

# A Look At Our Mothers

*Genesis 16:12-13*

Mom job description (Proverbs 31: chef (14 hours/week), event planner, housekeeper, accountant, chauffeur, advanced communication director, teacher/tutor. No pay, no benefits, no retirement, but absolutely worth it.

Sound m in mother is universal across all languages, considered perhaps one of the root words of humankind. Essential bond

Hagar is an overlooked mother, neglected like many are today.

## I. God Sees The Unappreciated, Genesis 16

Abraham receives promise to have children, bless the world

Unable to father children

Sarai uses slave girl, Hagar to have child (v. 1-2)

Abraham says she is in your hands, v. 6 and abuse

God says her name: Abraham and Sarah call her servant

Lord finds her, says go back and submit

Many today endure difficult times providing for families

v. 11-12 You will give birth to Ishmael, wild donkey of a man

v. 13 El-Roi "The God who sees me"

Psalm 34:15, 18 The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their cry...the Lord is near those who have a broken heart, and saves those with a contrite spirit.

## II. God Sees The Distressed

Abraham has Isaac with Sarah

Now Hagar expendable: Ishmael taunts Isaac/Hagar expelled

v. 15-16 I can't watch him die

God shows her a well, and the boy grows up

Psalm 116:1-2 I love the Lord because he has heard my voice and my supplications. He has inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

## III. God Loves Mothers

Mothers today fight for their children

Want them to be secure, have best in life

40% who are mothers before 18 are primary breadwinners

55% of mothers are married today

7,300 diapers before child is two

Worry about money, work, school work, friends, unfair expectations

## IV. Lessons

1. Hagar was at the end of her rope, God came through for her  
El-Roi, the God who sees me  
God knows every sacrifice you make, he's matched it  
He will see you through your situation
2. God keeps his promises  
Hagar forced from home, security, status, God showed up  
None of this was Hagar's fault: Abraham and Sarai  
God in his face blesses Hagar