



MAY 13, 2023

DISCIPLESHIP
REFLECTIONS

"Her children rise up and call her blessed; Her husband also, and he praises her!"

(Proverbs 31:28, NKJV)

Discipleship and Motherhood

God commanded us as His disciples to love and honor our mothers. What is a mother? She is the one person who knows us best and loves us in spite of it.

The most famous mother in the Bible, outside of Mary the mother of Jesus, was a woman by the name of Hannah. She suffered ridicule because she was barren; during her generation that condition was considered a curse from God.

Hannah promised God that if He would give her a son she would dedicate him completely to God. Heaven answered her prayer and Samuel was born. Hannah was a mother like all good mothers, and to give up her son was a tremendous sacrifice, but when Samuel was three years old she left him with the prophet Eli.

The books of Samuel in the Old Testament are about the life of Samuel: Hannah's love for her son, how she prayed for him regularly, and how she visited him every year to bring him clothing and food. Can you imagine giving birth to a son, having him for only three years, and then only seeing him once a year? But Hannah, as a faithful disciple, made a vow to God and she kept her promise.

Like Hannah, if you have children, love them dearly, pray for them regularly, and at some point of their lives surrender and dedicate them all to the Lord our God.

This Mother's Day, let's tell our mothers how much we love and appreciate them.

