

**Mother's Day Message**  
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**Note: Unless otherwise indicated, all Scriptures are from the NIV Bible.**

Quotation: A Jewish proverb says, "God could not be everywhere so he made mothers."

**Mothers have a special place in the heart of God. Jesus demonstrated this in his life.**

John 19:26-27 "When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, 'Dear woman, here is your son,' and to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' From that time on, this disciple took her into his home."

- He was showing us how important it is to take care of and love our mothers!

**The First Commandment with a promise!**

Ephesians 6:1-3 "Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. 'Honor your father and mother'—which is the first commandment with a promise— 'that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.'" (also Exodus 20:12)

**God describes the nature of his relationship with his people like a Mother's relationship with her child.**

Isaiah 49:13-16 "Shout for joy, O heavens; rejoice, O earth; burst into song, O mountains! For the LORD comforts his people and will have compassion on his afflicted ones. But Zion said, 'The LORD has forsaken me, the Lord has forgotten me.' 'Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne? Though she may forget, I will not forget you! See, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands; your walls are ever before me.'"

- The issue is about forgetting and neglecting.
- God is telling His people metaphorically how intense He is about His relationship with them.
- "I will sustain you. I will not forget you. I will nourish you even in your time of discipline."

Matthew 23:37 "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the *one* killing the prophets and stoning those who are sent to her, how often would I have gathered your children together, even as a hen gathers her chicks under *her* wings, and you would not!" (MKJV)

- Jesus describes himself as a mother hen who wanted to gather His people under His wings, but they would not come to him.
- So instead Jesus paid the ultimate price for their sin and for ours.

**A mother's nurturing, compassionate love in action is personal sacrifice.**

Isaiah 49:15 "Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne?"

Jeremiah 31:3 - "I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with loving-kindness."

Today, we say thank you to our mothers, for the sacrifices you have made and we honor you and celebrate your love and the motherly love of God.