

(Topics and Lead-in Below)

Far Above Riches

TUNE: Fairest Lord Jesus (CRUSADERS' HYMN)

Proverbs 31:10-31

E^b F^m B^b E^b E^b E^b C^m C B^b F^m B^b E^b

1. Far a - bove rich - es, Far a - bove hon - or,
2. Wo - man of hon - or, Price - less com - pan - ion,
3. Morn - ing and eve - ning, Sum - mer and win - ter,
4. God of all com - fort, Foun - tain of bless - ing,

E^b A^b A^b E^b E^b B^b7 D^b E^b B^b7 F^b E^b B^b7 E^b A^b E^b B^b C⁷ F^m

Last - ing beau - ty be - yond com - pare - She is more no - ble,
Wife and moth - er and faith - ful friend, Shep - herd and ser - vant,
Ev - er faith - ful and glad to share; Touch - ing and lift - ing,
Ev - er lov - ing in all You do, Thank You for giv - ing

F^m C⁷ G⁷ F^m A^b B^b7 E^b E^b D^b C^m E^b7 G⁷ A^b E^b B^b B^b B^b7 E^b

She is more pre - cious. Treas - ure this one whose life we share.
Teach - er and help - er - She lives a love that has no end.
Ten - der - ly giv - ing - In her we feel our Fath - er's care.
Far a - bove rich - es. Glad - ly we lift our praise to You!

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TOPICS: Mothers; Relationships

LEAD-IN: *A wife of noble character who can find? She is worth far more than rubies.*
(Proverbs 31:10, NIV)

LEAD-IN DEVOTIONAL READING:

A Mother's Love

Proverbs 31:10-31

Our Creator shows His love for us most clearly and completely through Jesus Christ:

In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son...The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being. (Hebrews 1:1-3, NIV)

But the Creator also shows His love for us through all He has made. Mothers are certainly one of His most beautiful and most tender creations. His life comes to us, then is sustained in us, by a human mother's love.

Mother is our entrance into this life, our cradle, our comfort, our care-giver, our blanket of love, and our protection in the most helpless stage of our lives. No wonder God uses the warm image of a mother's love to express His own compassionate, unselfish, all-encompassing care for us:

*As a mother comforts her child,
so I will comfort you. (Isaiah 66:13, NRSV)*

*Can a mother forget her nursing child,
or show no compassion for the child of her womb?
Even these may forget,
yet I will not forget you.
See, I have inscribed you on the palms of my hands.
(Isaiah 49:15-16a, NRSV)*

Because mothers play a special part in His care for us, He bestows special honors on the faithful mother. She has expressed His love in a most compelling way. Read Proverbs 31:10-31.

Thank You, Lord, for the precious gift of our mother! Help us to express our deep gratitude to her and to You, now and all year long.