

The Virtues Of A Godly Wife

Proverbs 31:10-31

Intro: Our study this morning is devoted to offering up a special note of praise for our mothers. Our text is taken from Proverbs 31:10-31, a marvelous poem extolling the value and virtues of a godly wife and mother. She is described as a woman of excellent, noble, or virtuous character, who diligently cares for her household, the extended family unit including servants, business associates, and those she helps in the society in which she lives. *A careful reading of this passage demonstrates that her virtuous character is derived from her possession of godly wisdom (v. 30), which proves beneficial to her family and to the community as a whole. Jewish husbands and children traditionally recited this poem during the Sabbath meal on Friday evening.*

1. She Is Extremely Rare And Equally Priceless (vv. 10-12)

2. She Provides For Her Household (vv. 13-15)

3. She Pursues Business Opportunities (vv. 16-18)

Day

Happy Mother's

4. She Provides For Her Family And The Poor (vv. 19-22)

5. She Is A Crown Upon Her Husband's Head (v. 23)

6. She Clothes Herself With Strength And Dignity (vv. 25-27)

7. She Is Praised By Her Family (vv. 28-29)

8. Concluding Praise (vv. 30-31)

Chiasmus of Proverbs 31:10-31

- A Surpassing value of a good wife (v. 10)□
- B Husband benefited by wife (vv. 11-12)□
- C Wife works hard (vv. 13-19)□
- D Wife gives to poor (v. 20)□
- E No fear of snow (v. 21a)□
- F Children clothed in scarlet (v. 21b)□
- G Coverings for bed, wife wears linen (v. 22)□
- H Her husband is highly respected (v. 23)**
- G' Sells garments and sashes (v. 24)□
- F' Wife clothed in dignity (v. 25a)□
- E' No fear of future (v. 25b)□
- D' Wife speaks wisdom (v. 26)□
- C' Wife works hard (v. 27)□
- B' Husband and children praise wife (vv. 28-29)□
- A' Surpassing value of a good wife (vv. 30-31)

The center of the chiasm, v. 23, establishes the central message of the poem and the book: “My son, if you will listen to me and marry this type of godly and virtuous woman, you will be successful and blessed all the days of your life.”