

## **CAN A MOTHER FORGET**

We are all blessed and protected by the Lord.

A mother can never forget. The Israelites who were as slaves were about to be restored. In ***Isaiah 49:14***, the Israelites cried unto the Lord saying, have You forsaken us? Have you forgotten me?

14 - But Zion said, "The Lord has forsaken me, the Lord has forgotten me."

This is the word even few of us are saying right now. Lord have You forgotten us, for what is happening in the world is unbearable – people are dying, people are affected, families are collapsing and the devil is breaking the families. Has the Lord forsaken us? Forgotten us? We are wondering whether we have been left out.

The Lord answered, can a mother ever forget the child for whom she has given birth?

### ***Isaiah 49:15***

Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne? Though she may forget, I will not forget you!

Can a mother forget her child? Though she forgets, I will not forget says the Lord. We know for sure that our mothers can never forget us. Be encouraged, the Lord remembers your promise, your purpose, your plan, He remembers you and your children. Don't ever think that the Lord has forgotten or forsaken you, in this situation. Corona virus is destroying people -no means of provision, protection – the entire world has come to a standstill. Has the Lord forsaken this world? Has the Lord forgotten His people? No, even if the mother forgets, the Lord will never ever forget us.

Israelites start with this question. Lord, have you forsaken and forgotten us? But the Lord comes back with an answer saying, it is impossible for a mother to forget her child. But even if she forgets, I will not forget – the answer the Lord gave the Israelites. There's going to be a time of restoration. After the Babylonian captivity, the Lord was about to restore the Israelites. During this restoration, if you still in doubt, the Lord wants to encourage you saying even if something impossible happens in your life, the Lord will never forget you.

A research report from the Psychology Professor Masha of Hebrew University, Jerusalem. She had done the research with about 46 mothers who had given birth to babies (who were 5 to 76 hours old). The mothers were blindfolded and were taken into a room where there were three babies. They were allowed to touch, smell and feel them to find out which baby was theirs. To their surprise, more than 70% of the mothers were able to find out correctly which one was their baby, though blindfolded. It was only 5 to 76 hours, but they were able to find out.

If a mother (being a human being) can do this, how much more the Lord can do and find you out even if you among a million. The problem with people is that they think there are so many people with problems Has the Lord forgotten me and am I being lost? But the Lord wants to encourage you that you are not lost and you are not forgotten.

The world says the strongest bond lies between a mother and a child, because of the bonding the child has in the mother's womb. Then, when the mother feeds the child, there is a physical bonding. Even before the baby is hungry, the mother knows that it's time to feed and nurse the child. The strongest bond in the world lies between a mother and her child.

My bond with you is even more stronger says the Lord, more than what a mother has for a child. The Lord is like a mother to us; more than a mother to us. He can never ever forget us.

Four characteristics of a mother, which is so appropriate to our Lord Jesus.

### **1. THE MOTHER FEEDS – OUR GOD FEEDS**

The mother automatically feeds her child for every meal. Even before the child opens its mouth, the mother feeds the child. At times, though the child says I am not hungry or it's enough, still the mother keeps feeding the child. They even pack the food for the day and keep it ready, even before you ask for. And they constantly keep checking with us whether we ate or not, no matter where you are. More than the mother, our Heavenly Father's character is to feed us, feed us on time and make sure there is no lack. Especially during this pandemic situation, where a lot of countries are getting into shortage of food or famine, the phenomenal characteristic of our God is to feed and take care of us. And He says, even if the mother forgets to feed you, which is an impossibility, I will still feed you. If you are concerned about how are we going to be fed? Be rest assured, the Lord will feed and will take care of you.

#### **Matthew 7:9 - 11**

9 - "Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone?"

10 - Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake?"

11 - If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!"

### **2. THE MOTHER PROTECTS – THE LORD PROTECTS**

Our mother covers us with sheets when we go to sleep. Whenever we are sick, they are always next to us, taking care of us. Our mother stays awake till we recover from our sickness. Our Lord does the same – He does not sleep and He takes care. The Lord cares for you. He will protect you from every virus and sickness. He cares about your future, your children and their future as well. The Lord will take care. He will not leave you.

