Good morning everyone, and especially you mothers. As you are all aware this is Mothers day, and therefore instead of taking a Message from brother Branham’s Sermon on the Unveiling of God, I thought it would be a nice change to look at what it means to be a mother in honor of this day and you Mothers in our midst, and those watching in.

Of course the best Scripture we have concerning what it means to be a Real Mother is from Proverbs 31 that speaks of her as a virtuous woman. So let’s take that Scripture for our text this morning.

Proverbs 31:10 ¶ Who can find a virtuous woman?

Now, that is quite a question he is asking here. Who can find a virtuous woman. You know, I used to think this Scripture was speaking of a woman of virtue like the English Word virtuous means: 1. Having or showing virtue, especially moral excellence: led a virtuous life. 2. Possessing or characterized by chastity; pure.

In the Old Testament the word that was translated for virtuous in speaking of this woman in the book of Proverbs is the Hebrew word "chayil," and it means "valor, strength, ability", and "power". So we are looking at a woman who is "able and strong", not some woman who is so fragile that she must be attended to herself. This woman that Solomon asks the question, "who can find her?" is not some sissified little girl, but she is "a warrior", she is "full of valor", which means "strong and full of courage". And when you see all of what Solomon ascribes to her you will see that this woman is not some sickly woman who sits around all day long sulking and feeling sorry for herself. This is a real woman, "who is strong, and bold" and ready to take on the day. She is what the women’s liberation can only dream of. But she knows her place, and never tries to be the man.

And notice what Solomon says of her. "for her price is far above rubies".

And why is that? Because she is multi-talented. She can do so many things, that if she were to be paid for all she does it would be far greater than the price of rubies as he states.

Solomon continues to define this real mother when he says in verse 11 "The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil".

In other words, the man that has this virtuous woman has a secure marriage. He doesn’t have to wonder if she will stay with him, he knows she is "faithful and true". And he safely "trusts her".

There’s security in this woman, because Solomon said, "The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil".
This word "spoil" used here means "booty" or "plunder". In other words he is not afraid that she is out for herself and will rob him blind. He is not afraid that she will spend, spend, spend leaving little for the real needs of the family. Therefore, She will always be a treasure to him. A real partner looking out for the best interest of the family, and not self.

Verse 12 "She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life".

In other words, she has only his best interest at heart and she will not cause him hurt or distress or misery. She does not have that "self centered attitude" that so many women have today where they think, "what's in it for me?"

No, the virtuous woman does not even think in those terms. And in fact that is not even in her vocabulary. She sees her role as one to help build the family up and to make it as strong a household as is possible.

Now, that by itself is worth all the money that rubies could buy. To have a help-mate that is a real genuine help-mate. One who is there to help, not hinder. One who will work with and not against. One who will have his best interests as her best interests. And One who is never self serving, but rather self-less.

And then Solomon shows us her strength in commerce. 13 "She seeks wool, and flax, and works willingly with her hands". She doesn't hire others to come in and do her work for her, she is always up and doing herself. And the key word Solomon said here is not the word "work" as important as that word is, but the key word is "willingly", because the word "willingly" shows that her "will is to do" Just as "God is working is us both to will and to do". So she does the work from her own will. Not because she is compelled to do so by her husband, but she is compelled to do so because that is who she is. She is self motivated, and needs no motivation from any outside influence.

Solomon also says, 14 "She is like the merchants' ships; she bringeth her food from afar".

So what does that mean? The merchant ship goes to where others cannot go in order to bring back things of value that others have a need for. And that is what the Mother who is also a virtuous Lady will do. She shops till she drops, but not for self, but rather for others.

Now, I know some of you girls might think, “hey that’s great, I can shop till I drop that and that must mean that I’m a virtuous woman.”

But just hold on for a moment. That's not what he said. Her shopping is not for herself but for those in her household that are in need. She shops for her Children, and her grandchildren, and her husband, hardly ever thinking of what she can get for herself.

I know a lady like that. I'm married to her.

