

# THE LORD’S DAY WORSHIP

ELEVEN O’CLOCK

MAY 19, 2019

We gather today as “the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of the new covenant ... ” Hebrews 12:23-24a

## A Time for Preparation

### *Silent Prayer of Preparation for Worship*

O GOD,

Though I am allowed to approach you I am not unmindful of my sins, I do not deny my guilt, I confess my wickedness and earnestly plead forgiveness. May I with Moses choose affliction rather than enjoy the pleasures of sin. Help me to place myself always under your guiding and guardian care, to take firmer hold of the sure covenant that binds me to you, to feel more of the purifying, dignifying, softening influence of the religion I profess, to have more compassion, love, pity, courtesy, to deem it an honor to be employed by you as an instrument in your hands, ready to seize every opportunity of usefulness and willing to offer all my talents to your service. You have done for me all things well, have remembered, distinguished, indulged me. All my desires have not been gratified, but your love denied them to me when fulfilment of my wishes would have proved my ruin or injury. My trials have been fewer than my sins, and when I have kissed the rod it has fallen from your hands. You have often wiped away my tears, restored peace to my mourning heart, chastened me for my profit. All your work for me is perfect, and I praise you. -- (Valley of Vision Prayer Book)

**Ring of Bell** ..... Judah & Felicity Gosnell

**Announcements**..... Deacon

## A Time for Praise:

### *Prelude*

### *Call to Worship*

Scripture and Prayer ..... Worship Leader

- *Hymn of Praise* ..... *It Is Well with My Soul* ..... Hymn # 705

## A Time for Offering:

- *Offertory Hymn* ..... *The Solid Rock* ..... Hymn #526

Offertory Prayer

Tithes and Offerings ..... Ushers

## A Time for Hearing God’s Word:

*Choral Message* ..... *Have You Been to Calvary* ..... Arr. Baker

Message ..... Pastor Lucas Mann

Pastoral Prayer

## A Time for Surrender:

- *Closing Hymn* ..... *I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord* ..... Hymn #405

- *Benediction*

“The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all!” (2 Corinthians 13:14)

## *Affirmation of Faith – the Baptist Catechism, 1813*

### 97. What is baptism?

A. Baptism is an ordinance of the New Testament instituted by Jesus Christ, to be unto the party baptized a sign of his fellowship with him, in his death, burial, and resurrection; of his being ingrafted into him (Rom. 6:3, 4, 5; Col. 2:12; Gal. 3:27); of remission of sins (Mk. 1:4; Acts 2:38, and 22:16); and of his giving up himself unto God through Jesus Christ, to live and walk in newness of life (Rom. 6:3, 4).

### 98. To whom is baptism to be administered?

A. Baptism is to be administered to all those who actually profess repentance towards God (Acts 2:38; Mt. 3:6), faith in and obedience to our Lord Jesus Christ, and to none other (Acts 8:12, 36, 37, 38; 10:47,48).

## Opportunities of the Week

### Sunday, May 19

12:00 p.m. Covered Dish Dinner/FB

6:00 p.m. Choir Practice

7:00 p.m. Evening Worship

7:00 p.m. Youth Ministry

7:00 p.m. Children’s Ministry

8:00 p.m. Special Called Church Conference

8:15 p.m. Deacons Meeting

### Wednesday, May 22

7:00 p.m. Bible Study/Prayer Meeting

### Saturday, May 25

8:00 a.m. Men’s Breakfast

**Church Watch this month:** Larry Powell

\*\*\*\* **There will be a special called Church Conference tonight after the evening worship service for the purpose on voting on how to pay for replacing the flooring and the painting that needs to be done at the parsonage. Please make plans to attend so your voice may be heard.** \*\*\*\*

# Do Not Forsake Your Mother’s Teaching

by John Piper

(Part 2)

*The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction. Hear, my son, your father's instruction, and do not forsake your mother's teaching; indeed, they are a graceful wreath to your head, and ornaments about your neck.*

## 4. The Responsibility of Both Fathers and Mothers

Under God both fathers and mothers share in the responsibility of this family instruction.

Verse 8 again: "Hear, my son, your father's instruction, and do not forsake your mother's teaching."

It does not say, "Fathers instruct, and mothers change diapers." It does not say, "Fathers work at the office and so have no responsibility to teach their children." Nor does it say, "Mothers work at the office and can turn the responsibility of teaching over to a care-giver." It says fathers instruct, and mothers teach. They share this responsibility.

If it were Father's Day I would probably trumpet a challenge to you fathers to take fresh initiatives at home. But it is Mother's Day, and I want to encourage mothers that this responsibility to teach your children is an immeasurably significant privilege.

God has a way of nullifying the greatness of the great and exalting the lowliness of the lowly. In our culture motherhood is, I think, on the upswing. But only after decades of unusual lowliness and bad-press. The last five our six years have abounded with letters and articles like this one to Ann Landers:

“I’m so tired of all those ignorant people who come up to my husband and ask him if his wife has a full-time job or if she's ‘just a house-wife.’ . . . Here's my job description:

I’m a wife, mother, friend, confidant, personal advisor, lover, referee, peacemaker, housekeeper, laundress, chauffeur, interior decorator, gardener, painter, wall paperer, dog groomer, veterinarian, manicurist, barber, seamstress, appointment manager, financial planner, bookkeeper, money manager, personal secretary, teacher, disciplinarian, entertainer, psychoanalyst, nurse, diagnostician, public relations expert, dietitian and nutritionist, baker, chef, fashion coordinator and letter writer for both sides of the family.”

