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"Holding forth the Word of Life" (Phil. 2:16)

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## **Mothers**

"A Christian mother is the greatest heritage God can give a man." – Anonymous

"The mother's heart is the child's schoolroom." – Henry Ward Beecher, *Life Thoughts*

"The future of society is in the hands of the mothers." – DeBeaufort

"What is home without a mother?" – Alice Hawthorne

"Our mothers put God first when they fill their highest mission within the walls of their own homes."  
– Ezra Taft Benson

Each year we honor our mothers, and rightly so. Their love and influence is hard to put into words. It may well be that we find that we have taken them for granted. If we are still able, they need to know they are loved and appreciated.

"When I was my father's son, tender and the only one in the sight of my mother..." (Prov. 4:3). We cannot begin to realize just how our mothers see us. Their perspective is just so precious to contemplate. They view us with a tenderness and beauty that others do not realize.

The apostle Paul taught the church at Ephesus of the very teaching that had been imparted to ancient Israel. "Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. 'Honor your father and mother,' which is the first commandment with promise: 'that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth' (Exod. 20:12; Deut. 5:16). Even Jesus noted the need for one to respect his or her parents (Matt. 15:4).

There are those, unfortunately, who have chosen a life of foolishness. And that is the very thing that is so hurtful to their mothers. "A wise son makes a glad father, but a foolish son is the grief of his mother" (Prov. 10:1). "A wise son makes a father glad, but a foolish man despises his mother" (Prov. 15:20). "He who mistreats his father and chases away his mother is a son who causes shame and brings reproach" (Prov. 19:26).

"Let your father and your mother be glad, and let her who bore you rejoice" (Prov. 23:25). That is such a precious passage of Scripture. If one lives a good, wise, and righteous life, they give their mother a reason to rejoice!

If you have been blessed with a godly mother, you are so very fortunate. Abraham Lincoln said it well, "No man is poor who has a godly mother." "Greatly desiring to see you...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" (2 Tim. 1:4-5).