

## What does it mean to be a Christian Mother?

### 1 Samuel 2:1-10

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2 And Hannah prayed and said,

“My heart exults in the LORD;  
my horn is exalted in the LORD.  
My mouth derides my enemies,  
because I rejoice in your salvation.

2 “There is none holy like the LORD:  
for there is none besides you;  
there is no rock like our God.

3 Talk no more so very proudly,  
let not arrogance come from your mouth;  
for the LORD is a God of knowledge,  
and by him actions are weighed.

4 The bows of the mighty are broken,  
but the feeble bind on strength.

5 Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread,  
but those who were hungry have ceased to hunger.  
The barren has borne seven,  
but she who has many children is forlorn.

6 The LORD kills and brings to life;  
he brings down to Sheol and raises up.

7 The LORD makes poor and makes rich;  
he brings low and he exalts.

- <sup>8</sup> He raises up the poor from the dust;  
he lifts the needy from the ash heap  
to make them sit with princes  
and inherit a seat of honor.  
For the pillars of the earth are the LORD's,  
and on them he has set the world.
- <sup>9</sup> "He will guard the feet of his faithful ones,  
but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness,  
for not by might shall a man prevail.
- <sup>10</sup> The adversaries of the LORD shall be broken to pieces;  
against them he will thunder in heaven.  
The LORD will judge the ends of the earth;  
he will give strength to his king  
and exalt the horn of his anointed."

### I. Acknowledges the Lord's salvation.

#### **Psalm 3:8**

<sup>8</sup> Salvation belongs to the LORD;  
your blessing be on your people.

#### **Acts 4:12**

<sup>12</sup> And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven  
given among men by which we must be saved."

#### **Proverbs 3:5-6**

<sup>5</sup> Trust in the LORD with all your heart,  
and do not lean on your own understanding.  
<sup>6</sup> In all your ways acknowledge him,  
and he will make straight your paths.

## II. Acknowledges the Lord's Holiness.

### 1 Samuel 2:2

<sup>2</sup>“There is none holy like the LORD:  
for there is none besides you;  
there is no rock like our God.

### Isaiah 6:3

<sup>3</sup>And one called to another and said:  
“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;  
the whole earth is full of his glory!”

### Deuteronomy 31:6

<sup>6</sup>Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be in dread of them, for it is the LORD your God who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you.”

## III. Acknowledges the Lord's authority.

### 1 Samuel 2:3-5

<sup>3</sup>Talk no more so very proudly,  
let not arrogance come from your mouth;  
for the LORD is a God of knowledge,  
and by him actions are weighed.

<sup>4</sup>The bows of the mighty are broken,  
but the feeble bind on strength.

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but those who were hungry have ceased to hunger.

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but she who has many children is forlorn.

**Matthew 28:18**

<sup>18</sup> And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

**Philippians 2:10-11**

<sup>10</sup> so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**IV. Acknowledges the Lord’s sovereignty.****Colossians 1:16**

<sup>16</sup> For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him.

**1 Chronicles 29:11-12**

<sup>11</sup> Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours. Yours is the kingdom, O LORD, and you are exalted as head above all. <sup>12</sup> Both riches and honor come from you, and you rule overall. In your hand are power and might, and in your hand, it is to make great and to give strength to all.

**V. Acknowledges the Lord Provision****Matthew 6:11**

“Give us this day our daily bread”.

**Matthew 6:25-26**

<sup>25</sup> “Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? <sup>26</sup> Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?

**Philippians 4:19**

“But my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.”

### **Luke 12:24**

<sup>24</sup> Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds!

### **Matthew 6:31-32**

<sup>31</sup> Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ <sup>32</sup> For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all.

## **VI. Qualities of a Christian Mother**

Mothers are often characterized by the world in many ways based on external beauty, wealth, accomplishments, or other standards that the world sometimes sets, but the most important quality of a mother is godliness. This doesn’t mean that she is perfect, but she has a quality that serves as an important model for her children. No woman will completely express every single one of these attributes, but the ideal mother is one who is striving to grow in all these areas:

### **She prays and reads the Word of God.**

#### **1 Thessalonians 5:16-18**

<sup>16</sup> Rejoice always, <sup>17</sup> pray without ceasing, <sup>18</sup> give thanks in all circumstances; for his is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

#### **Psalm 119:105**

<sup>105</sup> Your word is a lamp to my feet  
and a light to my path.

### **She learns to trust God for every need.**

#### **Psalm 37:5**

<sup>5</sup> Commit your way to the Lord;  
trust in him, and he will act.

### **She is generous.**

### **She is obedient to God.**

### **Philippians 4:6-7**

<sup>6</sup> do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

**She is forgiving.**

### **Ephesians 4:32**

<sup>32</sup> Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

**She has an attitude of persistence.**

**She is a servant.**

**She lives an orderly life.**

**She is an encourager.**

### **1 Thessalonians 5:11**

<sup>1</sup> Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

**Her love is unconditional.**

### **Conclusion**

The Bible never says that every woman will be a mother but even if you do not have kids or if your kids are grown, you can still be an influence on the kids that you are around. However, it does say that those whom the Lord calls to be mothers should take the responsibility seriously. Mothers have a unique and crucial role in the lives of their children. Motherhood is not a chore or unpleasant task. Just as a mother bears a child during pregnancy, and just as a mother feeds and cares for a child during infancy, so mothers also play an ongoing role in the lives of their children, whether they are adolescents, teenagers, young adults, or even adults with children of their own. While the role of motherhood must change and develop, the love, care, nurture, and encouragement a mother gives should never cease.