

Ephesians 6 (5-13-12)

PRAY LIKE MOTHERS PRAY!

The Spiritual Warfare Series

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TEXT: Ephesians 6:17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:

18 Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto **with all perseverance** and supplication for all saints;

Proverbs 6:6 Go to the ant, thou sluggard; **consider her ways**, and be wise:

7 Which having no guide, overseer, or ruler,

8 Provideth her meat in the summer, and gathereth her food in the harvest.

9 How long wilt thou sleep, O sluggard? when wilt thou arise out of thy sleep?

"God never made anything more exquisite [excellent] than when He made consecrated womanhood; and therefore, the de-womanizing of the modern woman is one of the most fundamentally disturbing [things in the last days]...**A man can be 'womanish,' but never womanly; and a woman can be 'manish,' but never manly.**"

(Panton, *The Dawn*, July 1, 1927)

Matthew 23:37 O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, **even as a hen gathereth her chickens** under her wings, and ye would not!

Judges 5:28 The **mother** of Sisera **looked out at a window**, and **cried** through the lattice, Why is his chariot so long in coming? why tarry the wheels of his chariots?

30 Have they not sped? have they not divided the prey...?

Luke 18:1 And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint;

Matthew 15:22 And, behold, a **woman of Canaan** came out of the same coasts, and **cried** unto him, saying, Have mercy on me, O Lord, thou Son of David; my daughter is grievously vexed with a devil.

23 But he answered her not a word. And his disciples came and besought him, saying, Send her away; for she crieth after us.

24 But he answered and said, I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

25 Then came she and worshipped him, saying, Lord, help me.

26 But he answered and said, It is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast it to dogs.

27 And she said, Truth, Lord: yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters' table.

28 Then Jesus answered and said unto her, O woman, great is thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt. And her daughter was made whole from that very hour.

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"Oh, when you plead for a fellow sinner do not do it in a cold-hearted manner; plead as for your own soul...That man will prevail with God as an intercessor who bears the matter upon his own heart...with tears...This mighty woman, this glorious woman, is a lesson to every mother, for she was pleading for her little daughter...Maternal instinct makes the weakest strong, and the most timid brave. Even among poor beasts and birds, how powerful is a mother's love...A mother's love makes her heroic for her child...and so when you are pleading with God **plead as a mother's love suggests to you...**"
(Spurgeon, *Sermon, The Little Dogs*)

"[Prevailing prayer] must be persevering prayer. As a general thing, Christians who have backslidden and lost the spirit of prayer, will not get at once into the habit of persevering prayer. Their minds are not in the right state...Just as **the mother** whose child is sick goes round her house sighing as if her heart would break. And if she is **a praying mother**, her sighs are breathed out to God all the day long. If she goes out of the room where her child is, her mind is still on it; and if she is asleep, still her thoughts are on it...Her whole mind is absorbed...This is the state of mind in which Christians offer prevailing prayer."
(Finney, *Revival Lectures*)

1 Thessalonians 2:7 But we were gentle among you, even **as a nurse** cherisheth her children:

9 For ye remember, brethren, our labour and travail...

11 As ye know how we exhorted and comforted and charged every one of you, **as a father** doth his children,

Deuteronomy 32:11 As an eagle stirreth up her nest, fluttereth over her young, spreadeth abroad her wings, taketh them, beareth them on her wings:

12 So the LORD alone did lead him...

"Children are a precious gift from God, but much anxiety comes with them. In all cases, the Word of God gives us one receipt for the curing of all their ills, 'Bring him unto me'...**Never must we cease to pray until they cease to breathe.** No case is hopeless while Jesus lives. The Lord sometimes suffers his people to be driven into a corner that they may experimentally know how necessary He is to them...Let us hasten to Him while He waits to meet us."

(Spurgeon, *Morning and Evening*, September 17)

"The impression that a praying mother leaves upon her children is life-long."

(D.L. Moody)

"There is an intensity of desire; and a perseverance of faith in a mother's prayers that assures from God an answer."

(Curtis Hutson)

"All hell cannot tear a boy or girl away from a praying mother."

(Billy Sunday)

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"I grieved my Lord from day to day, I scorned His love so full and free. And though I wandered far away,
My mother's prayers have followed me. I'm coming home, I'm coming home. To live my wasted life
anew. For mother's prayers have followed me. Have followed me, the whole world through."

(My Mother's Prayers Have Followed Me, 1912)

-John Newton, who wrote *Amazing Grace*, was converted through his mother's prayers, to save her
wayward son!

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