15 "She rises also while it is yet night", And I know some of you sisters are like that. And you think you just can't sleep, but it's not insomnia that makes you that way, it's being a virtuous mother. Br. James Phillips br. Collins son in law told me that his wife Betty, br. Collins daughter is that way, up at 3:30 am. I know my wife is that way also.
And I know there are some of you sisters here and those viewing this sermon as well. Because I've heard your husband's tell me. That's not insomnia sisters, that is your deep calling and your getting up at 3:30 am is your deep responding to that deep calling, because you know there is work to do, and it's on your mind.

And you notice the bible doesn't say that about the husband. While your mind is whirring with things to do, his has checked out and he's in that little box where he has no thought coming. Zoned out. But don't worry about that, he has his attributes as well, but we won't go into that today because this is your day mothers. So we are focusing on you as a virtuous woman.

And then Solomon tells us "and giveth meat to her household, and a portion to her maidens."

So she is up early, doing wash, or cooking or making a breakfast or lunch for her husband and children. "She's not early to bed" but she is "early to rise".

And Solomon says she rises not for private time for self, but rather "in preparing the food for her household for the days meals."

And then Solomon tells us how industrious and business savvy she is. 16 She considers a field, and buyeth it: with the fruit of her hands she plants her garden".

Notice that she knows the value of a dollar, and she buys the land not for personal gain, but because it will bring forth food for her household. And then she herself works that field to produce for her family. She does the work herself. She’s an energetic woman, a strong woman, a virtuous woman.

Now, remember last week where we showed you that your DNA has a message encoded in it, and when that DNA manifests it manifests that coded message in your body. Well, we showed you that only William Branham could have fulfilled Malachi 4, but I want you sisters to know that only a virtuous bride of Jesus Christ sister in the Lord can fulfill these attributes and characteristics of a virtuous woman, and you know if your own life reflects this or not.

Then Solomon adds, 17 "She girds her loins with strength, and strengthens her arms". Now, that does not mean that she lifts weights to strengthen her arms. Nor does it mean that she actually girds her loins as we would think of loins. The word loins was translated from the Hebrew word "mothen" and speaks of "the waste or small of the back".

In other words, she knows that the work she is doing is very strenuous so she braces herself in the small of her back to add strength to herself for the work that she is to do.

In other words, she thinks ahead for safety because she has a responsibility to her family, and if she gets hurt she will not be able to care for them as they need her care.

And so she also "strengthens her arms" by all the work she does. She does not worry about being the perfect size "three", because she has no time for self-centeredness. She has a family to take care of and with all the work she does her arms become strong, and
she knows she made her choice, to do the work and thus lose her size three figure instead of keeping her figure but letting the needed work for her family go unattended.

And then Solomon adds on top of that 18 "She perceives that her merchandise is good: her candle goeth not out by night."

These two attributes of a virtuous woman are self explanatory, she stays up late working on things that need to be done around the home, and she knows that what she is doing is valuable to her family or she would not be doing them just to do them. So she values her time.

Solomon continues to lavish praise on the virtuous woman by saying next.

19 She lays her hands to the spindle, and her hands hold the distaff. In other words, she sews, and knits and makes clothing for her family.

And not just for her family, but she shows she has an overflowing goodness in her heart that when she sees need in others she considers not that they are not her own, or that they may be even strangers, but she does what she can do to help in every situation she can, because eternal life is living for others.

Solomon adds to all the other attributes and characteristics of this virtuous woman by saying in verse 20 "She stretches out her hand to the poor; yea, she reaches forth her hands to the needy".

And she is not only concerned for her own children, but she has an eye for others as well, and she is concerned for the welfare of all she comes in contact with because this virtuous woman has eternal life.

That day on Calvary 60-0925 P:38 He was just one Man, the perfect Man. He gave His life, and He made an example for you. Now, what must we do. Now, the first thing I want to say is: Jesus never lived for Himself. His Life was spent for others. That's perfectly Eternal Life. When you say you go to church and you do good things, that's fine. But when you live your life to yourself, you haven't Eternal Life. Eternal life is living for others. It proved it when He come in the Lamb of God. He lived and had Eternal Life, because He did not live for Himself. He lived for others. And you receive Eternal Life by receiving that day, and you don't live for yourself no more. You live for others.

