

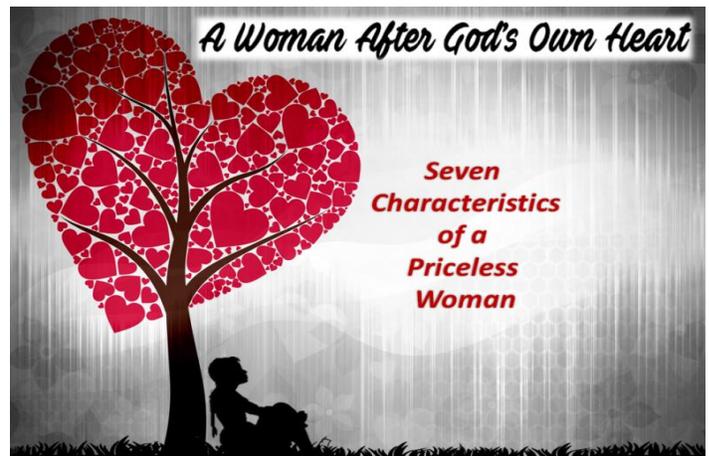


# Happy Mother's Day!

SUNDAY MORNING SERMON

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Text: Proverbs 31:10-31



Introduction: It is wonderful that we set aside this day to honor our mothers. We should honor them every day! Our text today is probably the most memorable passage about mothers. Consider who wrote it, why it was written, and the significance of its placement in the book of Proverbs. These verses reveal what it takes to be a woman after God's own heart. Let's study together...

Discussion:

## **I. A PRICELESS WOMAN STRENGTHENS HER FAMILY (vs.10-12)**

*<sup>10</sup> It is hard to find a good wife, because she is worth more than rubies. <sup>11</sup> Her husband trusts her completely. With her, he has everything he needs. <sup>12</sup> She does him good and not harm for as long as she lives.*

## **II. A PRICELESS WOMAN SACRIFICES FOR HER FAMILY (vs.13-18)**

*<sup>13</sup> She looks for wool and flax and likes to work with her hands. <sup>14</sup> She is like a trader's ship, bringing food from far away. <sup>15</sup> She gets up while it is still dark and prepares food for her family and feeds her servant girls. <sup>16</sup> She inspects a field and buys it. With money she earned, she plants a vineyard. <sup>17</sup> She does her work with energy, and her arms are strong. <sup>18</sup> She knows that what she makes is good. Her lamp burns late into the night.*

## **III. A PRICELESS WOMAN SERVES HER FAMILY (vs.19-25)**

*<sup>19</sup> She makes thread with her hands and weaves her own cloth. <sup>20</sup> She welcomes the poor and helps the needy. <sup>21</sup> She does not worry about her family when it snows, because they all have fine clothes to keep them warm. <sup>22</sup> She makes coverings for herself; her clothes are made of linen and other expensive material. <sup>23</sup> Her husband is known at the city meetings, where he makes decisions as one of the leaders of the land. <sup>24</sup> She makes linen clothes and sells them and provides belts to the merchants. <sup>25</sup> She is strong and is respected by the people. She looks forward to the future with joy.*

## **IV. A PRICELESS WOMAN SPEAKS FOR HER FAMILY (vs.26)**

*<sup>26</sup> She speaks wise words and teaches others to be kind.*

## **V. A PRICELESS WOMAN STABILIZES HER FAMILY (vs.27)**

*<sup>27</sup> She watches over her family and never wastes her time.*

## **VI. A PRICELESS WOMAN SATISFIES HER FAMILY (vs.28-29)**

*<sup>28</sup> Her children speak well of her. Her husband also praises her, <sup>29</sup> saying, "There are many fine women, but you are better than all of them."*

## **VII. A PRICELESS WOMAN SAVES HER FAMILY (vs.30-31)**

*<sup>30</sup> Charm can fool you, and beauty can trick you, but a woman who respects the LORD should be praised. <sup>31</sup> Give her the reward she has earned; she should be praised in public for what she has done.*

Conclusion: Praise God for our Christian homes! Praise God for the godly women that are dedicated to loving their husbands, raising their children, and walking in the fear of God Almighty! Are you a child of God? Have you been added to His family? Will you give God your heart today?