My Mother Loved Me

Introduction

- 1. When reflecting upon my childhood, I look back and know that my mother loved me because:
 - A. She disciplined me when I did wrong.
 - B. She cared for me when I was sick.
 - C. She fed and clothed me even when I was rebellious.
 - D. She taught me about God's word, which has stayed with me all these years.
- 2. In this morning's lesson I want each one of us to recall your mother's love for you and also God's love for you.
 - A. Let us honor God's creation of the wonderful mothers in our lives.

The Example of Hannah

1 Samuel 2:19 Moreover his mother used to make him a little robe, and bring it to him year by year when she came up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice.

- 1. Hannah is such a great example of a good mother in the scriptures.
 - A. This particular verse shows how much she cared for her son Samuel.
 - B. Samuel was so very small when he started his service to God that a ephod/vest covered him entirely.
 - 1) Every year, Hannah would make "a little robe" for him to wear.
- 2. Hannah loved Samuel.

A. Edersheim, Eerdmans p. 139

Dr. G. Campbell Morgan had 4 sons and they were all preachers. Someone once came into the house when all the family was there. They thought they would see what Howard, one of the sons, was made of so they asked him this question: "Howard, who is the greatest preacher in your family?" Howard had a great admiration for his father and he looked straight across at him and then without a moments hesitation he answered, "Mother."

I know my mother loved me because...

She Disciplined Me When I Did Wrong

- 1. I loved my mother but I also "feared" her meaning I had great respect for her.
 - A. I learned early on that she never lied and always kept her word.
 - When she would say "when we get home you're getting a spanking" – she never lied, she kept her word.

Proverbs 13:24 "He who spares his rod hates his son, but he who loves him disciplines him promptly."

Proverbs 29:15 "The rod and rebuke give wisdom, But a child left to himself brings shame to his mother."

She Cared for Me When I Was Sick

- 1. My mother knew exactly what to do when I was not feeling well.
 - A. Her gentle hand, love, and compassion was with me when I was feeling ill.
- 2. In the Bible we see where David cared for the sick.

Psalm35:13-14 "But as for me, when they were sick, My clothing was sackcloth; I humbled myself with fasting; And my prayer would return to my own heart. I paced about as though he were my friend or brother; I bowed down heavily, as one who mourns for his mother."

2. Jesus cared for the sick. Matthew 4:24

She Fed and Clothed Me Even When I Was Rebellious

- 1. It never made any difference to my mother how good or not so good I may have been that day or the day before she always made sure that I had good clothing and a prepared meal.
 - A. My mother cooked and sewed. Many of my shirts were made by her and I wore them proudly.
- 2. Mom demonstrated her love for me by and through her actions.
 - A. This is also a demonstration of the love of God. Matthew 5:44-48
 - B. This is also the love of Christ.

Romans 5:7-8 "For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

She Taught Me about God's Word

- 1. This is what I loved the most about my mother. Where would I be today if my mother would not have led me to God?
- The value of a righteous, loving woman who constantly teaches God.
 Psalms 22:10

2 Timothy 1:3-5 I thank God, whom I serve with a pure conscience, as my forefathers did, as without ceasing I remember you in my prayers night and day, greatly desiring to see you, being mindful of your tears, that I may be filled with joy, when I call to remembrance the genuine faith that is in you, which dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am persuaded is in you also.

Bits and Pieces, August 1989:

A little boy forgot his lines in a Bible class presentation. His mother was in the front row to prompt him. She gestured and formed the words silently with her lips, but it did not help. Her son's memory was blank. Finally, she leaned forward and whispered the cue, "I am the light of the world." The child beamed and with great feeling and a loud clear voice said, "My mother is the light of the world."

Conclusion

- 1. I know my mother loved me because...
 - A. She disciplined me when I did wrong.
 - B. She cared for me when I was sick.
 - C. She fed me and clothed me even when I rebelled.
 - D. She taught me about God's word.
- 2. In short, I know my mother loved me because the Bible said she did the things that showed her love for me!

Invitation

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