

**TELECAST SERMON FOR  
SUNDAY, MAY 11, 2025 MOTHER'S DAY  
"HONORING MOTHERS EVERYWHERE"  
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Thank you, Melvin!

My sermon, entitled "**HONORING MOTHERS EVERYWHERE**," was prepared especially for you, in hopes that it will motivate you, to become partakers in Christ Jesus. The Lord's path is always the "straight and narrow," and for many, it can appear to be a difficult and constant uphill climb. But take it on good authority that the easy downhill path will lead you directly into condemnation. It certainly would be an irreversible and distressful fate for anyone to hear the Lord say at judgment, "I know you not. Don't enter into my rest." Therefore, may today's sermon encourage you, to take matters into your own hands, if you haven't already done so, and work on your salvation immediately.

We read, "Now there stood by the cross of Jesus his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Cleophas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus therefore saw his mother, and the disciple (John The Beloved) standing by, whom he loved, he saith unto his mother, Woman, behold thy son! Then saith he to the disciple, Behold thy Mother! And from that hour that disciple took her unto his own home."

The love, caring, and compassion, that Jesus displayed for His Mother, Mary, is truly important for us to take note of, as we address our earthly Mothers, Grandmothers, Mothers-to-be, and all those who show us the real Christian traits of a Bible believing Mother, who teaches us about our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

We affectionately honor Mothers everywhere by saying, "Happy Mother's Day, on this your special day."

Husbands should take note of their wives, and children should take note of their Mothers to render them blessing and respect they most truly deserve, for all that they have done both Spiritually and Physically. It was a job that only a Mom could do, and often she does it in a very special way, most times sacrificing for the family, even before thinking of herself in many things.

Therefore, Mom, upfront, we say, "Thank you and we love you for all your kindly deeds and love gifts that we have enjoyed over the years from our childhood and into adulthood and elderhood."

We find a wonderful example in Proverbs 31:1-3, relating to the Mother of King Lemuel, "The words of king Lemuel, the prophecy that his mother taught him. What, my son? and what, the son of my womb? and what, the son of my vows? Give not thy strength unto women, nor thy ways to that which destroyeth kings."

This motherly advice still holds true today and can be applied by all children to life's lessons of what to do and what not to do. It is most gratifying to see a well-disciplined person, who, in many cases, has been groomed and taught from the Bible, the finer things of living and loving others, to be able to successfully attain good citizenship within this life.

Our 16th President of the United States, Abraham Lincoln, expressed his thought for a Mother by saying, "No man is poor who has had a Godly Mother!" Isn't that a sound saying from a man, who has known life and the things that it puts before us all?

An anonymous person has coined this phrase about Mother, "Of all the earthly thing God gives, there's one above all others; it is the precious, priceless gift of loving, Christian, Mothers!"

The term "Mother" is defined as, 1) a female who has borne offspring, female parent; 2) A female who adopts a child, or who otherwise holds a maternal relationship toward another; and 3) Holding a maternal relationship such as a Mother Church with other branch churches under it (speaking from a spiritual perspective).

Anna Jarvis of Grafton, West Virginia and Philadelphia, began a campaign for nationwide observance of Mother's Day. She chose the second Sunday of May. President Woodrow Wilson signed a joint resolution of Congress recommending observance on May 9, 1914, and it was so, starting the following year.

We make special recognition to all our Christian Mothers today, who have given up all to follow our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. You are the real Mothers who exemplify the term "Mother" because you serve with diligence and unwavering faithfulness. This kind of love for Jesus and His work is indicative of the love exhibited by Jesus for His own Mother, Mary.

We read more about Mary, the Mother of Jesus, in Luke 1:26-38, "And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, name Nazareth, To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favored, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women.

And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be. And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.

Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.

And, behold, thy cousin Elisabeth, she hath also conceived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her, who was called barren. For with God nothing shall be impossible. And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her."

In true recognition of her calling, Mary's answer to the message from God sent through the mouth of the angel Gabriel was, "Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word." She displayed total obedience to the Lord's calling in her life and rendered herself unto God's will and ways to become a vessel for fulfilling the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

On the other hand, God always speaks to us, concerning our calling in life and the things that He has set before us. This is confirmed, as we read the account of Joseph, the earthly paternal-guardian of Jesus, as God also spoke to him, concerning this very same miracle and immaculate conception, that Joseph would be a part of in Matthew 1:18-25, "Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a publick example, was minded to put her away privily.

But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

Now all of this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.

Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife: And knew her not till she had brought forth her first born son: and he called his name JESUS."

The same obedience, shown by Mary was also displayed by Joseph, her husband, and thus, the Lord worked mighty wonders in the lives of men and women during that time, and even unto today and in the years to come. Because the Book of Hebrews 13:8 reads, "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever," this astounding example of the birth of Jesus and obedience of His parents, Mary and Joseph, clearly speak to us, to let the Lord Jesus have His way in our lives; in whatever situation we are confronted with, so that we may be able to realize the real purpose and calling that Jesus has determined for our earthly lives.

