

# MOTHER

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It is pleasing to note the growing tendency to give Mother a higher place in the affairs of the race than seemingly was allotted to her in days gone by. In many countries and in different periods in history, woman has by man been assigned an inferior position in the affairs of the race. That this was not true in the mind of God is revealed again and again in Scripture, and it is indeed edifying to note the tendency among many people to return Mother to her proper place.

The first use of the word in the Bible was with reference to Eve, Gen. 3:20, "And Adam called his wife's name Eve; because she was the mother of all living." The Companion Bible defines the Hebrew word for Eve as meaning "life; life-spring." The real definition is given in the latter clause, which is explanatory of the word. The word "all" in this verse carries the meaning "all who should live after her", according to the Companion Bible.

It was by the instrumentality of Mother that God filled the earth itself with life, that is with living humans, this upon the natural plane.

But this same truth is the more emphasized when we realize that while God passed by man in the creation of Christ the second Adam, yet He called woman to His aid in this creation. All the glories of the age to come, all the fullness of the new heavens and new earth would be unattainable were it not for that devotion and sacrifice and loyalty to God which is made by Mother. It will be possible for great multitudes that will in the future praise and glorify God to do so first because of those sacrifices and devotions of Mother who has given and first trained life unto its people.



It is wholly improper for feeble minds to point out one or another portion of God's creation to be better or best; but it is wholly proper that all thinking people should give just honor and credit to each and every one. Upon May the 12th may we all unite, not in exalting Mother above others, but in ascribing to her recognition of that honor and nobility and greatness in which God in His mighty word of revelation has placed her.