

Mary

An Example of Godliness

Introduction:

1. There is much false doctrine about Mary in the religious world.
2. Yet, the Bible describes the earthly mother of Jesus as a godly woman who is worthy of imitation.
3. Consider the example of Mary...

I. Her Example of Purity

- A. Pure in conduct.
 1. She was sexually pure (Luke 1:27, 34; Matt. 1:18, 22-25).
 2. She was scripturally pure (Luke 1:46-55)
- B. Pure in character.
 1. She was searching (Luke 1:26-34).
 2. She was submissive (Luke 1:38).
 3. She was serious (Luke 2:19).

II. Her Example of Parenting

- A. She taught sacrifice.
 1. To care for her Son (Luke 2:4-7).
 2. To protect her Son (Matt. 2:13-15, 19-23).
- B. She taught submission.
 1. To the Law of God (Luke 2:21-24, 40-41).
 2. To the law of the family (Luke 2:42-52).

III. Her Example of Perseverance

- A. She evangelized (John 2:1-5, 11).
- B. She empathized (Matt. 12:46-50; Mark 3:31-35; Luke 8:19-21).
- C. She endured (John 19:25-27).
- D. She exemplifies (Acts 1:14).

Conclusion:

1. Mary stands as an example of godliness.
2. Though she is not to be worshipped, her character is worthy of imitation.