And so we see that the virtuous woman is one who has eternal life. She doesn't live for herself, she lives for her family and for others.

Lamb and dove 60-0805 P:49 While you're listening, the most outstanding Scriptures, one of them, that I can think of, when Jesus said, "Father (think of it), Father, for their sake I sanctify Myself." Think of it. "Father, for their sake I sanctify Myself." What was He doing? Setting the example: He was a Lamb. What did He do? He had a right to a home; He was a Man. He had a right to be married; He was a Man. He had a right to good clothes; He was a Man. But He sanctified Himself; He forfeited. He could've, He could've come down the corridors of glory, a full statured man, with an Angelic band. Sure. But He sanctified Himself. He could've at least been born in a nice
clean bed somewhere, but He was born in a manger over a manure pile, in a borrowed manger. But **He sanctified Himself**. Why? He was the Lamb. See, friends, we got to back to assembly line religions and so forth, and all these things we're getting away from the real things. Humble yourself. Keep humble: "Lord, sanctify me."

And that is what the virtuous mother does. She sees a need in her family so she does without herself in order to have for her family. She sanctifies herself for her family, for her children for the poor and needy. And she has no fear. She is fearless.

And Solomon next says of this virtuous lady, **21 She is not afraid of the snow for her household: for all her household are clothed with scarlet**.

In other words, because she has planned ahead, and she has prepared her family for all kinds of conditions, therefore she is not afraid even of the snow and cold.

**22 She maketh herself coverings of tapestry;**

This means she makes her own bedspreads, and "her clothing is silk and purple". So she doesn’t wear momoos and gunny sacks so that she looks like some hippie singer, but she dresses with dignity and she knows the value of material, and the value of sewing and she even makes her own clothing that looks elegant and fashionable.

Now, this next verse Solomon tells us a little bit about the husband. **23 Her husband is known in the gates, when he sitteth among the elders of the land.**

So we see that this woman is quite a leader in her home with her children, and she is no slouch when it comes to marrying the right guy. She doesn’t marry just anyone. Shemarries a leader, a man of dignity and as an elder he is looked up to and respected. And her choice of husband speaks well of her wisdom and character.

**24 "She makes fine linen, and sells it;"**

She not only makes those things her family has need of but she is also crafty and understands the market, and even does some merchandizing of her own, because what she can make in excess of family need, she can sell and have extra funds for other things.

"*And delivereth girdles*" (which are belted garments) **unto the merchant**. so she has a bit of a marketer in makeup and she knows how to deal with the merchants.

She knows when to buy and when not to buy. She knows when to sell and when not to sell. She looks for the bargains and knows the merchants and they tell her when things go on sale so she can stretch her money.

**25 "Strength and honor are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come".** She is an optimist, not a pessimist. She looks forward to the next day, she does not fear tomorrow, and if her day has dealt her some lemons, she knows enough to make lemonade out of it.

Now for those who will be translating this, that means she knows how to make something good out of even no so good situations.
For she knows that "all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

And then we see the characteristics of her wisdom in verse 26 "She openeth her mouth with wisdom";

And never forget "as a man thinks in his heart so is he" and "out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh".

So she is skillful in her choice of words. "and in her tongue is the law of kindness".

I hope you are listening, because if you have gotten an "A" so far up to this point, but fail this then what? Then you are an almost virtuous woman, like King Agrippa said unto Paul, *Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian*. Thou almost persuaded me, so he was almost a Christian. But an Almost a Christian is still not a Christian.

And then we see the characteristics of her wisdom in verse 26 "She openeth her mouth with wisdom";

So she knows how to control her tongue and she makes sure that her words are spiced with grace and not condemnation. She looks for the good in everyone, and not the bad. She looks to bring out the best in everyone and not the worst.

27 She looketh well to the ways of her household,

She looks for the well being of her household, "and eats not the bread of idleness".

She is not lazy, she is not idle. She has something going on at almost all times.

