



3 Stages of Motherhood

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Selected Scriptures

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LESSON - 3 Stages of Motherhood

I. SARAH - THE PREPARATIONS FOR MOTHERHOOD

Her Story - *Genesis 12:15;16;17;21*

Her Statement - There are 2 **LOVE** relationships essential to prepare you for motherhood.

1) Your love for **GOD**. (See 16:1-6; 17:5-6; 21:1-3)

Note: Why chapters 18-20 and the story of Sodom and Gomorrah?

2) Your love for your **HUSBAND**. (12:10,14-20; 13:1; cf. 1 Peter 3:1-6)

II. HANNAH - THE PRACTICE OF MOTHERHOOD

Her Story - 1 Samuel 1:1-2:19

The obstacles she had to face

- 1) There was a moral DECLINE in the nation.
- 2) She faced unjust CRITICISM and BLAME.
- 3) There were ungodly INFLUENCES.

Her Statement - God may give you your heart's desire (child/children) so that you can give them BACK to Him again, and have more than you ever dreamed.

What it practically means to raise your children for the Lord

- 1) You must be a mother of FAITH.
- 2) Be careful not to be OVERPROTECTIVE.
- 3) TEACH your children at home.
- 4) Teach your child RESPONSIBILITY.
- 5) Never stop being INVOLVED in their life.

III. NAOMI - THE PANORAMA OF MOTHERHOOD

Her Story - Ruth 1-4

Her Statement - Your greatest sorrows in mothering may lead to God's greatest BLESSINGS.

2 Truths to glean from Naomi

- 1) Life is marked by SORROWS.
- 2) God never ABANDONS His own.