#### **Story:**

A woman lost her husband and she had a small baby. She did not have any money for survival. She had a friend who was ten miles away but it was a heavy winter season there. She wanted to meet her friend to get some help (money) from her. The villagers advised her not to travel because of the climate, but she was determined to go and she started. Few days after she left, since there weren't any news about her, the villagers sent ten elders in search of her. After a while, they saw this woman lying dead at the bottom of a tree. She had frozen to death. But in a cave closeby, they found the baby wrapped in her coat. She gave her coat and covered her baby so that the baby could survive. She sacrificed her life.

Our Lord went to the Cross, He took every stripe on Him. He took all our pain and died for us so that we could be saved. He sacrificed His life so that we could be protected. The Lord will do anything to protect us.

### **3. THE MOTHER'S LOVE**

The mother's love is unchangeable. From the time a child is born and he or she grows, to become an old man or woman, the mother still considers him or her to be her child and the love does not change. Though the grown up child hurts the mother, deserts the mother, decides to go on its own way and leaves the mother alone, still the mother's love for the child is unchangeable. Many children have deserted their mothers, but the mother still loves the child. The Lord's love is also unchangeable. His word says in **Isaiah 49:16**, He has engraved us on His palms. He can never ever forget us. He loves us so much that He's got our faces and names on His palms. In **Exodus 28:12**, the Lord gives an instruction to the High Priest

12 -fasten them on the shoulder pieces of the ephod as memorial stones for the sons of Israel. Aaron is to bear the names on his shoulders as a memorial before the LORD.

Aaron was supposed to bear all the names on his shoulders as a memorial, but here, the Lord bears our names on His hand. No matter how much you've hurt the Lord, how much you've gone away from the Lord, still, the Lord loves you the same. Your first love for the Lord would have been strong but now, it would have decreased, but the Lord loves you the same.

Have you sinned and gone away from the Lord, the Lord still loves you the same. Have you stopped praying, the Lord loves you the same. It is time for you to come back. He is standing with open arms to love you the same.

The mother's love is unchangeable and so it God's love.

#### **4. INSEPARABLE**

Nobody can separate us from the Lord. Nothing can separate us. The Lord keeps us so close to Him no matter what happens in our life. Nothing can separate a child from its mother. Likewise, nothing can separate us from the Lord. The mother's bond is the strongest in the world. The mother never forgets her child.

In **Romans 8:35 - 39**, the word clearly says how inseparable the Lord is from us.

35 - Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?

36 - As it is written:

"For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered."

37 - No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

38 - For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers,

39 - neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Nothing can separate us from the Lord. It can probably lock us down but cannot separate us from the Lord, not even a single moment. Can a mother forget? No, she cannot, that's impossible. But even if the mother forgets, the Lord can never forget.

#### **Story:**

An eighty year old man went to a hospital at 8:30 in the morning. He had a wound in his thumb and he wanted the stitches to be removed and redressed. The nurse came in late. Since he was in a hurry, he was little angry with her and asked her to have this done immediately as he had to go out. But the nurse was wondering why he was in a hurry as he was 80 years old. While she attended this man and was

having his wound redressed, she had a conversation with this man. She asked him where he was going in a hurry. He replied saying he is going to have breakfast with his wife who is in a home. She asked why his wife did not come with him. He said she has Alzheimer and she does not remember a thing. It's been years since she has forgotten everything. The nurse asked him why do you want to go and have breakfast with her, who does not remember anything. Will she remember you? The man said, 'no'. So why do you want to take all the pain to go and meet her on time. The man said though she does not remember me, I still remember her. She is still my wife. I will always be by her side and never leave. The nurse was moved and said this is what I want in my life too – somebody who will never forget me even if I forget them.

The Lord will never forget you. The mother can never forget her child but even though she forgets, I will never forget, says the Lord. He will provide, He will protect and He will feed. His love is unchangeable and nothing can separate us from the love of God.