It is a very difficult thing today for many to fathom, letting the Lord Jesus speak to them, and then knowing that it is Jesus, Who is speaking, and having the courage to follow this Spiritual guidance to fulfill His Word in our lives.

However, we read in Luke 1:37: the words of Mary's, the future Mother of Jesus, "For with God nothing shall be impossible." These words still ring true today, for each and everyone who is willing to believe. "What should we believe?" you might ask. As we pursue the Biblical Words of The Gospel of the Kingdom of God, we read in Mark 1:14-15, "Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel."

Very plainly this scripture is telling us two things; 1) That everyone must repent or in other words acknowledge and confess the fact that we are all born sinners and therefore accept the fact that repentance is our godly sorrow for sin or being born a sinner, and 2) Believing the Gospel, which, in a nut shell, is the Good News that, "JESUS SAVES, JESUS HEALS, JESUS BAPTIZES WITH THE HOLY GHOST AND WITH FIRE AND JESUS IS COMING SOON!"

This four-fold gospel encompasses all the sacrificial things that Jesus died for on the cross of Calvary. He shed His blood for our sins and it is through His Name, "JESUS" that we will be saved.

Speaking more expressly of "The Gospel of the Kingdom of God," we now read on further in St. John 3:5, the very positive instructions given by Jesus to all mankind, "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God."

To be born of water is to be baptized by immersion in the name of "Jesus Christ," just as Jesus was baptized in the River Jordan by John the Baptist, a very real example and definite action that all persons must follow. And to be born of the Spirit is to expressly speak in an "Unknown Tongue or Language," which is specifically addressed as being, "Filled with the Holy Spirit of God."

The Book of Matthew 3: 13-17 expounds it this way, "Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him. But John forbid him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me? And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfill all righteousness. Then he suffered him.

And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

Yes, Saints and Friends, as we do likewise by coming to The Apostolic Faith Church and being baptized, we fulfill God's Holy Word and valid instruction in our lives to eradicate the inherited sin from Adam and Eve, our Fore-Parents, who sinned in the Garden of Eden in the beginning.

It is truly wonderful to feel the Spirit of God, as it touches our lives and makes His Presence felt in all that we do, each and every day. We need to know and feel that reassurance of the Lord Jesus Christ, in our lives, as He will confirm our actions by saying, "Well Done, My Beloved Daughter Or Son, In Whom I Am Well Pleased."

We learn further, as we read Acts 2:38 to find out the right method of baptism. "Then Peter said unto them, (That is, those who had crucified and rejected the Lord Jesus), Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."

And in the 39th verse it reads, "For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call."

The "how" in this matter is to be baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ, not in the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, which are titles rather than names; and the "why" relates to the purpose for receiving 1) The Remission of Sins, and 2) The Gift of the Holy Ghost or Holy Spirit.

Isn't our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, a wonderful God? In the 39th verse he has extended His Promise not only to us but on to our Children and to the many more that will come after us.

It would be very difficult to find an insurance policy today with that kind of coverage, wouldn't you say so, TV viewers? His plans and procedures for our lives are the best to be found anywhere. You can bank on it; you can sleep on it; you can invest your life's savings in "God's Plan For Mankind," and it will be there when you need it the most.

It is your guaranteed ticket to heaven on God's mode of transportation, which is referred to as the Holy Spirit and Power of God, which will take us all to Heaven, the third Heaven above the clouds and stars and planets called, God's Abode.

It is important to seal our passage to Heaven and secure the bond we will have with our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Acts 4:12 explains it to us this way, "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."

There you have it, plain and simple and direct from God's Word, the Bible. You can re-read it for yourself and let it speak unto you, concerning its pure message. To clarify this action, we read on in Acts 2 verse 41, "Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls."

The Lord Jesus has spoken unto us many times that He will send into this Church, another Day of Pentecost and with it, the 3,000 souls to be baptized in one day. We are definitely preparing ourselves for that event because we know God's Promise is true; for there is one thing that God cannot do, and that is to lie to His People and Creation.

Therefore, it is incumbent upon us to be ready and prepared, just as the sign above The Apostolic Faith Church says, "JESUS COMING SOON."

Many travel each and every day past the Church and view that sign message, as they drive by; it is a wonder to me, if they feel impacted to say to themselves, "Am I ready to meet Jesus when He comes?" Maybe they don't think that Jesus is coming yet; or maybe they are not bothered by the fact that He is coming very, very soon, just as the sign states.

Be ye forewarned, my friends, that today is the day of salvation or time to get ready. Prepare to meet Jesus and ensure and secure your passage to Heaven. Tomorrow is too late, for Jesus will come as a thief in the night, and His coming will be in the twinkling of an eye. Probably in one second or less, Jesus will call His waiting Bride of Bible Believers to: "COME UP HITHER, COME UP HITHER, COME UP HITHER."

