

INTRODUCTION: WISDOM & MOTHERS (see Jdg.5:7; 2Sam.14:2; 20:16f,19,22; see Gen.3:6)

A. OLD TESTAMENT WISDOM LITERATURE (Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Songs /BST, KB)

B. MOTHERS DAY TODAY

C. SUMMARY: THE MOTHERS IN ALL WISDOM

I. TRUTH: THE MOTHERS IN ALL WISDOM

A. JOB

1. primary means of God's care for us in life (Job 3:10; see Ps.139:13)
2. borne from womb to tomb (1:21; 24:20; see Eccl.5:15; Gal.4:19)
3. a most severe discipline (Job 24:20; see Ps.27:10; Prov.4:3)
4. borne *into* the womb of death (17:14; see 1:21)

B. PSALMS

1. primary means of God's care for us in life (22:9,10; 27:10; 71:6; 131:2; 139:13)
2. therefore, deserving of great love and honor (35:14; see 50:20; 69:8)
3. into defilement and into cleansing (51:5; 109:14; see 22:9; 2Tm.1:5; 3:14f)
4. a joyful calling (113:9; see 1Tm.5:14f; Tt.2:5)

C. PROVERBS

1. primary means of God's care for us in wisdom (1:8; 6:20; 29:15(Heb.12:9); 31:1; see 2Tm.3:14f)
2. therefore, deserving of a return for her labor (10:1; 15:20; 19:26; 23:22,25; 30:11; 31:10f,28f /1Tm.5:4)
3. a most severe discipline (20:20; 28:24; 30:17; see Ex.20:12; 21:17; Lev.20:9; Dt.27:16; Eph.6:1f)

D. ECCLESIASTES

1. motherhood also is futile (5:15; 3:2,9; see Job 1:21; Prov.10:1; 15:20)
2. wisdom in the face of this futility (12:13,14; see Ps.90:17; 1Cor.15:58; Gal.4:19; Rev.14:13)

E. SONG OF SONGS

1. primary means of God's care for us in birth (3:4; 8:1,5)
2. primary means of God's care for us in life (3:11; 8:2; see 6:9; Prov.4:3)
3. primary means of God's care for us in relationships (3:4; 8:2; see 3:11; 1:6)

II. CONSEQUENCES: BE WISE!

A. EVERYONE, BE WISE!

1. seek Christ for wisdom (1K.4:29f; 10:1f; Mt.12:42; 15:21f /1Cor.1:30; Col.2:3 /Eccl 12:11; Jn.10:16)
2. by His Spirit in His word (Ex.31:3; Is.11:2; Acts 6:3; see 1Cor.2:13; 12:8; Eph.1:17; Col.3:16; 2Tm.3:14f)

B. FATHERS, BE WISE! LOVE & HONOR MOTHER OF YOUR CHILDREN! (Song!; Eph.5:25f; 1Pt.3:7f)

C. MOTHERS, BE WISE! BE LOVABLE & HONORABLE! (Song!; Tt.2:3f (Eph.5:25f) & Eph.5:33; 1Tm.5:13-16; Prov.31:10f,28 (1Pt.3:7f); see Mt.7:12; see 2Tm.1:5; 3:14f)

D. CHILDREN, BE WISE! HONOR YOUR MOTHER FOR HER WISDOM! (Ex.20:12(Eph.6:1f; Prov.1:8;etc); Prov.31:28,10f; see 15:20; Ps.109:14)