

hold the distaff. She stretcheth out her hand to the poor; yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy. She is not afraid of the snow for her household: for all her household are clothed with scarlet. She maketh herself coverings of tapestry; her clothing is silk and purple. Her husband is known in the gates, when he sitteth among the elders of the land. She maketh fine linen, and selleth it; and delivereth girdles unto the merchant. Strength and honour are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come. She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness. She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness. Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her. Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all. Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the LORD, she shall be praised. Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates." Proverbs 31:10-31

WHAT THOUGHT MARY

Miss Phyllis R. Foster

What thought Mary When she saw,
Her new-born Son in manger straw?
Did it grieve her heart at all,
To birth Him in a cattle stall?
Was her heart a little torn,
Thus her Baby should be born?

What thought Mary of her loss.
Her Saviour-Son upon a cross?
Broken-hearted, standing by,
Watch Him suffer, see Him die!
Thoughts long hid in Mother heart,
Did she understand-in part?

Could she see down through the years,
Through the heartache and the tears;
To the promise at His birth,
"Peace and goodwill brought to earth"
That it was for such as I,
Her beloved Son would die?



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In Loving Memory



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“Tribute to Mother”

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"The Challenge of Motherhood"

TEXT: “When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also.” II Timothy 1:5

trib-ute (tr¹b^yt) *n.* 1. A gift, payment, declaration, or other acknowledgment of gratitude, respect, or admiration: *put up a plaque as a tribute to his generosity.* Webster's

moth-er (m³/₄th"...r) *n.* 1. A woman who conceives, gives birth to, or raises and nurtures a child. Webster's

I. MOTHER OF JOY: Bea. Kramer (My Mother)" Then he said unto them, Go your way, eat the fat, and drink the sweet, and send portions unto them for whom nothing is prepared: for *this day is holy* unto our Lord: neither be ye sorry; for the joy of the LORD is your strength. " Neb. 8:10

II. MOTHER OF FAITH: Jochebed (Mother of Moses)

" And Amram took him Jochebed his father's sister to wife; and she bare him Aaron and Moses: and the years of the life of Amram were an hundred and thirty and seven years." (Ex.6:20).

"And the name of Amram's wife was Jochebed, the daughter of Levi, whom *her mother* bare to Levi in Egypt: and she bare unto Amram Aaron and Moses, and Miriam their sister." (Num.26:59).

" And there went a man of the house of Levi, and took to wife a daughter of Levi. And the woman conceived, and bare a son: and when she saw him that he was a goodly *child*, she hid him three months. And when she could not longer hide him, she took for him an ark of bulrushes, and daubed it with slime and with pitch, and put the child therein; and she laid *it* in the flags by the river's brink. (Ex.2:1-3.)

III. THE MOTHER OF HOPE : Hannah (grace, (Mother of Samuel)

" And he had two wives; the name of the one was Hannah, and the name of the other Peninnah: and Peninnah had children, but Hannah had no children." (I Samuel 1:2).

" And she vowed a vow, and said, O LORD of hosts, if thou wilt indeed look on the affliction of thine handmaid, and remember me, and not forget thine handmaid, but wilt give unto thine handmaid a man child, then I will give him unto the LORD all the days of his life, and there shall no razor come upon his head." (I Samuel 1:11).

"And the man Elkanah, and all his house, went up to offer unto the LORD the yearly sacrifice, and his vow. But Hannah went not up; for she said unto her husband, *I will not go up* until the child be weaned, and *then* I will bring him, that he may appear before the LORD, and there abide for ever. " (I Samuel 1:21,22).

And Hannah prayed, and said, My heart rejoiceth in the LORD, mine horn is exalted in the LORD: my mouth is enlarged over mine enemies; because I rejoice in thy salvation. *There is none holy as the LORD: for there is none beside thee: neither is there any rock like our God.* " (II Samuel 2:1,2).

IV. THE MOTHER OF LOVE: Mary the Virgin mother of Jesus. "To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, *thou that art* highly favoured, the Lord *is* with thee: blessed *art* thou among women. (Luke 1:27,28)

V. THE MOTHER OF DESTINY: Ruth Graham Billy Graham's wife. " Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price *is* far above rubies. The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil. She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life. She seeketh wool, and flax, and worketh willingly with her hands. She is like the merchants' ships; she bringeth her food from afar. She riseth also while it is yet night, and giveth meat to her household, and a portion to her maidens. She considereth a field, and buyeth it: with the fruit of her hands she planteth a vineyard. She girdeth her loins with strength, and strengtheneth her arms. She perceiveth that her merchandise *is* good: her candle goeth not out by night. She layeth her hands to the spindle, and her hands hold the distaff. She stretcheth out her hand to the poor; yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy. She is not afraid of the snow for her household: for all her