

Moms and Divine Destiny

- I. **God reveals Himself in the way He works through mothers. This revelation helps us to understand God and how He brings forth His plans for us and our children.**
 - A. Can a mother forget her baby? Even if that were possible, God promises He will not forget you or your children (Isaiah 49:14-15).
 - B. You are engraved on the palms of God's hands (Isaiah 49:16).
 - C. Your children will hasten back to you and to the Lord—a promise for all mothers (Isaiah 49:17-18).

- II. **Moms always seem to have plans for their kids, and God always has plans for us. It is amazing how God seems to link these concepts (Jeremiah 29:11-14).**
 - A. Talk about plans! Mary was the first human being to be told about Jesus (Luke 1:26-33).
 - B. Mary and Elizabeth pondered the prophetic destinies of their sons before anyone else on earth knew anything (Luke 1:39-48; 2:15-20).
 - C. God spoke to Rebekah about the destiny of Jacob (Israel). Rebekah intervened so that Jacob fulfilled his calling (Genesis 25:21-23; 27:5-13, 25-30, 41-45).
 - D. The mother of James and John interceded boldly for her two sons (Matthew 20:20-23).
 - E. We should ask boldly for our lives and our children's lives, believing God has great plans for us even though we may be discouraged (Jeremiah 33:1-3).
 - F. Mothers have a sense of destiny for their children. "For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works which God prepared in advance for us to do" (Eph. 2:10).

- III. **Mothers show us how to persist in prayer until divine destiny comes forth.**
 - A. Example of Hannah and Samuel, the prophet
 1. Hannah prayed for a child and named him Samuel, "because I asked the Lord for him." "Samuel lived before the Lord always" (I Samuel 1:1-2, 6-22).
 2. In Hannah's response to Samuel's birth, she reveals a secret, "It is not by strength that one prevails" (I Samuel 2:1, 9).
 - B. God uses intercession to powerfully unfold His good plans (I Samuel 1:12-16).
 1. The Spirit prays (Romans 8:26-27).
 2. Jesus prays (Romans 8:34).
 3. We pray (Hebrews 4:16).
 - C. Moms and grandmas are uniquely designed to persist with God until He answers.
 1. Mary of Cana (John 2:1-5, 11), pulling the future into the present.
 2. Syrophenician mother and her daughter (Mark 7:24-30)
 3. The Shunammite's son (II Kings 4:14-37)

- IV. **Encouragement for all moms and all believers**
 - A. Your children are like precious jewelry (ornaments) that you are supposed to wear and be proud of (Isaiah 49:18).
 - B. Each child has a special purpose—signs and symbols in Israel (Isaiah 8:18).
 - C. "All your children will be taught by the Lord, and great will be their peace" (Isaiah 54:13-17), because this was purchased for you on the cross (Isaiah 53).