

A Word from Our Preaching Pastor:

Sunday, May 10, 2009 (A *Mother's Day Repeat*)

An excellent wife, who can find?

For her worth is far above jewels. (Prov 31:10)

It's easy, sometimes, to overreact. In my zeal *not* to repeat the mistakes of others, I can end up making new ones on my own. I wonder at times if I'm ever in danger of doing that where ***Mother's Day / Father's Day, etc*** are concerned. Now don't get me wrong. I love my mom— far more than I could ever say! And I think its good to set aside a day once a year to honor our moms and let them know that we think there's no one like them in the whole world.

My problem comes in the tendency I see in churches to take a day like Mother's Day and make it the *focus* of our worship. It just seems to be a misappropriation of God's honor to shift the focus of *any* worship service off of Him and put in onto anyone or anything else all. Am I right?

And then there's a practical concern, as well. When it gets down to it, I'm convinced that what you and I need is not another warm and fuzzy, feel-good experience or another 'sentimental journey' sponsored by Hallmark. What we need is for the life-strengthening, soul-anchoring power of God's Word to be opened up and applied to our lives.

So let's take a moment this morning to say '*Thank you*' to our Moms for what they mean to us. Let's acknowledge that we can't think of *any* job that could be *more* important than that of a godly parent. Let's shout from the rooftops, "*Mom, we love you! We're grateful to God for you. We know our lives would be infinitely poorer without you and your Christ-like example of love.*" But then for Mom's sake, let's shift our focus off of her and on to Him who created motherhood in the first place. And let's offer our prayers to our Father in Heaven Who alone can give Mom the help she needs!

Yours for His Sake...and grateful for moms everywhere....,

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