

From The Minister's Desk:

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### Good News on Mother's Day

Today is **the Lord's Day**, our **Worship Day** and **Mother's Day**. *"This is the day which the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it."* Psa.118:24 This day we can rejoice and be glad in our **worship** and in the fact that we have **mothers** to be thankful for! I take great honor and pleasure in considering all who are age eligible to be my **mother**. **Happy Mother's Day!**

**Mothers** go through and endure a lot in life. No one truly understand the many pains and horrible things that happens to and in a **mother's** life. All **mothers** are *indeed different* in some respects, with some experiencing some terrible events in their lives and or their children's lives. No one should compare themselves to another person, for the Lord has made all mankind as unique as the snowflakes. No two are exactly alike. **But God loves them all!**

God divinely placed in **mothers'** *strength, protectionism, tenderness, longsuffering, a sacrificial love* and many other virtues that goes beyond the average person's character. **Mothers are more like Jesus in these areas**. Let's reflect on Mary's **motherhood** experience. As we do, I pray that a greater appreciation for God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit and "**that Old Rugged Cross**" will follow.

Mary lived through times of **joy** and **sorrow**; sometimes one right after the other. What great **joy** *"when told by an angel of the Lord that she was chosen to bare the Son of God into the world."*

The **joy** when the Christ child was born. The **joy** and excitement when *"the shepherds and wise men came to worship Him."* What an **uneasy feeling** hearing Simeon prophesy that *"this child is set for the fall and rise again of many in Israel; and for sign which shall be spoken against; yea, a sword shall pierce your own soul also, that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed."*

Then *to have to hide Jesus from the government*, to be on the run like fugitives with a **new born**. Then **joy** as He performed *"his first miracle" at her request, "turning water into wine."*

Witnessing no doubt some if not most of his many miracles. How **proud** she must have been. **Put yourself in Mary's place. How do you feel right about now?** Have you experienced **joyful** and **sorrowful** moments with your child/children? Learn to enjoy and keep those moments close to or in your heart. The worst maybe yet to come, but Jesus and His **mother** are great examples of how **mothers** can be provided the strength and comfort needed to carry on.

Now let's spend **a Mother's day at the cross** of Jesus. Stand with Mary and me **at the cross** of her son, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Recall the horrific treatment Jesus went through and try to imagine him being your child hanging there on **that old rugged cross** which Jesus bleed and died on. All around her (*us*) are cheers and shouts *"crucify Him, crucify Him."* She is crying out, *"that's my son, why are treating him this way?"* You and I are standing with her, yelling back at the crowd, *'why are you doing this, he has done nothing to deserve this cruel punishment'* but no one of any authority hears or cares, so the crucifixion continues. When it's all over, we try to console Mary but her heart is too heavy and her loss is too great. A few days later (*three to be exact*) Jesus is resurrected. None of the gospels state that Mary (**his mother**) saw Him afterwards,

but would you think she did? Surely she heard the news that ***He is risen!*** Even that would be good news to her if she remembered Simeon's prophesy; "*this child is set for the fall and **rise again** of many in Israel...*" Now she can be with Him in Heaven, not just because she was his ***mother***, but because she had trusted Him as her Savior. **Motherhood** is a partnership with God. A **mother** experiences great **joys** and intense **sorrows**, but if she submits her life to God, every season of her **motherhood** serves His eternal purpose. That ***mother*** can indeed be happy most of the time, not just on **mother's day** but every day! **Happy Mother's Day!**

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