

MOTHERS OF WHOM WE READ IN THE BIBLE.

1. "She is like the merchant's ships; she bringeth her food from afar." Proverbs 31:14
 1. MERCHANT'S SHIPS:
 1. They are the bank vaults of the sea, the warehouse of the deep. JUST SO IS MOTHER: She is the bearer of wealth unmeasured before her baby is born and the bearer of wealth after it arrives.
 2. "Thy mother is like a vine in thy blood, planted by the waters: she was fruitful and full of branches by reason of many waters." Ezekiel 19:10
 1. This a picture of national prosperity.
 2. Motherhood that can be honored is the source of national spiritual prosperity.
 3. "My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother." Proverbs 1:8
 1. This would be a poor world if we had no laws to guide us save those ground out by legislative mills and bound in sheepskin. FORSAKE NOT THE LAW OF THY MOTHER: Her law is that of love, self-sacrifice, kindness, humility, and that law: IT WILL HELP YOU EVERY DAY
IT WILL BRIGHTEN ALL THE WAY.
 4. "Salute Rufus chosen in the Lord, and his mother and mine." Romans 16:13
 1. Rufus means red and was a common name of a Roman slave as Nese and Rastus in the south. No doubt but that this mother was a member of that humble order (the poor) in which Christianity nearly always had its beginning. Out of her goodness of heart and scarce supply she had befriended Paul.
 5. THE LINGERING MOTHER: "Now there stood by the cross of Jesus his mother..." John 19:25
 1. Mary was not the first nor the last mother to go with her son chin-deep into the river of death.
 2. The Boy, Jesus, on the central cross was still her little boy, born but a few years before in Bethlehem destined to be the Bright morning Star of Hope, the Lilly of the valley, the Rose of Sharon, the Saviour of the world.

1. In World War One General Pershing, as Mother's Day approached, ordered all his men to write a letter home to mother. He assured the soldiers that these letters would be given priority in the mails so they would reach the mothers by Mother's Day.
2. One doctor who had gone among many dying soldiers reported how often many of them had used his last breath in calling for Mother! Mother! Maybe that explains why the little fellows always run to mother to get the hurt kissed away.
3. It is not often that a mother captures a prize in a hundred yard dash, and I guess she would be a poor wager in any race that requires a galloping foot, but with all her fallen arches and aching feet, she is always there in answer to the cry of her children.
4. FINALLY: If your mother is gone, fallen in death, keep her bed cover well arranged, her grave well-cared for. How often she made those rounds in the cold of the night to arrange your bed cover and to see that all things were well with you. A neglected mother's grave is a disgrace to a set of children,, a wart on the face of Christianity, a smudge on the fairest profession.