



Stand Up For Motherhood by Ron Bartanen

*All Scriptures and comments are based on the **New King James Version**, unless otherwise noted.*

Is motherhood no longer sacred? Has a mother become no more than a flesh-and-blood incubator to bring a child into the world — providing anybody wants the child? Motherhood was once regarded as the highest privilege God has given to humankind. For a woman to bear a child who was fathered by her husband was an occasion to be celebrated. Upon birth, the child would be nurtured by loving parents — a mother and father. They recognized and fully accepted their roles in providing for the needs of their children throughout their growing-up years. While for many this is still true (thank God!), yet it is not difficult to see a steady decline in esteeming motherhood in this manner.

I am concerned, that fathers often take little, if any, responsibility for their children; I will reserve comments on this for a later date. I believe God designed women especially to be nurturers. It is sad that economic situations have driven mothers from cradles to breadwinners. More sadly, however, is that many have turned the caring of the children over to others for reasons other than necessities of life. Some are elated as efforts are made to bring government into the process of child-rearing at the earliest age possible. Are we believing that the “village” (government) is better qualified for the training and education of children than loving parents? Schools are removing references to mothers and fathers in classes and schoolbooks. We are also being fed the lie that two people of the same sex are as capable of raising a child as a father and mother would be.

With the government’s approval of abortion, there has been a decline in the way in which a child is often viewed. A child in its mother’s womb has been described as “a blob of tissue,” somehow not yet a being of the human race. Such “tissue” can easily be discarded with government funding. After all, can we not respect a “woman’s choice”? I read that some time back 41% of pregnancies in New York City result in abortions and over 50% in the Bronx. Some now defend the idea of letting children who survive abortions die unassisted, or even killing them. The fact that should be evident is that even women often do not value the fruit of their wombs. While abortion practitioners and government officials choose to ignore the humanity of the child in the womb, medical science — as well as Scripture — affirms it.

The Bible speaks of characteristics of the “last days” as including “without natural affection” (**2 Timothy 3:3**). It seems inconceivable that anyone would choose to kill a child, but I would think the least probable would be the mothers. I fear that this trend in devaluing marriage and human life will have fearful consequences for our nation. We need godly men and women who are willing to eschew “political correctness” and stand up for what is right. **Stand up for motherhood!**

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