

# Indispensable Role of Motherhood

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**T**he best that God designed a woman to be is expressed in **motherhood**. Not one of us came into this world without a mother. And in these days of on-demand abortion, motherhood is a conscious, deliberate decision by a woman to enter into that noble, Godlike act of loving self-sacrifice, to participate with the God of all creation to bring a new life into the world.

To give God his heritage and reward - His special individual possession or allotted portion is realized through Motherhood. (Psalms 127:3 - *"Lo, children are a heritage of the Lord: and the fruit of the womb is his reward."* God's portion as Creator and Redeemer is the praise of his creation. **It is only through motherhood that this heritage is granted.**

Mothers are also designed by God to nurture. There is just no greater nurturing power on the planet than a mother. When the apostle Paul was describing his love for the church at Thessalonica, he used the metaphor of a mother's love to describe how deeply he cared for the Thessalonians. He reminded them that he was like a **"gentle mother"** who **"tenderly cares for her own children"** (1 Thessalonians 2:7). When God described His love for Israel, He did so with a motherhood metaphor. He told Israel that He would **comfort them like a mother comforts her children** (Isaiah 66:13).

The closing chapters of Proverbs also known as the book of wisdom, has helped billions of people live better lives. It closes with a great testimonial tribute to women. That's right, the last words of the book of Proverbs, doesn't extend praise to God or exalt manhood. They speak of the beautiful, indispensable role that women play in God's creation. After 30 chapters of directions on living the good, godly, noble life, the great book of Proverbs closes with these words to the godly woman: **"Her children arise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her, Many daughters have done nobly, But you excel them all. Charm is deceitful and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord, she shall be praised. Give her the product of her hands, and let her own works praise her in the gates** (Proverbs 31:28-31).

This Mother's Day, I hope you will take the time to say thanks to your mother in a special way. No she isn't perfect, and no she didn't do everything right, but she gave you life. And if she is like most mothers, she sacrificed for you and did what she could to prepare you to be a loving caring person. And to mothers, I say thank you for all you have done to prepare your children to be the good men and women of the next generation. Our world cannot make it without you - Happy Mother's Day.