

Mother's Day 2022
"Life Giver"

Text: Genesis 3:20

Introduction: God is an awesome God. The bible declares the earth is the Lord's and all that's in it, the world, and those that live in it, compare Psalm 24:1. The bible also reveals everything created in heaven and earth was by Him and for Him, the invisible and visible—Colossians 1:16. When applying this to mothers some significant truths stand tall. The main text shows how mothers speak for God. Adam listened to what God said about disobedience, and the curse upon the ground and death. The parts involving childbirth was his clue and revelation of *calling* (cry out, proclaim) his wife's name Eve. The Hebrew word translated **Eve** means life, Adam called his wife's name *life*, because she was to *become* the mother of all the living beyond the creation of Adam by God. Eve characterizes meaningful stages for life in Genesis 3.

1. Foundational place for trust—v13.
 - a. Trusted God and gave honest confession—tricked/deceived-cp I Timothy 2:14.
 - b. The psalmist conveys education begins with the mother. Her spoken words to little children influence the formation of character—Ps.22:9-10.
 - Development sciences stress the importance of secure attachment occurring 9 months-3 years: it provides a sense of safety and security; regulates emotions by soothing distress, creating joy and supporting calm; offers a secure base from which to explore. (What is a Secure Attachment? And Why Doesn't "Attachment Parenting" Get You There? — Developmental Science, April 3, 2017).
2. Favor from God after trauma—birthing children—v16.
 - a. The adversary targeted total destruction through deception.
 - b. God referenced children- biblically children are viewed as a blessing—Ps 127:3; 128:3.
3. Future hope for all—v20.
 - a. Indicative in the name "Eve."
 - b. Thousands of years later, it was the offspring of the woman, Jesus, who redeems us from our sin and brings us into right standing with God—Gen.3:15; Gal.4:4.

Eve, as a mother emphasized God isn't finished with you because of a disturbing past.

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