I am also a travel agent, speech therapist, plumber and automobile maintenance and repair expert . . .

From the studies done, it would cost more than \$75,000 a year to replace me. I took time out of my busy day to write this letter, Ann, because there are still ignorant people who believe a housewife is nothing more than a baby sitter who sits on her behind all day and looks at soap operas. (Ann Landers, May 1988, quoted in Mom, You're Incredible, by Linda Weber, Focus on the Family, 1994, pp. 23–24)

That's true. And it is good to have it said. But vastly more can be said. Let me give one great illustration from the New Testament: the effect of Timothy's mother and grandmother.

Paul says in 2 Timothy 1:5, I am mindful of the sincere faith within you, which first dwelt in your grandmother Lois, and your mother Eunice, and I am sure that it is in you as well.

Then in 3:14–15 Paul says, You, however, continue in the things you have learned and become convinced of, knowing from whom you have learned them [that is, your mother Eunice and through her from your grandmother Lois]; and that from childhood you have known the holy scriptures [because your mother taught them to you] which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

Now that's a remarkable testimony. Timothy's father was a Greek (Acts 16:3). He probably didn't know the Scriptures. So Paul celebrates the great heritage that Timothy has through his mother and his grandmother. They did what his father could not or would not do. They filled him with the Scriptures, and the Scriptures brought him eventually to faith in Christ, and faith in Christ brought him salvation.

Timothy will live forever and ever because his mother and his grandmother were faithful to Proverbs 1:8.

#### 5. The Submissiveness of Children

God calls sons and daughters to be submissive to their mothers and fathers.

Verse 8 again: "Hear, my son, your father's instruction, and do not forsake your mother's teaching."

These two commands warn against the two common temptations of rebellion. One is when a child is home; and the other is when he is away from home. If he is home, the temptation of rebellion is not to listen when his parent speaks. So Solomon says, "Hear your father's instruction." If he is away from home, the temptation is to forsake what he was taught. So Solomon says, "Do not forsake your mother's teaching."

Young people, when you are at home, listen to your parents. Do not write off what they say. Do it for God's sake. This is so important in God's eyes that he made it part of the Ten Commandments that sum up the whole law. Exodus 20:12, "Honor your father and mother." Honor your father by listening respectfully when he speaks. And honor your mother by remembering what she taught you about right and wrong—about the fear of God—when you are away from home and no one can see but you and God.

#### 6. The Promise of Reward

Finally, God ordains a reward for sons and daughters who do not forsake the teaching of their mother and father.

Verse 9: "Indeed [literally, "because"], they [hearing your father's instruction and not forsaking your mother's teaching] are a graceful wreath to your head, and ornaments about your neck."

What this verse makes plain is that the instruction of fathers and the teaching of mothers, rooted in the fear of the Lord, is good news. Kids don't always feel that. Sometimes parents have never grown up into grace enough to feel it either. But that's what the verse says: hearing a father's instruction and not forsaking a mother's teaching will be a wreath of grace and glory and

joy; it will be like gifts and prizes around your neck. In other words, it will mean triumph and celebration and joy.

The apostle Paul said in Ephesians 6:2 that "honor your father and mother" is "the first commandment with promise." All the commandments are full of promise, but God goes out of his way to make this explicit for sons and daughters. There is great promise in honoring your mother and father and embracing the fear of the Lord which they taught.

"In the fear of the Lord there is strong confidence . . . The fear of the Lord is a fountain of life" (Proverbs 14:26–27).

"The fear of the Lord leads to life, so that one may sleep satisfied, untouched by evil" (Proverbs 19:23).

This is the wreath on your head and the ornament on your neck for embracing the fear of the Lord that your mother and father taught you—a fountain of life and strong confidence and deep satisfaction.

#### A Mother's Crown of Joy

But since today is Mother's Day, perhaps the way we should end is by reminding ourselves as sons and daughters—whether old or young—that the fountain of life, and the strong confidence and the deep satisfaction that come from honoring all the truth that our mothers taught us also comes back to them as a crown of joy and honor and blessing in their later years. "Do not despise your mother when she is old" (Proverbs 23:22). "Let your father and your mother be glad and let her rejoice who gave birth to you" (Proverbs 23:25). Do not forsake the teaching of your mother. It will be a wreath of grace to your head and a crown of joy upon hers.

**We thank you for worshipping with us today. We trust that your heart has been encouraged, your spirit filled, and that you will leave here equipped for the work to which God has called you. If you would like to find out more information about Poplar Springs Baptist Church, please visit our website: [www.poplarspringsws.org](http://www.poplarspringsws.org) or call (864) 861-2196.**

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***“Listen to your father who begot you, and do not despise your mother when she is old. Buy truth, and do not sell it, get wisdom and instruction and understanding.***

***The father of the righteous will greatly rejoice and he who sires a wise son will be glad in him. Let your father and your mother be glad, and let her rejoice who gave birth to you.”***

***Proverbs 23:22–25***

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**Sunday School: 10:00 am**

**Worship: 11:00 am**