

## Mother's Day

The second Sunday in May is set aside as a day to honor one of God's greatest gifts to mankind, Mothers. Mother's Day was first celebrated at a service in Philadelphia in 1907. The day was the idea of Anna Jarvis, a schoolteacher in Philadelphia. The idea was actually her mother's who was not able to carry her plans to conclusion.

Anna's mother had help start an organization after the Civil War, "Union and Confederate Mothers." It was organized in her small West Virginia community, to help bring together the veterans of the Great Civil War.

Anna's mother had also planned to institute Mother's Day, to honor the mothers for their contribution to society, the nation, the church, and most of all the family. She died before she was able to bring her plans to fruition. Ann took up her mother's idea and carried it to conclusion. This certainly not a religious holiday, but it is a day that draws our attention to one of God's greatest blessings. It is good that we remember the influence our mothers had as we were growing up.

To those mothers who are raising young children, you need to be aware of the wonderful blessing and awesome responsibility the Lord has given you. That small life is a being for eternity, and you which will help to form the ideas and values that will see them through this life and into the next. Paul's writing to Timothy showed the wonderful influence his mother, Eunice, and grandmother, Lois, had in his spiritual growth to a co-worker with Paul (2 Timothy 1:3-6).

Both the Old Testament and New Testament say we are to honor our parents. Paul said in Ephesians 6:2-3 Honour thy father and mother, which is the first commandment with promise; That it may be well with thee and that thou mayest live long on the earth.

Hopefully, we honor our mothers every day. To honor means more than giving praise. To honor means to be sure our mothers' needs are met. Happy Mother's Day and thank God for Mothers!