

In the book "The Shack" God the Father appears to a man as an African American Black Woman that the man calls Papa. Because the scripture always refers to God as He this portrayal has created a storm of controversy within the evangelical church. While this portrayal continues to be the subject of serious debate, it is not debatable that women are created in the image of God and that God reveals Himself thru Godly women, especially those who are Godly mothers.

Having grown up without a Godly mother, I am very sympathetic with young children like Will who are missing their Godly Mom. I have absolute confidence that God always gives us what we need when we need it even if we do not have a Godly Mom or a Dad, but it is clear that God's original plan was for young children to grow up in a home with a Godly mother.

Jesus grew in wisdom and stature and I am sure that His Godly mother Mary played a vital role in this development. We see the important of a Godly mother in the life of Timothy.

The Proverbs firmly establish the important of Godly mother's role by saying....

Prov 1:8-9

8 My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother:

9 For they shall be an ornament of grace unto thy head, and chains about thy neck.

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Prov 15:20-21

20 A wise son maketh a glad father: but a foolish man despiseth his mother.

21 Folly is joy to him that is destitute of wisdom: but a man of understanding walketh uprightly.

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Prov 23:22-23

22 Hearken unto thy father that begat thee, and despise not thy mother when she is old.

23 Buy the truth, and sell it not; also wisdom, and instruction, and understanding.

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Prov 28:24

24 Whoso robbeth his father or his mother, and saith, It is no transgression; the same is the companion of a destroyer.

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Prov 30:11-12

11 There is a generation that curseth their father, and doth not bless their mother.

12 There is a generation that are pure in their own eyes, and yet is not washed from their filthiness.

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Prov 31:1

31:1 The words of king Lemuel, the prophecy that his mother taught him.
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Prov 31:10

10 Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies.
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The Proverbs refers to a mother 14 times!

As a man who grew up without a Godly mother, I can say to all of you that have had one, be very, very grateful for her.

You can know God thru her!

For example...

If you have a Godly mother...

- She likes things clean and orderly.
- She loves the unlovely and the unlovable.
- She cares most about a personal relationship with you.
- She is willing to empty herself and be of no reputation for you.
- She went thru great pain to give birth to you.
- She will sacrifice her life and her health to care for your needs.
- She will do so much for so little reward from you.
- She loves romance with you.

Women associate romance with honor and emotional intimacy. Women do not just welcome romance from a man. They romance one another and welcome romance from their children and do not consider it to be sensual. They desire romance with God and do not consider it to be sensual.

Men in their fallen state always associate romance with sensuality. Men in their fallen state would never consider romancing God. It is a stretch for a man to romance his wife without expecting sensuality. Shouldn't men stop creating God in the image of their fallen nature? Shouldn't men who desire to be Godly stop expecting the rest of the world to defer to their fallen nature?

- She treasures prayer.
Isa 56:7
- She likes things that smell good.
Ex 25:6-Required offerings with sweet incense.
The sweetest incense to God is our prayers.
- She loves to sing over you
Zeph 3:17
17 The LORD thy God in the midst of thee is mighty; he will save, he will rejoice over thee with joy; he will rest in his love, he will joy over thee with singing.
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If you have not had a Godly mom, God will be faithful. He will use other means to reveal Himself to you just as He did for me. In fact, He will use the absence of a Godly mom to show you your need for Him in your life.

If you have had a Godly mom, rejoice. Be grateful. Show your gratitude often and not just on mothers day. Listen closely to your Mom's counsel even when she is old. Consider your Mom's name when you are making decisions about how you are going to conduct yourself. You will always be your mother's child no matter how far you live from home. Take care of your Mom when she is old.

But most of all, rejoice in how almighty God has revealed Himself to you thru your mother.

He loves you and wants a relationship with you even more than your Godly mother. You have to trust in His love for you to have that relationship. The evidence that you do trust Him and love Him is that you follow Him.

If you have had a Godly mother, do not waist what God has done for you thru your mother. He has revealed Himself to you. Trust Him. Love Him. Follow Him.