

# Moms and the Good Plans God Has for Us

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- I. **God reveals important things about Himself through the way He works through mothers. This revelation helps us to understand God and how He brings forth His plans for us and our children.**
  - A. Can a mother forget her baby? Even if that were possible, God promises He will not forget you or your children (Isaiah 49:14-15).
  - B. You are engraved on God's palms (Isaiah 49:16).
  - C. Your children will hasten to come back to you, and to the Lord—a promise for all mothers (Isaiah 49:17-18).
  
- II. **Moms have plans for their kids, and God has plans for us. It is amazing how God seems to link these concepts (Jeremiah 29:11-14).**
  - A. Mary was the first human being to be told about Jesus (Luke 1:26-33).
  - B. Mary and Elizabeth pondered the prophetic destinies of their sons before anyone else on earth knew anything (Luke 1:39-48; 2:18-20).
  - C. God spoke to Rebekah about the destiny of Jacob (Israel). Rebekah intervened so that Jacob fulfilled his calling (Genesis 25:21-23; 27:5-13, 29-30, 41-45).
  - D. The mother of James and John interceded boldly for her two sons (Matthew 20:20-23).
  - E. We should ask boldly for our lives and our children's lives and assume God has great plans for us, even when we are discouraged (Jeremiah 33:1-3).
  - F. Holding on to destiny like mothers do..."For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works which God prepared in advance for us to do" (Ephesians 2:10).
  
- III. **Mothers show us how to persist in prayer until divine destiny comes forth.**
  - A. Example of Hannah and Samuel, the prophet
    1. Hannah prayed for her child and named him Samuel "because I asked the Lord for him." "Samuel lived before the Lord always" (I Samuel 1:6-22).
    2. In Hannah's response to Samuel's birth she reveals a secret, "It is not by strength that one prevails" (I Samuel 2:9).
  - B. God uses intercession to powerfully unfold His good plans (I Samuel 1:12-16).
    1. The Spirit prays (Romans 8:26-27).
    2. Jesus prays (Romans 8:34)
    3. We pray (Hebrews 4:16)
  - C. Moms and grandmas are uniquely designed to persist with God until He answers.
    1. Mary at Cana (John 2:1-5), pulling the future into the present
    2. The Syrophenician mother and her daughter (Mark 7:24-30)
    3. The Shunammite's son (II Kings 4:14-37)
  
- IV. **Encouragement for all moms and all believers**
  - A. Your children are like precious jewelry (ornaments) that you are supposed to wear and be proud of (Isaiah 49:14-18).
  - B. Each child has a special purpose—signs and wonders in Israel (Isaiah 8:18 NASB).
  - C. "All your children will be taught by the Lord, and great will be their peace" (Isaiah 54:13-17), because this was purchased for you on the cross (Isaiah 53).