

## Mother's Love

A Mother's love is something that no one can explain,  
It is made of deep devotion and of sacrifice and pain,  
It is endless and unselfish and enduring come what may  
For nothing can destroy it or take that love away...

It is patient and forgiving when all others are forsaking,  
And it never fails or falters even though the heart is breaking...  
It believes beyond believing when the world around condemns,  
And it glows with all the beauty of the rarest, brightest gems...

It is far beyond defining, it defies all explanation,  
and it still remains a secret like the mysteries of creation...  
A many-splendored miracle man cannot understand  
And another wondrous evidence of God's tender guiding hand.

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### Honor Your Mother –

**Ephesians 6:1-3** Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. **2 HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER (which is the first commandment with a promise),** **3 SO THAT IT MAY BE WELL WITH YOU, AND THAT YOU MAY LIVE LONG ON THE EARTH.**

### Mother's love as a superlative –

In God's Word, there is a connection between the love of God & a Mom's love  
They are both stubbornly committed to a love that brings you back

**Isaiah 49:15-16** "**Can a woman forget her nursing child** And have no compassion on the son of her womb? **Even these may forget, but I will not forget you.** **16** "Behold, I have inscribed you on the palms *of My hands*; Your walls are continually before Me.

The Lord is comforting wayward Israel – Finally he asks, 'would your mother forget you?' Even if she did, I won't. Then He explains, "I have inscribed you on the palms of My hands..." I'm always thinking about you and "watching you."

The Writer of Proverbs is describing this love as something sought for among men

**Proverbs 17:17** A friend loves at all times, And a brother is born for adversity.

- I think this Scriptures go a long way in describing The Burden of a Mother's Heart

A mother's bond of stubborn love actually begins before you are born. From the first moment that a mom knows she is "carrying" a child, the relationship, the bond, and the burden begin. Who else but God can say, "I knew you before you were born?"

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**Jeremiah 1:5** "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, And before you were born I consecrated you; I have appointed you a prophet to the nations."

Psalm 22:9 tells us, it was through our Mother's faithful care as babies that God taught us to trust Him

- Mothers carry us before we are born, they carry us after we are born, they carry us in a lot of ways throughout their lives – I remember when my mother stopped holding her breath

The Burden of a Mother's heart as a problem, a forming influence, and as a virtue

- The problem – Mom's choose to stubbornly love someone that they know will cause problems, even pain – to an outsider's eye, they hang on too long and should have let go before they got hurt. John 3:16 ring a bell?
- The Forming Influence – Both mother and child are formed in the midst of the out-workings of this relationship. A part of what defines motherhood is the patience that is willing to stay and live life under the stresses of such a relationship. Children are formed by it too.
- The Virtue - Mom's choose to stubbornly love someone that they know will cause problems, even pain - much of what I know to be the patient love of God is formed by an analogy of what I see here.

**1 John 3:1** See how great a love the Father has bestowed on us, that we would be called children of God; and *such* we are.

The virtue is simply contained in this, that though the relationship might seem to be imposed on them, Mothers choose again and again, to stubbornly love and not give up. They look, they listen, they look to heaven and sigh and then they choose, again and again to keep on loving us.