



# *Mothering Sunday*

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# *History of Mothering Sunday*

# Jubilee principles

(Leviticus 25)

- Restoration
- Justice
- Continuity
- Heritage

<sup>8</sup> ‘You are also to count off seven sabbaths of years for yourself, seven times seven years, so that you have the time of the seven sabbaths of years, *namely*, forty-nine years. <sup>9</sup> You shall then sound a ram’s horn abroad on the tenth day of the seventh month; on the day of atonement you shall sound a horn all through your land. <sup>10</sup> You shall thus consecrate the fiftieth year and proclaim <sup>[c]</sup>a release through the land to all its inhabitants. It shall be a jubilee for you, <sup>[d]</sup>and each of you shall return to his own property, <sup>[e]</sup>and each of you shall return to his family. <sup>11</sup> You shall have the fiftieth year as a jubilee; you shall not sow, nor reap its aftergrowth, nor gather in *from* its untrimmed vines. <sup>12</sup> For it is a jubilee; it shall be holy to you. You shall eat its crops out of the field.

<sup>13</sup> ‘On this year of jubilee each of you shall return to his own property. <sup>14</sup> If you make a sale, moreover, to your friend or buy from your friend’s hand, you shall not wrong one another.

# Ephesians 6:1-3

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. <sup>2</sup> HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER (which is the first commandment with a promise), <sup>3</sup> SO THAT IT MAY BE WELL WITH YOU, AND THAT YOU MAY LIVE LONG ON THE EARTH.

- The Law
- God's design
- Ruth

# *Proverbs*

- 6:20 My son, observe the commandment of your father  
And do not forsake the teaching of your mother;
- 10:1 A wise son makes a father glad,  
But a foolish son is a grief to his mother.
- 15:20 A wise son makes a father glad,  
But a foolish man despises his mother.
- 23:22 Listen to your father who begot you,  
And do not despise your mother when she is old.

# *Psalm 113:9*

He makes the  
barren woman  
abide in the house  
As a joyful mother  
of children.  
Praise the LORD!

# God's maternal character

- Isaiah 66:13 “As one whom his mother comforts, so I will comfort you; And you will be comforted in Jerusalem.”
- Ezekiel 19:2-3 What was your mother?  
A lioness among lions!  
She lay down among young lions,  
She reared her cubs.
- Matthew 23:37 “Jerusalem, Jerusalem, who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, the way a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were unwilling.
- Matthew 20:20 Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came to Jesus with her sons, bowing down and making a request of Him. And He said to her, “What do you wish?” She \*said to Him, “Command that in Your kingdom these two sons of mine may sit one on Your right and one on Your left.”
- Luke 2:51 And He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and He continued in subjection to them; and His mother treasured all *these* <sup>[a]</sup>things in her heart.
- John 2:3 When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus \*said to Him, “They have no wine.”
- John 19:26 When Jesus then saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing nearby, He \*said to His mother, “Woman, behold, your son!”

# *Our Maternal Character*

- 1 Thessalonians 2:7 But we [a]proved to be [b]gentle [c]among you, as a nursing *mother* [d]tenderly cares for her own children.
- 2 Timothy 1:5 For I am mindful of the sincere faith within you, which first dwelt in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am sure that *it is* in you as well.





# *Take Away*

*Honour your mother*

*Be mothering to those we serve*



# *Take Away*

*Have hope*

- *Despair*
- *Doubt*
- *Disillusioned*

*God will restore all things*

*Continue to fight for and serve*

- *The Widow, The Orphan*
- *The Stranger*
- *The Sick, The Poor*
- *One another*