

**Beatitudes**  
**What The Bible Teaches About Being Blessed**

**THE BLESSED MOTHER**

Text: Proverbs 31:10-31

Introduction:

1. The biblically blessed are those who depend upon God.
2. They inherit the promise made to Abraham by submission to God.
3. Throughout the New Testament, beatitudes describe the heart of one who is a faithful member of the Lord's kingdom – his church.
4. These blessed attitudes will enable one to make it to the eternal kingdom of God in Heaven.
5. These principles have application in one's life, one's community, and one's family.

I. The Advice of a Noble Mother (Proverbs 31:1)

- A. Three things are necessary to possess true wisdom:
  1. A proper knowledge of God
  2. A proper respect for parents
  3. A proper understanding of the world
- B. The book of Proverbs begins with wise advice from a father to his son (Chapters 1 – 9).
  1. This is advice from David to his son, Solomon.
  2. But, more than that, it is advice from God to His children.
- C. The book ends with wisdom from a godly mother (Chapter 31).
- D. These are the words of King Lemuel, taught to him by his mother.
  1. The word 'Lemuel' means, "For God" or "To God;" thus, "Belonging to God."
  2. This is likely another symbolic name for Solomon.
  3. If it is, then his mother would be Bathsheba (cf. Matthew 1:6).
  4. If it is not, then we do not know any more about this man or his mother.
- E. The advice from his mother is divided into two categories:
  1. Maintain self-control (vs. 2-7)
    - a. Do not indulge in lust
    - b. Do not indulge in drink
  2. Practice impartial justice (vs. 8-9)
- F. This sound counsel sets the stage for the following description of the virtuous woman.

II. The Picture of a Virtuous Woman (Proverbs 31:10-31)

- A. This passage is an alphabetical poem, each verse beginning with the next letter of the Hebrew alphabet.
- B. The Virtuous Woman of Worth – The Excellent Wife
  1. Vs. 10 – She is priceless
  2. Vs. 11 – She is trustworthy
  3. Vs. 12 – She is loving and good

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4. Vs. 13-19 – She is industrious
  5. Vs. 20 – She is compassionate
  6. Vs. 21-22 – She is prepared
  7. Vs. 23 – She is supportive
  8. Vs. 24 – She is active
  9. Vs. 25 – She is honorable
  10. Vs. 26 – She is wise
  11. Vs. 27 – She is sacrificial
  12. Vs. 28-31 – She is praised
- C. The blessed father was a man who lived his life with integrity.
- D. Likewise, the blessed mother both teaches and exemplifies integrity.

**III. The Blessedness of a Godly Mother (Proverbs 31:28)**

- A. Obviously, this statement is not that of a traditional Beatitude.
- B. Here, it is the children of the virtuous woman who call her “blessed.”
  1. The word used for “blessed” means, “To be straight, level, or right; thus, to go straight, to advance, or to go forward.”
  2. In a moral sense, it refers to one being honest, thus being prosperous and happy.
- C. Her children openly declare her honest and virtuous way of life.
- D. Her husband also praises her for her integrity and goodness.
- E. In fact, her life speaks for itself, and she sets an example of uprightness before others (vs. 31).
- F. These characteristics are harmonious with the other Beatitudes of Scripture.
- G. Such a mother will be one of God’s blessed.
- H. She will also set an example before her family that will encourage them to be blessed as they recognize her own blessedness.