

WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT MOTHER

by John Isaac Edwards

The Psalmist said, “He maketh the barren woman to keep house, and to be a joyful mother of children. Praise ye the Lord” (Ps. 113:9). The word “mother” occurs 249 times in my Bible. Here are some things the Bible says about mother:

1) HONOUR MOTHER.

“Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee” (Ex. 20:12). “Ye shall fear every man his mother...” (Lev. 19:3). “Honour thy father and thy mother, as the Lord thy God hath commanded thee; that thy days may be prolonged, and that it may go well with thee, in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee” (Dt. 5:16).

2) HE THAT SMITETH HIS MOTHER SHALL BE PUT TO DEATH. *“And he that smiteth his father, or his mother, shall be surely put to death” (Ex. 21:15).*

3) HE THAT CURSETH MOTHER SHALL BE PUT TO DEATH. *“And he that curseth his father, or his mother, shall surely be put to death” (Ex. 21:17). “For every one that curseth his father or his mother shall be surely put to death: he hath cursed his father or his*

mother; his blood shall be upon him” (Lev. 20:9). “Whoso curseth his father or his mother, his lamp shall be put out in obscure darkness” (Prov. 20:20).

4) FORSAKE NOT THE LAW OF MOTHER. *“My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother: For they shall be an ornament of grace unto thy head, and chains about thy neck” (Prov. 1:8-9). “My son, keep thy father’s commandment, and forsake not the law of thy mother: Bind them continually upon thine heart, and tie them about thy neck. When thou goest, it shall lead thee; when thou sleepest, it shall keep thee; and when thou awakest, it shall talk with thee” (Prov. 6:20-22).*

5) A FOOLISH SON IS THE HEAVINESS OF MOTHER. *“....A wise son maketh a glad father: but a foolish son is the heaviness of his mother” (Prov. 10:1).*

6) A FOOLISH SON DESPISETH MOTHER. *“A wise son maketh a glad father: but a foolish son despiseth his mother” (Prov. 15:20).*

7) HE THAT CHASETH AWAY MOTHER IS A SON

THAT CAUSETH SHAME. *“He that wasteth his father, and chaseth away his mother, is a son that causeth shame, and bringeth reproach” (Prov. 19:26).*

8) DESPISE NOT MOTHER. *“Hearken unto thy father that begat thee, and despise not thy mother when she is old” (Prov. 23:22).*

9) WHOSO ROBBETH MOTHER IS THE COMPANION OF A DESTROYER. *“Whoso robbeth his father or his mother, and saith, It is no transgression; the same is the companion of a destroyer” (Prov. 28:24).*

10) OBEY MOTHER. *“The eye that mocketh at his father, and despiseth to obey his mother, the ravens of the valley shall pick it out, and the young eagles shall eat it (Prov. 30:17).*

“Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Honour thy father and mother; (which is the first commandment with promise;) That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth” (Eph. 6:1-3).

WHAT THE TONGUE IS LIKE

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The Scriptures liken the tongue to many things. The tongue is like:

1) **A RAZOR.** The Psalmist penned, *“Thy tongue deviseth mischiefs; like a sharp razor, working deceitfully”* (Ps. 52:2). If we think we don’t have to exercise extreme caution in what we say and how we say it, we might pick up a sharp razor sometime, handle it carelessly and see what happens! Ouch!

2) **A SWORD.** Psalm 57:4 records, *“My soul is among lions: and I lie even among them that are set on fire, even the sons of men, whose teeth are spears and arrows, and their tongue a sharp sword.”* Again the Bible teaches, *“The words of a talebearer are as wounds, and they go down into the innermost parts of the belly”* (Prov. 18:8). What we say can inflict deep, penetrating wounds. Ever been the recipient of such? Doesn’t feel good does it? Takes a long time to heal. Some things we may never fully

get over. How often is the sword unsheathed and wielded in emails, text messages, and via social platforms?

3) **BITS IN THE HORSES’ MOUTHS.** James said, *“Behold, we put bits in the horses’ mouths, that they may obey us; and we turn about their whole body”* (Jas. 3:3). Just as a horse is turned about by a little bit, the tongue is capable of exerting mammoth power!

4) **A HELM.** James wrote, *“Behold also the ships, which though they be so great, are driven of fierce winds, yet are they turned about with a very small helm, whithersoever the governor listeth”* (Jas. 3:4). Ever notice how a mighty ship is maneuvered about by a very small helm? The tongue has tremendous force, doesn’t it?

5) **FIRE.** The Holy Spirit revealed, *“And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body,*

and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell” (Jas. 3:6). Like fire, the tongue has the ability to engender immense destruction. Just one angry word can spark a devastating blaze!

6) **DEADLY POISON.** It is written, *“But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison”* (Jas. 3:8). We have special containers for poison marked with warning labels, don’t we? We need to be warned as to the use of the tongue!

A study of what the tongue is like teaches us to be careful what we say. The wise man revealed, *“Death and life are in the power of the tongue...”* (Prov. 18:21). Jesus taught, *“But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned”* (Mt. 12:36-37).

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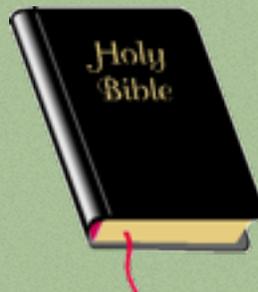
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