



Jochebed, A Great Mother

Exodus 2:1-10

Her Wisdom



- Jochebed knew it was better to obey God than man.
- A mother's love is stronger than evil.
- The fact that Pharaoh wanted to get rid of babies is a testimony to the power of motherhood.
- The wisdom of a mother is often not logical, is nevertheless, effective.
- Two truths of motherhood:
 - God's plan may cause tension, anxiety and problems to come into a home, and into the life of a mother in order to call forth the best in her.
 - God does not hand down a copy of a plan to be followed.
- A mother's wisdom is that wisdom that says I must do those things that must be done and can be done by me, and then leave the results to God.

Her Work



- God realized how important those early years were for Moses.
- Jochebed had Moses for those years when love and security determine so much of the personality of a child.
- The first and most enduring ideas of God come from parents.
- A mother is so important to a child that in most cases the will of the child to live is lost without her.
- The Jews had a saying: God could not be everywhere, so He made mothers.
- Jochebed was child-centered and not self-centered, as she took great risks for the sake of her child.

Her Wages



- Nothing done in God's will is without its reward.
- Out of Pharaoh's treasury came the support for the very child who would one day be used of God to set His people free.
- Even a sinner's money can be used for the purpose of God.
- Jochebed gave of herself, and the only adequate payment found was in the results of the life of her child.
- She received her wages when the test came, and Moses chose to go with God's people.

Conclusion

- Only a mother's children can pay her the wages she desires.
- A mother's greatest wage is not what her children give her, but what her children become.
- The greatest thing any child can do for their mother is to be the answer to her life's labor, love and prayers by being that person she prayed they would become.
- There is no higher honor for a mother than to have children who trust in Jesus and give their life in service to Him.

