**R1007 Rumination for May 12, 2024 (Mother’s Day)**

The **T**heme:**Single Mothers** [berita-bethel-ung.com](http://www.berita-bethel-ung.com)

The **T**ext: *Honour* ***widows*** *that are* ***widows indeed****. But if any widow have children or nephews…* 1 Tim 5:3

The **T**hots:

Intro.: Who is a single Mother?

* *A mother who has a* ***D****ependent child or children and who is widowed,* ***D****ivorced, or unmarried.*
* *The* ***D****efined Single mother may be one…*
* *From giving* ***B****irth to a* ***B****iological child.*
* *From* ***A****dopting a Child.*
* *From* ***A****ssisted Reproductive technology, as vitro fertilization or donor insemination.*
1. **Cases of Single mothers in the Bible.**
2. **Hagar** was a **S**ingle mother. She became one as the result of Faithless **S**arah: Gen 16:1, 3, 4
3. ***S****arai Abram’s wife* ***B****are him no children: and she had an handmaid, an Egyptian, whose name was Hagar…And Sarai Abram’s wife took Hagar her maid…and gave her to her husband Abram to be his wife. And he went in unto Hagar, and she conceived:*
4. **S**he thus gave **B**irth to Ishmael. Gen 16:15

*And Hagar bare Abram a son: and Abram called his son’s name, which Hagar bare, Ishmael*.

1. However, when they were cast out, Hagar became a single mother raising Ishmael by herself.
2. However, God’s Covenant Son was **I**saac, and not **I**shmael! Gen. 17:19

**B**ecause *God said, Sarah thy wife shall* ***B****ear thee a son indeed; and thou shalt call his name Isaac:*

*and I will establish My covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, and with his seed after him.*

1. **The Widow of Zarephath –** God **P**rovided for her needs and others too. I Kgs. 17:8-24
2. This **W**oman was a **W**idow raising her son alone during a famine.
3. Though **S**hort of **P**rovisions yet she **S**hared them with God’s **P**rophet, with God **P**roviding for all of them.
4. She would **P**rovide **P**rophet Eliah with sustenance even as God miraculously **P**rovided for them. 17:8. 9

*And the word of the Lord came unto him* [Elijah], *saying, Arise, get thee to ﻿﻿Zarephath, which belongeth to Zidon, and dwell there: behold, I have commanded a widow woman there to sustain thee.*

1. God **S**upplied her and her **S**on during the time of need for her trust in Him to **S**hare with others as well.

*…And she, and he, and her house, did eat many days. And the barrel of meal wasted not, neither did the cruse of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord, which He spake by Elijah.*

1. **The Widow’s Son –** he was dead, but the **L**ord raised him to **L**ife. Lk. 7:12 (11-17)

*Now when He* (Jesus) *came nigh to the gate of the city, behold, there was a dead man carried out,*

*the only son of his mother, and she was a widow: and much people of the city was with her.*

1. The **W**oman was a **W**idow – her husband had died and she was single.
2. She **S**ingly had been caring for her **S**on all this time; but now even her son had died.
3. Though **U**nnamed and **U**nknown, she was known to the Lord Who raised her son from the dead.

*When the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her, and said unto her, Weep not. And he came and touched the bier: and they that bare him stood still. And He said, Young man, I say unto thee, Arise.*

*And he that was dead sat up, and began to speak. And He delivered him to his mother.* Lk. 7:13-15

1. **Case of Mary, the Unique Mother of Jesus.**
2. **Mary, the Mother of Jesus** – Was Mary a Single Mother? Matt 1:18

*Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows:* ***After*** *His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph,*

***before they came together****, she was found with* ***Child of the Holy Spirit.***

Mary appeared to be a Single Mother, but not so… Her situation was unique!

1. No. Jesus was not the **P**roduct of her and Joseph’s Union. Matt. 1:25

*And* (Joseph) *knew her not ﻿till she had brought forth ﻿her firstborn Son: and he ﻿called His name JESUS.*

1. No, Jesus was born when Mary was a Virgin though Espoused to Joseph, and **Pr**ophesied so. Matt 1:23

*Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son…* Lk. 1:26, 27

*….a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph…and the virgin’s name was Mary.*

 *The Lord Himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a* ***virgin*** *shall conceive, and bear a son.* Cf. Isa. 7:14

1. In truth, Jesus was **P**eculiarly Conceived of the Spirit. Matt 1:20

*Behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David,*

*fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.*

1. **R**ight to the end, Jesus **R**espected her as the Woman who was His earthly Mother and **C**ared for her.
2. He was **C**oncerned for His Mother when He was on the **C**ross; Jn. 19:26, 27

*When Jesus therefore saw His mother, and the disciple standing by, whom He loved,*

*He saith unto His mother, Woman, behold thy son!* *Then saith He to the disciple, Behold thy mother! And from that hour that disciple took her unto his own home.*

1. Dear **S**ingle Mothers and other Mothers too, as you Remember Him this day at His **S**upper,

Remember too that He cares for and loves all mothers and others in the family too.

 *For whosoever shall do the will of God, the same is My brother, and My sister, and* ***Mother***. Mark 3:35

* Do Remember and Own your Love for Him this day.

**Points to Ponder:** *Whoever you may be, know that the* ***L****ord* ***L****oves you as He* ***L****oved all Mothers*.