28 "Her children arise up, and call her blessed;"

Now this word that blessed was translated from also means "To be right and straight to the point", In other words she is not one that will beat around the bush, but rather she is one who will beat what is behind the bush" Straight to the point, and that can be taken in a negative sense "if you are that person who is hiding behind the bush".

"her husband also", her husband also calls her blessed right, and straight to the point and he praises her for it.

Ok, brothers, that means when Momma has done corrected your little child that could do no wrong in your eyes, that means you got to back her up.

29 Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all. 30 Favor is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the LORD, she shall be praised. 31 Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates.

I saw this in my mother in law, She was a virtuous woman, and fit every word that Solomon wrote of her, and when she dies there were more people who attended her funeral than what I've seen with many preachers. She treated everyone fairly and with love, and even those who were not living a right life, she welcomes to set at her table and fed them. And she touched the lives of so many people, that she was indeed a virtuous woman.
Now, we could stop here and say that we have had a wonderful talk about a righteous Mother. But this morning I would like to speak also on the role of a mother. Now, most people do not understand what the role of a mother is, nor do they appreciate the amount of preparation that goes into being a good mother.

A mother is the **prime molder** of **every child** that comes into this world. Some take there job seriously while others are total delinquents when it comes to performing up to their job description.

The qualifications for a real mother, is greater than the qualifications to be President of the United States. I am talking about a real mother, now, not one of these baby factories that we see almost everywhere these days. But to be qualified to be a real mother you must be able to perform several major roles at once.

And did you know that a genuine Mother has a five-fold ministry to her children?

The Apostle Paul said that in the church there are **five Gifts** that God has given to the church. And remember, the church represents a woman.

That is what brother Branham said in **Recognizing your day 64-0726M P:72 The church represents, is by the woman?** *The church is a woman*, spiritually speaking. So is the Bride a woman, spiritually speaking.

And from his sermon **Second coming of the Lord 57-0417 P:34 If you want to look it up, look in Galatians 5. You'll find out that that woman represented the Church, and the Church is an espoused Wife to Christ. And the tablet that the Church is supposed to wear is found in Galatians 5, which is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, goodness, meekness, gentleness, patience. That is the tablet that's supposed to be wore in the Church: brotherly love, kindness, fellowship.**

Now, in getting back to our thought that a mother is a type of the church, we also see that as the church was given a **five-fold gift** to it, and so too has the righteous mother been given a **five-fold gift** to minister to her family.

The apostle Paul spoke of this **five-fold gift** of God to the church and said, first there are **Apostles**, then **prophets**, then **Evangelists, Pastors** and **Teachers**. That is the **five-fold ministry** to the Church.

Now, the main purpose of the mothers being given a **five-fold gift** to her family is to bring the children up to a place of **maturity** even as the **five-fold gift** to the church is to do the same for the family of God.

The Apostle Paul told us the role of the five-fold ministry will do just that.

**Ephesians 4:11** *And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers: 12 For the perfecting of the saints, (The word perfecting means the finishing off or maturing of the saints) for the work of the ministry, (that’s ) for the edifying (building up) of the body of Christ: (And for how long are we supposed to do this? )13 Until we all come in the unity of the faith, (now, he did not say until we all come into a unity of faith, but he said until we all come into the Unity of "THE FAITH", because this same Apostle just a few verses earlier said*
there is only ONE FAITH and that ONE FAITH is in the ONE LORD, the Lord Jesus Christ.)

13 Until we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God,

So you see the purpose of the five-fold gift to the church is to bring the church into maturity and unity of The Faith, and the knowledge of the Son of God.

So how are they going to become mature and have a unity of The Faith if they have no knowledge of the Son of God? And to the family the mother expresses those five-fold gifts to her little flock for the same purpose. For unity and for maturity, and for their understanding of what son-ship is all about. How are they going to mature and have unity if they do not know what their son-ship is all about?

Therefore we see that the mother, the righteous Virtuous mother, is given a five-fold gift to her family, and she is given a stewardship over that gift, so she will be held accountable for how she uses that gift to her family, and God will hold her responsible.

Therefore, Number One, she is an Apostle to her children. Now, what is an Apostle? Brother Branham said an Apostle is one that is sent. Therefore the mother is one that is sent.

