

BEHOLD THY MOTHER

JOHN 19

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²⁷ Then saith he to the disciple, Behold thy mother! And from that hour that disciple took her unto his own *home*.

Introduction:

Faithfully fulfilling all His responsibilities to mankind, the Son of God commends the loving care of John to His mother and her future is entrusted into the hands of this faithful servant. You can rest assured that there was no shame, embarrassment, or hesitancy on the part of Jesus in issuing such a challenge to John. With no reservations or qualifying conditions, Jesus commended His mother to one of His faithful followers and proceeded to fulfill His mission in dying on the cross for sinners.

The Bible places great emphasis on the importance of godly mothers and the tremendous spiritual contribution which they can render in both the home and life of a nation. A study of the life of Mary should challenge every mother and every young girl who aspires to one day become a mother, to be their best for God! When Jesus commended His mother to John,

He was also recommending her to humanity for a spiritual pattern in this vital role.

Let us consider these blessed scriptural truths and learn that Mary was:

1. A WOMAN OF DEDICATION

(Luke 1:28) "And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women."

Next to salvation, perhaps the most vital need in the personality of a dedicated life is:

A. Character

(Proverbs 22:1) "A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favour rather than silver and gold."

B. Consecration

C. Courage

2. A WOMAN OF SCRIPTURAL DEVOTION

A. Was faithful to obey

(Luke 2:39) "And when they had performed all things according to the law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own city Nazareth."

B. Was fervent in the spirit of worship

(Luke 2:41) "Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the feast of the passover."

1. The mothers attitude is usually reflected in the attitudes of her children.

Illustrations:

Something is wrong with a mother that gets more excited about attending a meeting of the Garden club than she does over attending pray meeting!

Whenever any saved person is faithful to God's Word, fervent in spirit, humble in heart, that person is going to be:

C. Fruitful for the glory of God.

(John 15:16) "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you."

1. Jesus' mother prayed for the salvation of souls.

(Acts 1:14) "These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren."

3. A WOMAN OF SOUND DECISION

A. Was a woman of Consideration

(Luke 2:19) "But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart."

Did not make decisions without first considering the consequences

B. Was a woman of Confidence.

(John 2:5) "His mother saith unto the servants, Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it."

1. Her confidence was in her assurance that Jesus would do the right thing, and that which was best for everybody concerned.

C. Was a woman of Conviction

(Luke 1:46) "And Mary said, My soul doth magnify the Lord,"

4. A WOMAN OF SPIRITUAL DETERMINATION

- Realized her duty.
- Fulfilling duty becomes a delight.