your life to Christ and you're a Christian mom or not...

I believe God has designed all moms to have a heart and a love for their kids, but listen it is even harder today in this world to be a Godly mom that points her children towards the Lord, requires them to live by God word, the bible.

This morning, in honoring the mom's here today, we are going to look at a godly woman who is a model of motherhood and hopefully you can learn from her.

And actually while I am applying this to moms for Mother's Day, this is something that will be applicable to

each one of us here, mother or father, single or married, male or female, because ultimately this is about how we can be a godly person.

In God's word, the bible in the book of 1 Samuel 1 says, *There was a certain man from Ramathaim (Ray Muh thay uhm)... He had two wives; one was called Hannah and the other Peninnah (Pee nin uh). Peninnah had children, but Hannah had none...And because the LORD had closed her womb, her rival kept provoking her in order to irritate her. This went on year after year. Whenever Hannah went up to the house of the LORD, her rival provoked her till she wept and would not eat.*

From your notes the first thing I want us to see here is that

1. A Godly Mom Will Face Problems

You're probably sitting there saying hey this is Mothers Day it is supposed to be encouraging. I want to hear how

great we Mom's are... what do you mean starting off = A
Godly Mom will Face Problems?

I think too often people are thinking, and moms are
thinking in particular, that if I have problems in my life, I
must not be living in a godly way, that if I have problems
in my life that I must be a bad mom. That is a lie straight
from Satan.

Listen, Jesus told us, He told those who have decided to
become His followers to surrender their life to Him... Jesus
said you are going to have trouble in this life. Read with
me out loud this next scripture "*I have told you these
things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you
will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the
world.*" John 16:33 In 2 Timothy 3:12 Paul tells us, *In fact,
everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will
be persecuted,*

Throughout the Bible we see people who are striving to
live for God who are facing problems. We see in these
verses I just read that Hannah's husband Elkanah had 2
wives and his other wife had children.

Now this is in an age when one of the main purposes of
having a wife was to provide children.

And not only was she not able to have children, but she
faced ridicule for this year after year. 1 Samuel 1:6-7
*And because the LORD had closed her womb, her rival
kept provoking her in order to irritate her. This went on
year after year. Whenever Hannah went up to the house of
the LORD, her rival provoked her till she wept and would
not eat.* "Hi Hannah, could you help me with my children, I
have so many." Or maybe Hi Hannah, would you mind
helping me change a diaper, oh do you know how to
change a diaper, since you have never had any kids?"

And this went on year after year.

Hannah I am sure had feelings of inadequacy... feelings of self worthy grabbing at her.

She suffered bouts of depression... Lord, what are you doing here... What is my purpose in life?

I am certain there are people here today, who feel inadequate, or are depressed, or don't understand yet why the Lord has them in the situation they are in.

Maybe there are some here today who haven't been able to have children or who have lost a child or who are struggling to provide for their family.

Maybe you are facing problems and thinking, I must not be a good or godly person in the eyes of God since this is happening to me.

I want to tell you that this message is for you today.

To be a Godly Mom or a Godly person does not mean that you are not going to have problems.

You are going to have to face problems. But you need to know that you don't have to face them alone and just because you face problems does not mean that you are not loved by the Lord. But what do you do in those moments?

2. A Godly Mom Prays

Let's see what Hannah did. 1 Samuel 1:9-16 *Once when they had finished eating and drinking in Shiloh, Hannah stood up. Now Eli the priest was sitting on a chair by the doorpost of the LORD's temple. In bitterness of soul Hannah wept much and prayed to the LORD. And she made a vow, saying, "O LORD Almighty, if you will only look upon your servant's misery and remember me, and not forget your servant but give her a son, then I will give him to the LORD for all the days of his life, and no razor*

will ever be used on his head." As she kept on praying to the LORD, Eli observed her mouth. Hannah was praying in her heart, and her lips were moving but her voice was not heard. Eli thought she was drunk and said to her, "How long will you keep on getting drunk? Get rid of your wine."

"Not so, my lord," Hannah replied, "I am a woman who is deeply troubled. I have not been drinking wine or beer; I was pouring out my soul to the LORD. Do not take your servant for a wicked woman; I have been praying here out of my great anguish and grief."

Here we see that Hannah was pouring out her soul to the Lord. She had some real problems that were causing her pain and anguish, but instead of giving up, instead of giving in... she looked up. A godly Mom prayers. A godly mom will look up to God in prayer.

Often, it is not until we are facing problems that we turn to the Lord. So often, we try to handle things ourselves.

But listen, difficult circumstances in our life teach us to persevere and they help us to mature and rely upon God.

James 1:2-4 - *2 Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, 3 because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. 4 Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.*

When we don't mature in Christ, when we aren't continually counting on Him, we will be lacking in the relationship with Christ that is essential to truly live and be the godly mom that God has called us to be.

In God's word, the bible we see that the Apostle Paul had his thorn in his flesh; God would not take it away... Why, because it was there to help Paul continue to

rely on God. We can count on the grace of God to strengthen us and get us through.

