

A MOTHER'S REWARD

Exodus 2:7-9

Introduction: Say what you want to but a nation is only as strong as it's mothers. Sound strange? Think about it. Every single adult has had a mother. Adults are our leaders all the way to our national leaders. What kind of influence did that leader's mother have on him/her? Looking at the statement from a mother's perspective, how her child/children turn out as adults will either make her proud of disappointed or downright sad. Mom, your child/children are your "reward."

1. Think of Mothers as being in three categories:

- The mother-to-be. All excited, expecting, planning, hoping, wishing, anxious.
- The mother with children at home. She is their caretaker-giver and is the one who in reality has the authority. Dad is more or less her "aide."
- The mother of children that are grown and gone. Her role as caregiver is perhaps gone, but her role as "advisor" is still quite active.

2. Mothers have an awesome God-given task:

- To raise their children the way God wants.
- To teach by example how they are to act as adults.

3. Moses' mother was a slave.

- She hid him for three months as male children were forbidden to be allowed to live.
- She devised a plan to save him.
- The plan worked.
- She got to raise her son after all and was paid for it by a prince who had "adopted" the baby.

4. Mothers are invaluable.

- They are more important than kings and presidents.
- They are more important than army commanders.
- They do more for nations than the nations' official leaders.
- No human being is as important as a mother.

5. Mothers are the most powerful of all in the family.

- Her voice brings instant attention.
- Her love is all enveloping and forgiving.
- Her trust is all encouraging and expectant.
- Her faith is forever strong and always there.
- Her kiss heals all wounds and disappointments.

6. Mothers are the most privileged.

- They are given an awesome responsibility of:
 - loving
 - self-sacrifice
 - making/growing an adult man or woman.

CONCLUSION:

1. A slave woman gave the world one of the greatest men who ever lived.
 - Her reward was knowing she had mothered such a man.
2. No joy can compare to that which a grow-up child can bring to his/her mother.
3. No pain can be greater than from a wayward grown up son or daughter.
4. Mothers are the greatest but seldom get back anything near what they deserve from their children or from their husbands.
 - But they will some day from God when they stand before Him.