It will be a wonderful day for those that are ready to meet Him; and a not-so-wonderful day for those who are not ready!

However, the love of Jesus is much similar to a Mother's love for her husband, children, family and friends. Love can be defined as, 1) A profoundly tender, passionate affection; and 2), A feeling of warm personal attachment.

Therefore, Mother and Love combined together is a very power filled resource. It might be said this way, Jesus our Lord is always the "First Love" unto Mother; Her Husband is the "Second Love", Her Children and Family are her "Third Love," and Others are her "Fourth Love."

The Bible tells us that behind Moses was his Mother Jochebed; behind Samuel was his Mother Hannah; behind Jesus was His Mother Mary; behind John the Baptist was his Mother Elizabeth; and behind Timothy was his loving Mother named Eunice. Fathers and Mothers are the support infrastructure for their children, and it is God's plan that they provide for their offspring both Spiritually and Physically and in all things.

The New Testament Book of Ephesians, chapter 6:1-3 provides us with excellent guidance in the duty of children towards their parents, "Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Honour thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise; That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth."

What a wonderful sight to behold when children take care of their parents and show respect with many acts of love and gratitude for all that both Mother and Dad have done for them! It is but a small return to be good and happy towards our parents, for in doing so, we will prolong our existence upon this earth; for it is God's given commandment.

We share with you at this time a very appropriate poem entitled, "Measure of a Mom's Love" for our learning and remembrance from an unknown author. It reads as follows; "Some day when my children are old enough to understand the logic that motivates a mother, I will tell them: I loved you enough to ask where you were going, with whom, and what time you would be home.

I loved you enough to insist that you save your money and buy a bike for yourself, even though we could afford to buy one for you. I loved you enough to be silent and let you discover that your new best friend was as quoted in the article, "a creep."

I loved you enough to make you take a Milky Way back to the drugstore (With a bite out of it) and tell the clerk, "I stole this yesterday and want to pay for it." I loved you enough to stand over you for two hours while you cleaned your room, a job that would have taken me 15 minutes.

I loved you enough to let you see anger, disappointment and tears in my eyes. (After all, children must learn that their parents aren't perfect.) I loved you enough to let you assume the responsibility for your actions, even when the penalties were so harsh they almost broke my heart.

But most of all, I loved you enough to say "no" when I knew you would hate me for it. Those were the most difficult battles of all. I'm glad I won them, because in the end you won something, too.

A Mother's Love is second only to the Love of God and His concern for His Creation. The term, "Mother" has been described in musical rendition appropriately as follows: "M" is for the million things she gave me. "O" means only that she's growing old. "T" is for the tears she shed to save me. "H" is for her heart of purest gold. "E" is for her eyes with love light shining. "R" means right and right she'll always be. Put them all together, they spell "MOTHER", a word that means the world to me.

The Bible scripturally relates to God's fine creation of a woman and mother in Proverbs 31:10-12 and 28-30; "Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies. The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil. She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life. Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her. Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all. Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised."

Adam acknowledged his wife by giving her the name of "Eve." We read in Genesis 3:20, "And Adam called his wife's name Eve; because she was the mother of all living." This name means life-giving or mother, calling her his wife and mother, even before their children were born, as a beautiful example of faith.

Abraham Lincoln said, "All that I am and all that I hope to be, I owe to my angel, Mother." Historically, testimonials and praises that have been said by many great men in the history of the world, have pointed up the significant teachings and influences received from their mothers. Often, unknown and unrecognized are the mothers, who molded the characters of these men, who sought God's help in decisions that contributed toward shaping the destiny of this world.

"Mother" is the world's most successful Teacher. Everything a child learns in his or her formative years, can usually be accredited to his parental Mother, as described in the Bible with the many examples of the Spiritual Mothers who have stood behind their children. Mother answers all questions. Mother teaches a child the basic principles which really count in life, such as the value of prayer, faithful trust in God, honesty, and personal morality.

Mother's position in the family is the most advantageous to introduce her child to Jesus, Who can become his Savior, Lord and Master, Best Friend, Wisest Counselor, Great Protector, and Total Provider. Mother effectively builds a solid and strong foundation of things never to be forgotten throughout one's lifetime.

On this Mother's Day, we remember a great number of things and verbalize about our mothers and the many wonderful Mothers in the Church, who stand as faithful examples of Spirit-filled, Bible-believing Saints of the Lord Jesus Christ. It is for these examples that we send special praise and thanks to the Lord Jesus for giving us the "Best of His Creations," our dearly beloved Mothers.

Mothers everywhere and especially Mothers in the Lord, just as Jesus honored His Mother Mary, so do we also honor, you Mother, not only today, but every day of the Year. Happy Mother's Day and enjoy your special day to its fullest! **3, 2, 1**

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Until our next telecast, this is your host, Head Pastor William Han, Jr. expressing my sincerest appreciation to each of you, who have allowed us to come into your homes. May the good Lord bless and keep you all in the hollow of His hands.

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