God's Deliverance through Motherhood

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INTRODUCTION

- Motherhood and the picture of mothers as God exalts them, really is a symbolic way to show salvation to the world.
- God created family to better help us understand him and his work in the world.
- It is actually the way in which mothers embody the gospel itself that truly matters to God and the story he's telling to the world.

1 Mothers Have Always Been Central to God's Will

Genesis 1:28; Genesis 3; Genesis 17

- Mothers and motherhood have always been central to God accomplishing his will.
- Be fruitful, he says, and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, Genesis 1 28.
- Even in the midst of this horrible situation, the solution is going to come through the offspring of Eve.
- To the offspring of Abraham and Sarah, the whole world is going to be blessed. This is how God works. He works through family and he works through mothers.
- God is using these miraculous conceptions and births to then progress and bring about the accomplishing of his will.

2 Motherhood Is Kingdom Work

1 Timothy 2:12–15

- Yet she will be saved through childbearing if they continue in faith and love and holiness with self control.
- Women remain as a central part of God's plan through bearing and raising children.
- Motherhood is kingdom work. It's actually part of God's central plan of what he wants to accomplish in the world.
- It's bouncing children on their knee and holding them on their hip. It's telling them the stories of Scripture and singing them songs about Jesus when they rock them to sleep.
- You are not simply raising children. You are doing the Lord's work. You are working in the kingdom this morning.
- Never lose sight of the importance of what you do, particularly in a world that discounts it, that looks down on it, that treats it like it's unimportant.

3 Labor and Delivery Are Symbolic of the Gospel

Isaiah 66:7–8; Isaiah 26; Romans 8

- How God's going to bring about rescue and salvation and deliverance to the world is portrayed through imagery that relates to motherhood.
- Labor and delivery is about struggle and waiting and pain. But also new life. And intense joy. And so in that way it's symbolic of the gospel itself.
- In verse 7 and 8, it's actually the reversing of the curse.
- But the sufferings of this world will not be worth comparing to the glory that is to be revealed, Paul says.
- But God says, in the end, I will make all things right.

4 God Portrays Himself With a Mother's Love

Isaiah 66:12–13; Ezekiel 16; Romans 5

- In this text, he is imagining himself for us with a mother's love. He wants us to see that aspect of him, the care and the provision.
- A mother's love and a mother's comfort is what brings security to that child.
- Not just nursing, not just feeding, but also playing. Carrying on the hip and bouncing on the knees. God loves us, even in a maternal way.
- This is the nature of what mothers do. They will go to great lengths for their child. And so this then pulls us back to the image of Christ.
- Not because we were worthy, not because we deserved it, not because we're so good, but because he loved us.

THE CHALLENGE

He wants your trust and your faith. He wants you to be by his side. Will you give that to him this morning?

MY NOTES