Baptism of the holy spirit 58-0928M P:109 And He set some in the Church what? In the Church, in the Body, set some there here what? A, first apostles; that's missionaries. ... That's the first highest call, a missionary. You say, "An apostle is a missionary?"

Absolutely. Go look in the dictionary and find out what "apostle" means; means "one sent." Go look in the, what a "missionary" means: "One sent." Same thing. The highest order is a missionary who travels the seas for the Lord Jesus.

Warning then judgment 63-0724 P:51 And then we find out the apostle is a special man. He's a setter-in-order. He's a man that's sent from God to set the things in order.

So first of all we see that a mother is an Apostle to her children. She focuses her total energies on her mission which is her household. And she is first of all the “setter in order” person in the household as brother Branham said the role of the Apostle is to do, to set the church in order, and the mother also has as her first role as an Apostle to her family, her first of her five-fold roles to her family. And this first role of motherhood is to set her household in order. Now, she is not to set her Husband in order, no more than an Apostle to the church would try to set Jesus Christ in order, for the husband is the head of the family even as Jesus Christ is the head of the church. But she is to set her children in order, and therefore she doesn't say, "wait until your father get's home", no, she takes on that responsibility herself and does it.

Therefore notice that as the apostle is the setter in order so is mother.

Brother Branham said from his sermon Thou son of David have mercy on me 61-0215 P:19 I hear them talk about the illiteracy of the Kentucky mothers up around in the part of the country where we come from, up there. Now, they may be... They might not know right and left hand. But you let one of their girls come in one night with their hair all turned inside out, and her clothes all off of her, and lipstick smeared all over her
face and like that, and some little half-drunk, sallow, cigarette sucker bring her daughter in around daylight; I tell you, **she won't be able to get out of bed for three months.** Yes, sir. And you talk about illiteracy? We need more of them kind of mamas. Yes, sir. Yes, sir. That'll bring back discipline. In our home we had the ten commandments. They hung over the door. Hickory was all ten of them, out on the end like that. And I tell you, we got our education off of that. That's right. I can see my father yet reach over and say, "William...I'd say, "Oh, my." I knew what was coming. But I'm glad he did it. That's right.

Ok, so that's **the first of her five-fold gifts** to her family. **She’s the apostle, the setter in order** for the family.

Now, the Apostle Paul said, **first Apostles secondarily prophets**, so we see that number Two, Our righteous mother is **a prophet to her children**. Now **a prophet is an expounder of the word of God**, and **a forth teller of that Word**. And a godly Mother is the first Bible teacher and preacher to her children.

**Elisha the prophet 56-1002E P:15 Every mother is a preacher.** Sure. And God gives her **a little congregation at home to preach to**.

**Super sign 63-1129 P:30 Now, we might speak here just a minute, what is a prophet.** Now, in the English terms, according to the English terms of it, **it means a preacher**.

**Return and Jubilee 62-1122 P:57 Say what God puts in your mouth. He'll never say nothing but His Word. A prophet is a teller forth the same as a forth teller.** True. So he said, "I'll say what God says."

**Christ is the mystery 63-0728 P:105 The word prophet means a revealer of the Divine written Word.** as same as it does a forth-teller (See?), a seer.

And we know that the **first understanding of the Scriptures should come from mother**, who reads the Bible stories to her little children even before they can begin to speak. For she is given to her children to instruct them in the Knowledge of the Son of God and in the knowledge that these little children are sons of God, for the purpose of bringing them to maturity in Christ, even in the same manner that a true five-fold prophet will tell forth the revelation of Jesus Christ and bring the church to the Knowledge of the Son of God.

The next of the five-fold gifts to the church according to the Apostle Paul is **the Evangelist**.

