

## THE CHARACTERISTICS OF A MOTHER

### Luke 1:28

**“<sup>28</sup> Y entrando el ángel en donde ella estaba, dijo: ¡Salve, muy favorecida! El Señor es contigo; bendita tú entre las mujeres” “<sup>28</sup> The angel went to her and said, “Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you.”**

**INTRO: Mother! What can we say about you? I believe that the best expression of what a mother is, is given by her own. Let us go to the Bible and see what the Apostle Luke tells us about Mary, the Mother of Jesus and see how she was as a mother.**

- I. A MOTHER FINDS FAVOR WITH GOD - Luke 1:30 “<sup>30</sup> But the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God” “<sup>30</sup> —No tengas miedo, María; Dios te ha concedido su favor—le dijo el ángel”**
  - 1. *You don’t know how to be a mother, but you are not alone!***
  - 2. *You have the favor of God***
    - 1) People frown at you, He smiles with you**
    - 2) People forsake you, He embraces you**
    - 3) People don’t expect nothing of you, He is there for you**
- II. A MOTHER WILL BE THERE FOR HER CHILD - Luke 1:31 “<sup>31</sup> You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus” “<sup>31</sup> Y ahora, concebirás en tu vientre, y darás a luz un hijo, y llamarás su nombre JESÚS”**
  - 1. *A baby is a living being since the moment they are formed in their mothers womb***
  - 2. *More that 5 times we also see: “Mary and the baby”***
    - 1) A mother will always be there for her children**
- III. A MOTHER BECOMES THE LORD’S SERVANT - Luke 1:38 “<sup>38</sup> “I am the Lord’s servant,” Mary answered. “May it be to me as you have said.” Then the angel left her” “<sup>38</sup> Entonces María dijo: He aquí la sierva del Señor; hágase conmigo conforme a tu palabra. Y el ángel se fue de su presencia”**
  - 1. *A mother becomes the Lord’s servant***
  - 2. *She is to raise a baby that belongs to the Lord!***
  - 3. *Everything that is done to your baby, it is done to God’s child!***
- IV. A MOTHER IS A HUMBLE SERVANT - Luke 1:48 “<sup>48</sup> for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed” “<sup>48</sup> porque se ha dignado fijarse en su humilde sierva. Desde ahora me llamarán dichosa todas las generaciones”**
  - 1. *A Biblical mother will have a humble spirit even if her children become a banker, a doctor or a carpenter!***
  - 2. *She will be proud but remind humble***
- V. A MOTHER WILL ALWAYS GIVE CREDIT TO HER GOD - Luke 1:49 “<sup>49</sup> for the Mighty One has done great things for me— holy is his name” “<sup>49</sup> Porque me ha hecho grandes cosas el Poderoso; Santo es su nombre”**
  - 1. *He will do great things and is doing great things!***
  - 2. *Praise Him for what your children are!***
- VI. HE WILL FEED YOU WITH GOOD THINGS - Luke 1:53 “<sup>53</sup> He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty” “<sup>53</sup> A los hambrientos los colmó de bienes, y a los ricos los despidió con las manos vacías”**
  - 1. *You might not have had Gerber’s but what God gave you, you gave to your child***

**2. Whatever you had to give, your children eat it as if it was a feast!**

**VII. A MOTHER TREASURES EVERYTHING IN HER HEART - Luke 2:19 <sup>“19</sup> But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart” <sup>“19</sup> Pero María guardaba todas estas cosas, meditándolas en su corazón”**

**1. A mother never forgets**

**2. A mother will always remember**

**3. A mother has to express her feelings!**

**CONCLUSION: Mary, the mother of Jesus was an ideal mother. One, all mothers should follow her example. I pray that you will always continue being that exemplar mother to your children. Children, honor your mother, call her blessed, as her blessings will be poured upon you.**