2 Corinthians 12:9 "*My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.*" Christ's power in our lives is made perfect in our weaknesses. It is not until we face problems that our weakness is exposed and in those areas where our weakness is exposed, we often have no choice but to turn to Christ.

That is where Hannah is.

She is at the end of herself. She cries out to God in her weakness. Some of you here today may be suffering through different issues. Go to God with your problems tell them to him. Pray that through whatever you are experiencing that God will grow you. And pray for God to change things.

He can and He does.

Hannah did not turn away from God in her problems, but she turned to God with her problems. Be a Godly Mom and express what you are feeling to God in prayer.

Be an example to your children. REPEAT...

Being in a relationship with God does not mean putting on a show that everything is ok when it is not. Being in relationship with God means being real in expressing how you are truly feeling to God and asking for His help in dealing with it. That is being a witness to your children. That is what Hannah did. That is what you should do. We need to be praying in everything.

Okay, let's continue and see what else we can learn from Hannah:

3. A Godly Mom trusts God's Provision

Eli answered, "*Go in peace, and may the God of Israel grant you what you have asked of him.*" She said, "*May*

your servant find favor in your eyes." Then she went her way and ate something, and her face was no longer downcast. Early the next morning they arose and worshiped before the LORD and then went back to their home at Ramah. Elkanah lay with Hannah his wife, and the LORD remembered her. So in the course of time Hannah conceived and gave birth to a son. She named him Samuel, saying, "Because I asked the LORD for him."

1 Samuel 1:17-20

Yes God did bless Hannah and provide a child for her. And yes God does change our circumstances sometimes as part of His provision. But listen carefully here... sometimes He doesn't change our circumstances, but He still and always provides for us.

God **did not take away** the circumstance of Paul, but He provided for Him through His grace.

Now look at verse 18 in 1 Samuel 1. Before she became pregnant, before she even could have been pregnant, God provided peace for Hannah. *"she went her way and ate something, and her face was no longer downcast."*

God has provided her with His peace. As we trust in Jesus for salvation, as we grow in that relationship, as we pour out our hearts to the Lord in anguish, God cares for us and provides for us through the peace that only He can provide. Philippians 4:6-7 *6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. 7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

God's provision does not necessarily change our circumstances. But what it does is God's provision does change us. We still **may not** understand everything, but we

don't need to. Instead, we know everything that we need to know, that God cares for us and He is working out His will in our life and that is the best place to be.

The peace of God, which transcends all understanding.

What an incredible God that we have who provides for us so abundantly.

Paul learned this in Philippians 4:11-13

I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances.

12 I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to

have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in

any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry,

whether living in plenty or in want. 13 I can do everything

through him who gives me strength.

We can trust Him to provide what we want when it will be beneficial to us and glorify Him and we can trust Him to provide peace for us always, even when our circumstance

doesn't change, but instead, He changes us.

God is good all the time and we can trust Him to provide exactly what is best.

Being a Godly Mom means trusting in God's provision.

4. A Godly Mom keeps Promises

Remember back in v. 11 she made a vow saying that if she had a son she would "give him to the LORD for all the

days of his life" Hannah kept her promise that she made to

the Lord. We glorify the Lord when we keep our

commitments that we made to Him, even when it hurts

Psalm 15:1,4 *1 LORD, who may dwell in your sanctuary?*

Who may live on your holy hill? He...4 who keeps his oath

even when it hurts,

Finally, when we are living godly lives, even as we experience problems in our lives and we pray and we have received the Lord's provision, and kept our promises, we

find that nothing satisfies like praising the Lord

5. A Godly Mom Praises the Lord

1 Sam 2:1 Then Hannah prayed and said: *"My heart rejoices in the LORD; in the LORD my horn is lifted high.*

My mouth boasts over my enemies, for I delight in your

deliverance. "There is no one holy like the LORD;

there is no one besides you; there is no Rock like our God.

This was the God she could trust with her most valuable earthly possessions, even her son.

This is also the God you can trust.

This is the God who wants to draw you close to Him...

This is the god who wants to start a relationship with you this morning if you haven't ever invited His son Jesus to come in and be the Lord and Savior of your life.

This is the God that wants to listen to you in your distress... And give you peace ... And bless you.

Moms, no matter what circumstance you are facing today, you don't have to face it alone.

Being a mom is a tough job and it has been designed for you to be able to accomplish with the help of a loving God.

My question for you is have you been seeking His help and His provision

To seek his help and provision, you need to be in a relationship with Him.

So my question is: Are you in a relationship with the one who can provide what you need?

You need Jesus Christ. You need him to pray to, to provide for you, to praise,

But mostly to provide salvation for you.

If you would like to enter into a relationship with Jesus we will have people up front available to pray with you this morning or for any need you may have. This invitation is

for all people. If you want to start a relationship in a moment I am going to ask you to set out and come up front for prayers.

The simple fact is, is that Jesus is the only one we can turn to. He is more than enough for every need we have.

We are going to close this morning by worshiping Jesus Christ as the one who truly is able to provide for us because He cares for us enough to sacrifice His own life.

Now is the time to come out and let our women leaders pray with you and for you. Please set out now and come up.