

The Comfort of a Mother's Love is also Like God's Love

Isaiah 66:13 (NIV)

¹³As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you; and you will be comforted over Jerusalem."

There is no greater force on earth than love.

If two people truly love each other **they will do anything for the other.** There is no greater bond on earth than true love. This is especially true of the love between believers in the Lord Jesus Christ. However, I want to back up for just a minute and connect the subject of love of God then to mothers. Listen to, Isaiah 66:13, as God describes His love for us. To help us understand Him, He says look at the love a mother has for her children, her family. ***"As one whom his mother comforts, so I will comfort you, and you shall be comforted in Jerusalem."* (Isaiah 66:13).** When we truly understand Biblical love it is a "comforting love." Without argument that is the kind of love, God has for His children.

As God says to love each other fervently, He is talking about what the Greek calls "Philadelphia love", a very special kind of love. A mother's love for her family is really "Philadelphia love" because that is how God loves you and I as believers.

The word **fervently** in I Peter 1:22 says that believers should love with full intensity. It literally means TO STRETCH LOVE FULLY OUT OR TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER IN AN ALL-OUT MANNER. Surely that is how God loves us and he says that a mother's love is much like His.

A MOTHER'S LOVE ARE IN SOMEWAYS LIKE GOD'S LOVE

1. When mothers suffer with pain, heartache and sorrow, they hide their feelings.
2. What is a home without a mother? She is the "Queen" of the home, she is the one who comforts, loves and serves everyone else. (Proverbs 31)
 - When grown children have marriage problems, they call upon Mom.
 - God is looked upon as a tower of safety. We can hide in Him till trouble passes and then we can continue on with life.
 - It's bad to be without Mom and she often is our tower of strength, but it's worse to be without God – Psalm 46:1.
3. Proverbs 3 ***"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths. (Proverbs 3: 5-6)*** Both Mom and God are similar in a lot of ways:

What mother has to say is listened to as she is the first teacher of her children.

- When discouraged, it's mother who inspires and encourages.
- When disobedient, it's mother who corrects.
- When doubtful, it's mother who says, "You can do it."
- Children's lives are kept straight by mother's wisdom and authority.

Like Mom, God also has words for us: When discouraged, when disobedient, when afraid and doubting. God says to bring "All our cares to Him." I Peter 5:17 When growing up Mom was always there for us.

As we grew older we also found that God is with us, no matter where we are or under what circumstances we find ourselves. Ephesians 1: 13-14. Yep, a mother's love is a little like God's love!

4. Children are always in mother's eyes, no matter how old they are.

5. Mothers are very wise and can instruct without saying a word.

1. In times of crisis and children run to Mom, she silently consoles. No questions or no I told you so..."
2. Mom hugs, she kisses the hurt, dries the tears, bandages the scratch or cut. It's amazing how much better things get with mother's kiss. She doesn't have to say a word, just her touch.
3. Thus it is with God.
 - We go to God with our troubles, heartaches, disappointments, ruined lives and there is no reproach, no questions, no "I told you so."
 - God comforts us in silence as we cry and talk to Him, yet He remains silent and loving.
 - We kneel in His presence not actually seeing Him, yet, we always go away comforted, calm, relieved, reassured that He has heard us and will do something for us. (Hebrews 11:6; I John 5:14-15)

6. Mothers have sympathy.

- Children take their heartaches to mother, their day problems, school problems, etc.
- Mothers always understand, are always concerned, always interested.
- It is the same with God. We can take our heartaches and problems to Him and He will always understand, be concerned and interested in everything about us.

Yes, A Mother's Love is very much like God's Love...