Now, brother Branham told us what the role of an evangelist is in the sermon **Warning then judgment 63-0724 P:51 The evangelist is a special man.** He's a man that's **burning like a fireball**. He runs into a city and preaches his message, and gets out of there somewhere else. See, he's a special man

So we see that mother is given a special gift to **light the fire** under her children, in a way that no one else could do.
Next we have **the pastor**. That’s **the fourth gift** to the church and **the fourth gift** given to mother for her children as well. In her role as **Pastor to her children**, she must be able to guide her children into a relationship with their heavenly father as well as their earthly father and to know and understand their roles as sons and daughters in both. This gift is a special gift because it brings out of her that nature that is so attractive to her children, and allows for her to use all the gifts of the spirit, wisdom, and love and so forth to minister to the needs of her children. **She is the burden bearer**, and is able to put up with all **the fussing of the children** that no man or woman who is not a mother could ever do.

From his sermon, **Warning then judgment 63-0724 P:51** brother Branham said, **But, you see, in the church there is the pastor, and that pastor is a special person.** He's built to where he can put up with the fusses of the people. He's a burden-bearer; he's the ox of the team. He's a man that can set down when somebody's got something against somebody else, and set down with them two families, and take neither side, and reason it out, and bring it right back into sweetness. See? He's a pastor; he knows how to take care of things.

And **so does a righteous Mother**. She knows how to take care of things. she can take two squabbling little children and have them playing with each other in short order.

Now, finally **the last gift** or her **five fold gifts** is that of **a teacher**. **Mother is the first teacher the children ever have.** From teaching them to "potty train", to becoming young Christian Ladies and young Christian Gentlemen, mother is the finest teacher, and uses this gift more than any other.

Brother Branham in speaking of the teach said in his sermon, **Warning then judgment 63-0724 P:51 The teacher is a special man.** He sets back under the anointing of the Spirit and is able to take the Words and put them together by the Holy Spirit, that the pastor or evangelist either one could not compare with him.

So the righteous mother is given this gift from God who is **The teacher**, and in this role as teacher, she teaches her children everything that they will ever need to bring them forth into maturity as young Christian Ladies and Young Christian Gentlemen.

In order to teach her children, she must be qualified herself to teach those subjects that her children will need to learn. So she sets them on their course towards self learning, but in order to do so she must be confident in her role as teacher more so than in any other role she plays out. **Just think of all the subjects that she introduces to her children.** First as their little Pastor, she teaches them theology. The study of God, and the relationship we have with Him as our Father.

Then of course there are other Christian Virtues that they must learn so it is up to Mother to teach them to her children in the way she wants them to learn. She teaches them to put on the full armor of God and she teaches them both what the fruits of the spirit are and what the fruits of the flesh are that are to be avoided. And she teaches them how to avoid them.
John Wesley’s mother Susanne Wesley, said that "you mold a child by three, and by that age you have placed within that child everything they will ever have in life concerning character, righteousness, integrity, humility, morality, ethics, Love and relationship, courtesy and respect". All these subjects a Righteous mother will indoctrinate her young child by the age of three years old.

As Moses taught us in Deuteronomy chapter 6. Deut 6:6-9] especially vs 7 NIV Impress them on your children. Talk of them when you sit in your home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

And as we see from the Amplified version 7. And these words which I am commanding you this day shall be first in your mind heart; then you shall whet and sharpen them, so to make them penetrate, and teach and impress them diligently upon the minds and hearts of your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down and when you rise up."

And so we see that to do so they were to place pictures and Scriptures and all sorts of things that the children will actually see with their eyes and when they see with their eyes it will have an influence in their minds and in their hearts.

Now, those are not the only subjects she will teach them by that age. Others subjects she must know in order to teach are 1. Self Discipline, 2. basic hygiene, 3. basic nutrition, 4. how to love and 5. how to accept love, 6. manners, and 7. social graces, 8. How to read, 9. Grammar, 10. communication skills, such as how to express their thoughts in words, through proper speaking and in writing 11. basic mathematics, 11. basic biology, 13. basic zoology, 14. basic botany, 15. basic astronomy, and you see the list can go on and on.

Now, I know I've not listed them all, but I hope you get the point of this sermon.

To be a "Righteous Mother is a Sacred Trust" that we are held accountable for how our children turn out. And when we see our children raised up and serving God we should know that there was a virtuous mother somewhere that "trained up that child in the way it should go that when it got older it did not depart."

Let’s bow our heads in word of prayer.