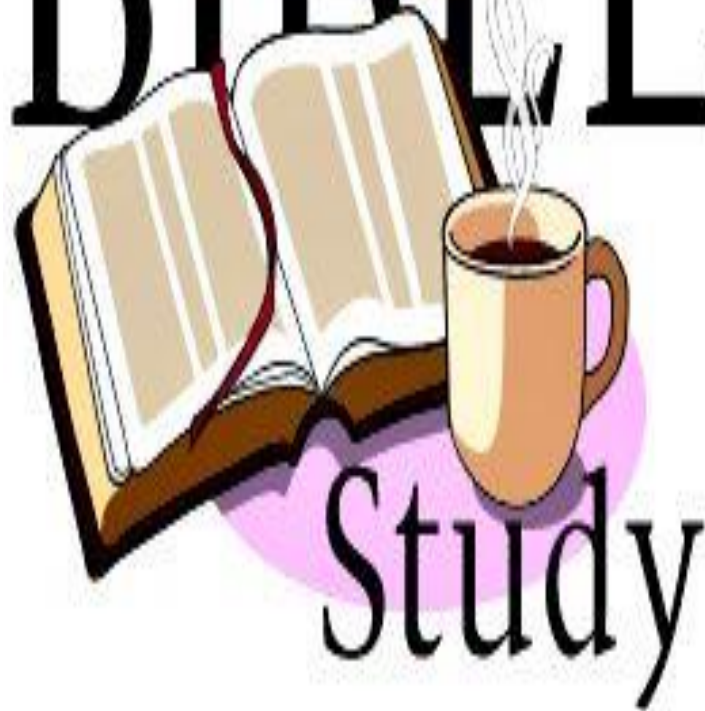


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*Happy
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Proverbs 31:10-31 The Passion Translation (TPT)
 10 Who could ever find a wife like this one—[a] she is a woman of strength and mighty valor![b] She’s full of wealth and wisdom. The price paid for her was greater[c] than many jewels. 11 Her husband has entrusted his heart to her,[d] for she brings him the rich spoils of victory. 12 All throughout her life she brings him what is good and not evil.[e] 13 She searches out continually to possess that which is pure and righteous.[f] She delights in the work of her hands.[g] 14 She gives out revelation-truth[h] to feed others. She is like a trading ship bringing divine supplies[i] from the merchant.[j] 15 Even in the night season[k] she arises[l] and sets food on the table for hungry ones in her house and for others.[m] 16 She sets her heart upon a nation[n] and takes it as her own, carrying it within her. She labors there to plant the living vines.[o] 17 She wraps herself in strength,[p] might, and power in all her works. 18 She tastes and experiences a better substance,[q] and her shining light will not be extinguished, no matter how dark the night.[r] 19 She stretches out her hands to help the needy[s] and she lays hold of the wheels of government.[t] 20 She is known by her extravagant generosity to the poor, for she always reaches out her hands[u] to those in need. 21 She is not afraid of tribulation,[v] for all her household is covered in the dual garments[w] of righteousness and grace. 22 Her clothing is beautifully knit together—[x] a purple gown of exquisite linen. 23 Her husband is famous and admired by all, sitting as the venerable judge of his people.[y] 24 Even her works of righteousness[z] she does[aa] for the benefit of her enemies.[ab] 25 Bold power and glorious majesty[ac] are wrapped around her as she laughs with joy over the latter days.[ad] 26 Her teachings are filled with wisdom and kindness as loving instruction pours from her lips.[ae] 27 She watches over the ways of her household[af] and meets every need they have. 28 Her sons and daughters arise[ag] in one accord to extol her virtues,[ah] and her husband arises to speak of her in glowing terms.[ai] 29 “There are many valiant and noble ones,[aj] but you have ascended above them all!”[ak] 30 Charm can be misleading, and beauty is vain and so quickly fades, but this virtuous woman lives in the wonder, awe, and fear of the Lord. She will be

raised *throughout eternity*. 31 So go ahead and give her the credit that is due, for she has become a radiant woman, and all her loving works of righteousness deserve to be admired[al] at the gateways of every city!

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

HAPPY MOTHER’S DAY!

Responsive Reading today – Ezek. 37:15-25

Stay safe church family.

Asking prayers for the Nunns for the peace of God and comfort and Ronald Nunn, please pray for protection against the coronavirus that is spreading rapidly in the jails and prisons. Also, please pray for other families that have love ones in jail and prison for protections and safety.

Please pray for our leaders and nurses, doctors, EMS, Firefighters, police officers and any other fire line responders.

The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. 2 Peter 3:9



FROM THE HEART OF THE PASTOR.....

“Her children rise up and bless her; Her husband also, and he praises her, saying, many daughters have done nobly, but you excel them all. Charm is deceitful and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord, she shall be praised.” Proverbs 31:28-30

HAPPY MOTHERS DAY

This is the description of a virtuous woman of those days, but the general outlines equally suit every age and nation. Mothers are incredibly careful to recommend herself to her husband's esteem and affection, to know his mind, and is willing that he rule over her. She can be trusted, and he will leave such a wife to manage for him. He is happy in her. And she makes it her constant business to do him good. She is one that takes pains in her duties and takes pleasure in them. She is careful to fill up time, that none be lost. Momma rises early. She applies herself to the business proper for her, to women's business. She does what she does, with all her power, and trifles not. She makes what she does turn to good account by prudent management. Many undo themselves by buying, without considering whether they can afford it. She provides well for her house. She lays up for hereafter. Momma looks well to the ways of her household, that she may oblige all to do their duty to God and one another, as well as to her. She is intent upon giving as upon getting and does it freely and cheerfully. She is discreet and obliging; every word she says, shows she governs herself by the rules of wisdom. She not only takes prudent measures herself but gives prudent advice to others.

The law of love and kindness is written in the heart and shows itself in the tongue. Her heart is full of another world, even when her hands are most busy about this world. Above all, she fears the Lord. Beauty recommends none to God, nor is it any proof

of wisdom and goodness, but it has deceived many a man who made his choice of a wife by it. But the fear of God reigning in the heart, is the beauty of the soul; it lasts forever. Momma has firmness to bear up under crosses and disappointments. She shall reflect with comfort when she comes to be old, that she was not idle or useless when young. She shall rejoice in a world to come. Mothers are a great blessing to her relations. If the fruit be good, the tree must have our good word. But Momma leaves it to her own works to praise her. Everyone ought to desire this honor that cometh from God; and according to this standard we all ought to regulate our judgments. This description let all women daily study, who desire to be truly beloved and respected, useful and honorable. This passage is to be applied to individuals, but may it not also be applied to the church of God, which is described as a virtuous spouse? God by his grace has formed from among sinful men a church of true believers, to possess all the excellences here described.

Mothers are a gift from God, and one that fears God has a tremendous impact on her family.