

CHAPEL - May 12, 1928

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I want to talk to you today on Mothers' Day, although I am not at all sure that I can do justice to this subject.

As I told you young women the other day, the greatest thing on earth so far as God's creation is concerned is a good woman. The opinion that the world holds of women is constantly changing. It has been changing since the beginning of recorded history until today, and it is still changing. The esteem in which men have held women and the way in which women have been treated by men, - these things mark the progress of human civilization. As the human family has risen to higher and higher stages of civilization the position of woman in human society has come up in equal ratio. It is almost impossible for you and me to ~~believe~~ realize how women at one time were treated by so-called civilized people. Women have been put beside donkeys to pull the coal out of the mines; they have been treated, not as human beings, but as slaves. It is hard for us to believe, but they were treated in this way in the time when people had reached a reasonably high stage of civilization. Thank God this has changed.

God's chief instrument for carrying on the civilization of the world is woman.

If there is a man or a woman, a boy or a girl anywhere who does not love his mother or her mother, that human being is not altogether normal. Mother, who has undying faith in her son or her daughter, who is not willing to believe that her child is guilty even it is unquestionably so; Mother, who is willing to make any sacrifice, even to her life, for one of her children; Mother, who is willing to sacrifice anything that is reasonable and sometimes things that are unreasonable; she will deny herself in every way to give her child a chance. She will serve when she is almost dead with fatigue that her son or her daughter may go forward in life. She is willing to make sacrifices and she makes them cheerfully. She is the greatest of us all because she serves best. She serves because she loves, and she loves as no other human being can love. She loves in such a way that she is willing to do anything that is honorable and sometimes things that are not honorable just to give her offspring a chance.

It is fitting indeed that we should take one Sabbath in the year and set it aside to think of our mothers; set aside that the world may glorify the mothers of the world.

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I hope ~~all~~ of you young women, if you are fortunate enough to have your mother still with you, will sit down tomorrow and write her a long love letter. Sit down and write to her from the depth of your heart and tell her the things that you want ~~her~~ her to know. Tell her of your love for her. Give her just a little sign of your love, and encourage her and cheer her. Let her know that you are thinking of her. Make it a real love letter. Mother is certainly the one person in the world that young women should be close to. When you have done something that you do not want her to know about, you can rest assured right then that you have done something that you should not have done. She ought to be your pal. She ought to be your comrade, She ought to be your older sister, the one to whom you go with all of your ambitions and desires. I know that is fine for a man, and I believe it is the best thing for a woman. I am glad to say that while my mother was here ~~were~~ we were good friends; we were companions; we were good fellows together, and it meant a great deal to me, and I believe she was happy in it. I am sure it will mean a great deal to your mother to have you feel that you can go to her with all of your troubles. Do not try to deceive her. Girls, you ought to deal squarely with the woman who brought you into the world, the woman who is willing to bear with you and sacrifice for you. She loves you more dearly than anyone else on earth loves you. Let her know of your love for her. Go to her for advice. She may not be a college woman. She may not have had the advantages that you have had, ~~but~~ she has made the sacrifice that you might have better advantages, and she has had experience and she has gone along the road you are now traveling and she can guide you as no other human being on earth can guide you. Give her the best there is in your life. She is the person that means more to you than any other person living can mean. She is your mother.